



I'll say sorry

Rudd will apologise to Stolen Generations



Australia's new Prime Minister Kevin Rudd after Labor ousted John Howard's Coalition Government at the 24 November election.



ALMOST a century after the beginning of the misguided practice of forcibly removing so-called 'half-caste' Aboriginal children from their families, Australia finally looks set to say the one small word that counts most to its Stolen Generations.

In the wake of the Australian Labor Party's triumph in the Federal election on 24 November, twin blowtorches of public and political scrutiny were last week turned on the party's pre-poll pledge to issue a national apology for such past injustices. And Prime Minister Kevin Rudd says he'll make good on the promise, and in the right words.

On the day before the national poll, he said 'I will as Prime Minister of the country, of course, express an apology'. The declaration was a stark reminder of the yawning chasm of difference between the ALP and then Prime Minister John Howard who had offered his 'deep and sincere regret' for past injustices but continually flinched at saying 'sorry'.



Macklin the new Minister

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"Of course I will (use the word sorry)," Mr Rudd said to Southern Cross Broadcasting. "The substance of it is sorry. I was absolutely clear about that in the debate with the Prime Minister at the start of the campaign."

Post election, Mr Rudd, his deputy Julia Gillard, and his newly appointed Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin have all renewed the pledge.

"The purpose of saying sorry is to build a bridge, establish respect so we can move on with the practical business of closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancy," Mr Rudd said on Friday.

The new Federal Opposition tied itself in knots, with leadership aspirant Malcolm Turnbull declaring Mr Howard's staunch refusal to apologise 'a mistake'. Some people think it was this declaration which delivered the party room numbers to new Leader Dr Brendan Nelson who subsequently said he saw no need for an apology.

"We in my view we have no responsibility to apologise or take ownership for what was done by earlier generations," he said, prompting a rebuke from Stolen Generations member and Elder Lowitja O'Donoghue who said there was no room for compromise.

"Don't use apology. We want sorry, okay, that's what we're saying. We want him to say sorry," she reiterated of Mr Rudd.

Despite the issue's sombre roots, surviving Stolen Generations members are already talking about the occasion of the national apology being delivered in the Federal Parliament, perhaps as soon as next year, as 'a celebration'.

Acknowledgement, at last, of their pain. And a chance to begin to move on. — By KIRSTIE PARKER

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This is me with my son Michael and four of my grandsons. I had six children: Kathryn, 41, my twins Michael and Wayne, 40, Nioka, 36, Arana, 34 and Ngarra Snr, 32. My husband was the late Harry Williams, who passed away about 15 years ago.

Kori and Jacob are my daughter Kathryn's sons. My grandsons Ngarra and Jamie are twins too and belong to my youngest son Ngarra Snr. I am guardian for Ngarra and Jamie and have had them since they were about six months old.

Michael and Wayne were the first twins on my side of the family, and there was only one set of twins on the other side and that was through Harry's brother.

I'm a Kamilaroi girl from Tamworth. I've got lots of family up there, a sister, brother and sister-in-law – big mob.

I have lived in Queanbeyan for about eight years. Before that, I was in Healesville, Victoria, for about 18 months. My kids grew up mostly in Melbourne and Canberra.

I have 23 grandchildren, going on 24 because Kathryn is having a little boy soon. My oldest grandchild is now 20 years old. I don't have any great grandchildren just yet, thank you very much!

In terms of the future for my grandchildren, I hope their health stays good. They're all healthy and they find value in the sports they do.

We love rugby league, basketball and touch. And the girls like their netball. I reckon sport strengthens the kids. Their sport is all physical.

We like music too. We have a family band call the Country Outcasts and we still perform occasionally.

As a family, we see each other practically every day and at celebrations



Back, from left, Kori Keed, 17, Wayne Williams, 40, and Jacob Keed, 16. Front, from left, Jamie Williams, 16, Wilga Munro-Williams, and Ngarra Williams, 16.

too. Michael and Kathryn are up in Newcastle working.

We always know where each other is. Just as long as we can contact each other, we're right.

Wayne: There's nowhere from Victoria to Queensland where we can't go and they'll say 'hey, we're related' or 'I know your mob'. We're a close family. We're always there for each other, through good and bad. We've had our share of both, but more good than bad thankfully.

It's important to us that the kids have a better life than we did growing up. I'm just the uncle here, but I don't mind helping Mum out where I can.

It's good that the kids are all so into sport. It gives them a sense of self-worth, beyond what they learn in school, and it teaches them teamwork.

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These girls stopped by The Koori Mail stall at the First Contact Sport and Cultural Festival held in Brisbane from November 23-25. Pictured, from left, are Thelma Lee, Natalie Blair and Kaithonya Ware, all from Brisbane.

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Githabul 'give Black Australia hope'



How sweet it is ... Overjoyed local Aboriginal people Norrie Williams, Lillian Williams and Cazna Williams celebrate the Federal Court approval of the Githabul native title claim.



Delighted claimant Trevor Close celebrates the victory.



Githabul woman Jennifer Williams sings a song called *Ancient People* she wrote especially for the day.

Hard slog leads to land win

Story and photos by
SOLUA MIDDLETON

NSW AFTER 12 years of hard slog, the Githabul people of northern New South Wales have had their native title rights recognised over an 100-square-kilometre parcel of their traditional country. More than 200 people attended a hearing in a makeshift Federal Court in a wooden shed last Thursday to witness the handing down of what was the state's biggest ever consent determination. Claimant Trevor Close said he can now have a full night's sleep. "For the past 15 years I have not slept more than four hours a night," Mr Close said.

"We could never undermine the Crown, they pulled every dirty tactic out of the book to try and crush the Githabul people. Whether it was harassment from the police, harassment by the Lands Department, whether it was harassment by National Parks, it was a long campaign.

Long campaign

"But when the Crown's historian finally read all the affidavit material of myself, Doug Williams and the others, it told a complete cultural story about the Githabul landscape.

"The five affidavits were so compelling, the Crown couldn't not negotiate with us.

"To know now that the 'dugay' (whitefella) can never take away our land, it is protected for not only the next generation but for the next ten

generations after that. Now our homeland is fully protected."

Mr Close said the main reason for lodging the claim was to 'give Black Australia hope'. He said his people won the claim through 'the power of love and a belief in the power of the old people', and that 'any tribe could follow the Githabul nation's path to victory'.

"Native title should bring the community together. A community that stands together, and negotiates together, can win," he said.

Native Title Services NSW CEO Warren Mundine said his legal team had worked hard.

"But for the Githabul people it was a massive slog," he said. "You're looking at over 200

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Court approves title claim



Justice Catherine Branson, of the Federal Court, hands over the consent determination orders to the Githabul community.



Githabul Elder Charlotte Page speaks at the court ceremony.



Githabul Muli Wothing Dancers performed at the gathering.

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Huge victory for Githabul

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years of hard work, and quite frankly it was easy for the legal team to work because the Githabul people were so giving.

"They were giving their lore and their customs, in their language and the genealogy and so on, and it was just there for everyone to see."

Mr Mundine said that some of the anthropologists had said the evidence was as strong for Githabul as it was for any other cases they had worked on.

"It becomes very emotional," Mr Mundine said. "It is very significant ... I am Githabul and Bundjalung, so it was great to come back home and have a great victory for our people. This is our country now. I am just ecstatic."

Mr Mundine said the win dispelled a myth about Aboriginal people of south-east Australia not having their culture, their law and customs.

"The Githabul people prove beyond doubt that is not true, that for 40,000 years they have kept their law, their language and their culture, and they are building it for the future to make it even stronger," he said.

"It was a great victory. The legal team, to my knowledge, it was the first time in history that



Doug Williams and Warren Mundine at the ceremony.

such a legal team had been made up of all Aborigines."

National Native Title Tribunal Member John Sosso, who mediated between groups, congratulated all the parties for their positive approach and willingness to listen, talk and negotiate so that a consent determination could be achieved.

"The Githabul people were able to provide strong evidence of their continuing connection to country, and through constructive negotiation with the parties have their native title recognised for the first time under Australian law," he said.

"They have joined the growing number of native title

holders in Australia who have achieved successful native title outcomes through negotiating agreements with other groups with interest in the claimed area.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the consent determination was an "outstanding outcome and testament to the co-operation and goodwill of not only the Githabul people themselves, but also the NSW Government".

"This is an historic moment for the Githabul people and the entire reconciliation and Indigenous land-reform process," Mr Calma said.

"This consent determination proves yet again that traditional owners want to work with government and other bodies in true partnerships."

The largest native title deal ever struck in NSW has given the Githabul people claim to national parks and state forests in the State's north.

The Queensland Government is yet to reach agreement with the Githabul people over the remainder of the claim, which takes in Mt Barney within its jurisdiction, but Mr Close said he was confident agreement would be reached by the time this edition of *The Koori Mail* hit the streets.

Page a contender

Bangarra Artistic Director and Bin Bakar in line for Australian of the Year



INDIGENOUS Australians have a one in four chance of taking out the top 'gong' in the

2008 Australian of the Year award, after the announcement of the State and Territory Australian of the Year awards.

And it's enough to swell the chest of even the proudest blackfella in the lead-up to the national awards, to be announced in Canberra on 25 January next year.

Last Tuesday, internationally acclaimed Aboriginal dancer and choreographer Stephen Page was named New South Wales Australian of the Year for 2008.

Just three days earlier, on 24 November, Indigenous arts leader and 2007 National NAIDOC Person of the Year, Mark Bin Bakar (also known as alter ego 'Mary-G' or 'the Black Queen of the Kimberley'), was revealed as Western Australia's Australian of the Year 2008.

And the accolades for our people didn't stop there.

Respected Aboriginal Elder and human rights and health campaigner Joyce Donovan, or Auntie Joyce, as she is known in her home region of Illawarra, on the NSW south coast, was named NSW Local Hero of the Year.

And Darwin-based 2007 NAIDOC Young Person of the Year, athlete and pharmaceutical student Simone Liddy, was announced as Northern Territory's Young Australian of the Year 2008.

Stephen Page, 42, performed with the Sydney Dance Company until 1991, when he was appointed Artistic Director



NSW Australian of the Year Stephen Page.

of Bangarra Dance Theatre.

His choreography has included the Sydney Olympic Games ceremonies and a traditional smoking ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Page, who was up against three

academic and medical professors in his category, received the award from NSW Deputy Premier John Watkins during a ceremony at the Art Gallery of NSW.

While honoured, he confessed to feeling a little overwhelmed.

"In accepting this award I'd like to thank and recognise the many people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, who believe in the same things I believe in - bringing cultures together, respect for one another and the creative celebration of the oldest living culture in the world," said Page.

Bin Bakar has dedicated much of his adult life to increasing cultural understanding. He established the very successful music school Abmusic 20 years ago, and has been an outspoken advocate for members of the Stolen Generations, lobbying for a national apology and other recognition.

As the cheeky, flamboyant and powerful Mary-G, he has become a national cult figure while also raising awareness of important social issues facing Indigenous people.

Joyce Donovan's determination to fight child sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities has seen her travel throughout NSW highlighting the issue and ending the silence surrounding it.

She travelled thousands of kilometres all over the State conducting healing ceremonies for victims of domestic violence and spreading her message that it takes a whole community to raise a child.

When 20-year-old Simone Liddy graduates from Charles Darwin University, she will be a true trailblazer - the first Indigenous graduate in a Bachelor of Pharmacy course. She also works in the Pharmacy Department of the Royal Darwin Hospital and represents the Territory in hockey.

While not Indigenous, the ACT Local Hero for 2008 was Dr Peter Sharp, who is Medical Director of the Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service in Canberra.

Dr Sharp is the service's longest-serving staff member, and is held in high esteem by the local Indigenous community.



● ABOVE: NT Young Australian of the Year 2008 Simone Liddy pictured in Darwin in July with her 2007 NAIDOC Young Person of the Year award.

● BELOW: NSW Local Hero Joyce Donovan with NSW Deputy Premier John Watkins.



WA Australian of the Year Mark Bin Bakar, pictured at the 2007 National NAIDOC Awards with his wife Tania whom he describes as his 'rock'.



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Title fight in the pipeline

By DARREN COYNE



AN 85-year-old traditional owner has lodged an appeal against a Federal Court decision that has removed her as the recognised native

title claimant for Kamu land in the Daly River area of the Northern Territory.

Marjorie Foster had wanted to negotiate a gas pipeline deal for her land without the involvement of the Northern Land Council (NLC).

But she says the NLC ignored her written and verbal requests to conduct her own negotiations with the Australian Pipeline Trust, the consortium behind the Bonaparte Gas Pipeline, and joint partners Power and Water Corporation, without the interference of the land council. She maintains the NLC ignored her wishes and gathered a statutory declaration from other Kamu tribe members, requesting that she be removed as the recognised traditional owner.

Federal Court judge John Mansfield granted the request last week, despite the fact he was the same judge who gave Ms Foster back her country in 2006.

Ms Foster's son Michael told *The Koori Mail* that the appeal against the decision had been lodged and would be heard on 17 December.

"She's 85 and she is the senior traditional Elder and for 30 years she has fought for her country," Mr Collins said. "While she's alive she has the final say on the day, but the NLC and younger mob have removed her."

Under the *Native Title Act 1993*, land councils cannot negotiate for traditional owners unless invited to

do so by the traditional owner.

Mr Foster said his mother was never opposed to the gas pipeline project but wanted to negotiate a better deal for her people.

Ms Foster told *The Northern Territory News* that she was heartbroken at the court's decision.

"It's broken my heart. I am not getting any younger and I will fight this if I have to," she said.

"I am feeling sad because a similar thing happened to my mother. They have taken everything away from me - everything that I have fought for as an Elder to protect my country for the past 30 years."

Meanwhile, Mr Foster was critical of the NLC's handling of the matter, saying he hoped that changes in the council's leadership might make it more responsive to the wishes of traditional owners. The changes he was referring to were the resignation last week of NLC CEO Norman Fry and the removal of Chairman John Daly, who was voted out by the council in a secret ballot.

Senior ceremonial leader Walli Wunungmurra was elected chairman in a move which has been reported as a return to more traditional leadership.

The NLC did not respond to calls from *The Koori Mail*.

Mr Foster said his mother was determined to press on with the case.

"Mum's not against the pipeline and she has every right to sit down and negotiate, but there has been interference from other parties including the NT Government," he said. "All Mum wants is to get a better deal than the one being negotiated now."

● Pictured: Kamu Elder Marjorie Foster. AAP Image



WA changes urged

Carpenter rejects former Governor's comments

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



THE special adviser to the WA Government on Indigenous affairs, former WA Governor John Sanderson,

has advocated the establishment of regional governing bodies to tackle the most serious issues facing Aboriginal communities in remote regions.

The General's comments are contained in a review of the WA

"Right at the core of this lies the issue of reconciliation, not just the word but proper reconciliation where people actually do say 'listen, that's a terrible thing that we've inflicted on Aboriginal people and let's set about making things better'."

— Special Adviser on State Indigenous Affairs and former WA Governor General John Sanderson



Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA), released under duress by Premier Alan Carpenter after WA Coroner Alistair Hope threatened to subpoena the document during inquest hearings in Broome.

The review contains several chapters written by General Sanderson who describes conditions in some rural and remote communities as 'worse than third world' and calls for a dramatic paradigm shift by governments in their approach to Indigenous affairs.

The review also calls for a major increase in infrastructure

investment, while a separate claim from an officer with the Department of Housing and Works (Homeswest) at the Broome inquests said 1000 houses were needed in the Kimberley alone to satisfy housing shortages.

General Sanderson said there needed to be a dramatic boost in funding for infrastructure in many communities, but there also needed to be an immediate fundamental policy shift in the way governments and business dealt with Indigenous Australians.

"Right at the core of this lies

the issue of reconciliation, not just the word but proper reconciliation where people actually do say 'listen, that's a terrible thing that we've inflicted on Aboriginal people and let's set about making things better'."

General Sanderson told *The Koori Mail*. "So reconciliation is a fundamental issue in this, but part of that process is understanding, comprehending that Aboriginal culture is very important to the future of this country."

"Unless you engage on that basis you're not going to engage effectively."

General Sanderson said the Federal and State governments must work together to streamline their policy outcomes so that the maximum benefit was gained at a community level, an obligation clearly defined but ignored for 40 years.

"After 1967 it seems to me that it was very clear that Aborigines are citizens of this country," he said.

"Building Aboriginal communities is the responsibility of the State, but my message to the Federal Government is to fund the states properly to build these relationships and to build the infrastructure and to provide proper services to Aboriginal people."

While the message is clear and the comments have been welcomed by many West Australian Indigenous community leaders, there is no sign of any real political will to listen to the former Governor's comments.

WA Premier Alan Carpenter is already on record as saying he does not support any form of regional governance, citing the failure of ATSIAC as his justification for not doing so.

On a promise

There's a new sheriff in town but this one appears to be taking a consultative rather than punitive approach to Indigenous affairs, reports Koori Mail Editor KIRSTIE PARKER

THERE'S no denying that the overwhelming response by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the Australian Labor Party's election victory has been one of excitement and optimism.

Key Indigenous organisations and individuals have offered both public and private congratulations to both the party and Jenny Macklin, anointed last Thursday with responsibility for the Indigenous affairs portfolio.

But some such as the Central Land Council (CLC) and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) have also wasted no time calling on the new Government to deliver on its pre-election promises.

Those promises relate to a range of Indigenous issues including some elements of the Northern Territory intervention (including restoration of the Community Development Employment Projects, or CDEP, scheme and the permit system on NT Aboriginal land); a national apology to the Stolen Generations; creation of a new national representative body; and sign-up to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Labor also committed, if elected, to closing – within a generation – the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

NACCHO's new Chairperson Dr Mick Adams seemed to speak for many when he said his organisation was now hoping for 'both symbolic actions and practical investment'.

"We hope for a real change in attitude. Mr Rudd, now you have been given such a strong mandate by the Australian population, we need a sea change in attitude which will need to come from you and your leadership team," Dr Adams said in a statement.

Indigenous affairs loomed large on the national agenda last week, with discussion about Labor's plans to issue a national apology coming under close scrutiny and debate, including by members of the Opposition who were split on the issue.

And at his press conference last Thursday, Prime Minister-elect Kevin Rudd stuck to his pre-election position that there would be no immediate review of the NT intervention, despite the urgings of the likes of Professor Mick Dodson. "I said repeatedly before the election, this has to be given an opportunity to work and I was serious about that. I'm serious about it now," Mr Rudd said.

"Our positions in relation to CDEP and the operation of the permit system are well known, but in relation to the overall intervention, it has got to be given time to work."

"I'm acutely conscious of the sensitivities attached to it but the review will be held at the time that I indicated prior to the election. I don't say one thing before an election and another thing after it."

There was the odd whisper that former Environment spokesman and Midnight Oil lead singer Peter Garrett, Territory stalwart Warren Snowdon or debut MP Greg Combet might snaffle (or alternatively be lumbered



New Federal Minister for Family, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin ... "Labor doesn't want Indigenous people to just be the subject of a national conversation, we need them to be part of that conversation. Part of the action. Part of the solutions."

with, depending on your perspective) the contentious Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

However, in the end, the announcement that Jenny Macklin would become the Minister – in Cabinet – for Family, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs surprised few people.

The peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, SNAICC, welcomed Ms Macklin's appointment, with SNAICC Chairperson Muriel Bamblett declaring the organisation's door open to her.

"With Ms Macklin's established knowledge

leadership provided Mr Rudd becomes heavily involved... Aboriginal people will be looking for statements and actions from Mr Rudd and Ms Macklin to indicate things are going to be different from the dark and traumatic Howard years," he said.

"The test will be whether Howard policies are to be followed or dumped."

However, NACCHO urged Mr Rudd to instead appoint a minister whose sole responsibility is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. "If Mr Rudd is serious about closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap

Islander affairs, but our people are still burdened with official incompetence and maladministration," the organisation's Chairperson, Les Malezer, wrote in a poignant letter to the new Minister last week.

"We celebrated when Whitlam first announced a Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, but now we have learnt again to fear the Federal Minister as we feared the Chief Protectors, and the native mounted police before them."

"FAIRA hopes that you, as Minister, will take time to examine and elaborate your role and responsibility to us and to Parliament. Will you help us get the voice we need at the highest levels?"

An obvious way to secure such a voice lies in the new national representative body that Labor has promised to create for Indigenous Australians.

Ms Macklin told this year's ALP National Conference in April, "Fundamentally, our approach is different from the Howard Government's because we are not afraid of hearing what Indigenous people actually think and want."

"We are prepared to have an honest conversation, to be told where we're going wrong, to work in partnership and with respect," she said.

"Labor doesn't want Indigenous people to just be the subject of a national conversation, we need them to be part of that conversation. Part of the action. Part of the solutions."

It was big talk indeed, and talk which Indigenous Australians will be pleased to see lived up to.

Due, along with the remainder of the Federal Ministry, to be sworn in on Monday this week, Ms Macklin appears to be happy with the portfolio she had held in opposition since last year. On Friday, she spoke to *The Koori Mail* about her immediate plans and priorities for the portfolio.

● **FOOTNOTE:** The day after our interview with Ms Macklin, *The Australian* newspaper reported that the Minister had told it that she 'planned to negotiate with the States to replicate parts of the NT intervention around the nation, vowing to do whatever it takes to improve Aboriginal lives'. However, a spokesman for Ms Macklin told *The Koori Mail* the Minister had actually said the Labor Government would 'work with State and Territories to address child sexual abuse in Indigenous communities'.

"We will consult with Indigenous people about the most effective ways to deal with these issues," the spokesperson said.

CEO of the Combined Aboriginal Organisations, and one of the organisers of the group Women for Wik, which is monitoring The Intervention, Olga Havnen, told *The Koori Mail* that the story in *The Australian* seemed to her 'like a bit of a beat-up'.

"Our understanding is that the Labor Government is committed to evidence-based policy outcomes that work," she said in a conciliatory statement that spoke volumes of a new, more-trusting relationship with government.

"If what Macklin is saying is that there are going to be further rollouts of the Federal Government's commitments and investments in Indigenous communities, then that is a good thing."

The *Koori Mail* also sought an interview with former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough, who lost his Queensland seat in the election, but has yet to receive a response. We will keep trying.

The new Opposition Leader, Brendan Nelson, was due to appoint his front bench early this week, after *The Koori Mail* went

'We have learnt again to fear the Federal Minister as we feared the Chief Protectors, and the native mounted police before them' – Les Malezer



of the portfolio, SNAICC is confident that new partnerships based on respect and trust will follow," she said.

The National Aboriginal Alliance (NAA) described Ms Macklin's appointment as 'a sound one' but called on Prime Minister Rudd to directly involve himself in dealing with Aboriginal issues.

NAA spokesman Michael Mansell said Indigenous people were desperate for national leadership to bring a change from the Howard approach.

"We believe Jenny Macklin can give that

he needs to show a willingness to commit the necessary resources," said Dr Adams.

"I would suggest a Minister whose only responsibility is Indigenous affairs would be a good first step."

The Queensland-based Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) expressed high hopes for Ms Macklin.

"It is now over a third of a century since the national government assumed responsibility to rectify the historical misdeeds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Koori Mail Editor KIRSTIE PARKER spoke with new Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last Friday about her plans and priorities. Here is what she had to say...

What's next Minister?



Then-Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin with Indigenous employees at Rio Tinto's Argyle Diamond Mine in the West Australian Kimberley region earlier this year.

compensation for the Stolen Generations, as is happening currently in Tasmania?

JM: No, we didn't talk about that before the election. I think a lot of people understand how important both the symbolism of saying 'sorry' is and then also people are really wanting us to get stuck into our commitment to close the gap on life expectancy and educational attainment and employment. A lot of people see that as just an indication of our very strong commitment to turning around the terrible level of disadvantage.

KM: The Federal ALP broadly supported the largely unpopular Northern Territory intervention and yet won a lot of votes in some of the communities affected most. Why do you think that was?

JM: I think Indigenous people, like other Australians, recognise that Kevin Rudd and Labor are really going to be there to help those people whose lives are under serious pressure. I think that for many Indigenous people that's the reality of their lives and I think many of them appreciate the way we've made these very substantial commitments in health and education. I think they've heard that we really do want to make economic development the centre of what we're talking about and I think they've also heard that we understand Aboriginal people's desire for symbolic gestures of respect. I think the way in which Kevin has spoken to Aboriginal people in a very respectful way, during the debate, I think it was terrific the way he spoke. And I think that word 'respect' is very important. As one Indigenous

leader said to me 'we won't always agree but if we can always talk to each other and understand where each other is coming from, then we're going to be able to move forward to the benefit of Indigenous people'.

KM: A lot of Indigenous people, some of them very high-profile, appear to have been sidelined by the Coalition over the past 11 years. Will the Rudd Government bring those people back into the fold?

JM: Well, I don't want to talk about anyone in particular, but obviously I am in regular contact with all of those people, some of whom I have known for a very long time. I just think one of the things that is really important in this portfolio is to respect the Indigenous leadership and I will be talking with them all in addition to those I've already spoken to.

KM: Is there any love lost with Noel Pearson who was critical just before the election of what he saw as the ALP's betrayal and reneging on its promise to follow through with John Howard's promised referendum on recognising Indigenous people in the preamble to the Constitution?

JM: I don't want to get into any of those issues. What I intend to do is to work very very broadly with Indigenous people right across Australia and that's the approach I intend to take.

KM: What about the National Indigenous Council?

JM: As I said before the election, I intend to meet with them and I hope to be able to do that in the not too

distant future, before the end of the year, and listen to their proposals and we'll take it from there.

KM: Is the ALP still committed to a such a referendum?

JM: That has been long-term Labor Party policy so the issue really is that a number of people including Reconciliation Australia's CEO Barbara Livesey came out at the time and said that they didn't think that that kind of debate and discussion could be conducted within such a short time period so we have not made any comment on the time. I think it would require a considerable conversation with the Australian people. So the commitment remains, but we would really want to talk more broadly with people about it.

KM: What about taking it further, recognition not just in the preamble but also in the body of the Constitution.

JM: We haven't had any discussions about that yet.

KM: Mr Rudd has said no to a treaty ... not interested.

JM: Yes, that's right

KM: Is that ALP policy?

JM: We don't have any policy on having a treaty. The platform talks about a long-term settlement so that's the expression we use. I think a lot of the things we're talking about really form part of ... whether that's a document or a way of relating.

KM: Labor has committed to a national representative body for Indigenous people. What's the process from here?

JM: I'll be consulting widely with Indigenous people on the process needed to determine the nature of that.

KM: Mr Rudd made it very clear in his press conference yesterday that there'll be no review of the NT intervention before the first 12 months of its operation is up. But some Indigenous people say the Government must review it immediately, and that too much money is going down the drain. Are you confident that you can stay any souring of relations if the review doesn't take place until after July next year?

JM: There's a couple of things. We have committed to review two particular things. We've said that we will review the five-year leasing to see if it is delivering the improved infrastructure and housing which was the purpose of those five-year leases. The second area is the welfare quarantining and that's actually a natural part of the legislation because at the 12-month point any government would have to decide to continue it or not. So that's actually in the legislation. Basically, that would be the second half of the year, around July/August. So they're the two reviews we have committed to. On the effectiveness of the current delivery, obviously I want to make sure that it is effectively delivered so I have already raised that with the head of the Department of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Jeff Harmer and asked for a report immediately. People can rest assured I want to make sure that it is effective, so I will be talking to people about that.

KM: What about the reintroduction of CDEP? When and how will that happen?

JM: What we said before the election was that we wanted to reform CDEP across remote Australia. As you know, CDEP has continued in all other parts of remote Australia excluding the Northern Territory, but what we want to do is reform it across remote Australia to have a stronger focus on work readiness, on-the-job training, using CDEP as a wage subsidy as it has been used effectively in some places already, seeing it as an important mechanism to help the establishment of enterprises by Aboriginal people, so we'll sit down with the department and work that through as a matter of urgency.

KM: What about the permit system?

JM: I raised that as well today because we indicated when the legislation was going through the Parliament. We moved amendments to retain and slightly change the permit system because we've had strong advice from the Northern Territory Police Association that in fact the permits are helpful to the police in keeping paedophiles and drug runners out of communities. I have already raised that with the department today so that will require legislative change. The changes to CDEP don't require legislation.

KM: What about reports in papers that already store cards under the welfare quarantining system are being traded for less cash than they are worth. For example, a \$200 card might be traded for \$150 cash. Does that concern you?

JM: That really goes to the whole point about making sure that the changes that are being

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Indigenous voters reject intervention

By DARREN COYNE



FORMER Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough was either mistaken or deluded when he claimed to have Indigenous support for his intervention in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

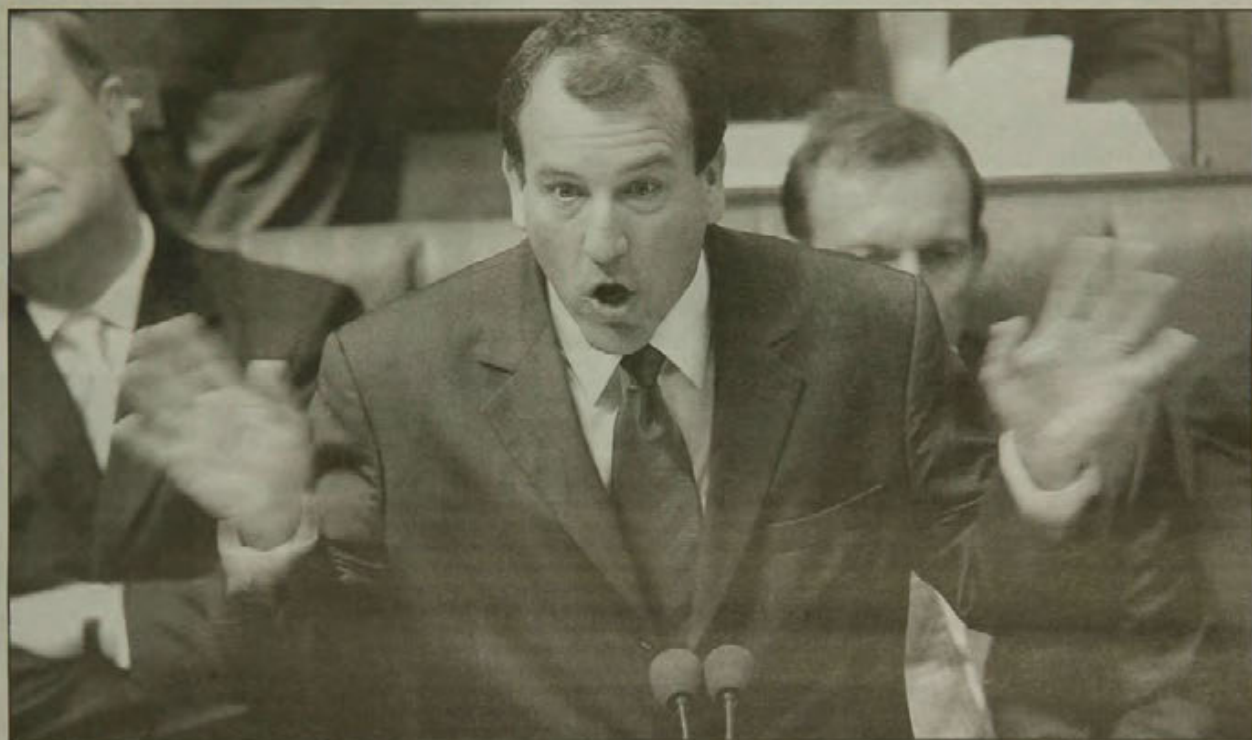
In August he confidently told *The Koori Mail* that the Aboriginal delegates descending on Canberra trying to halt his controversial legislation were not what he regarded as real Indigenous leaders.

He also said the legislation was for the 'people on the ground' in the NT – 'grassroots people'.

"All of the ideas that came out of this came out of actual one-on-one encounters with people who gave me, basically, directions as the Minister such as: 'Can you get rid of the grog? Can you reduce the disposable income? Can you make our communities safe? Can you treat us like whitefellas, meaning in that the kids are going to school... all those sorts of things,'" Mr Brough said.

He dismissed widespread concerns that the legislation was rammed through both houses of Parliament without proper consultation, and repeated his grassroots mantra whenever challenged about the more radical reforms he was introducing.

But on 24 November, a massive majority of Aboriginal voters in the NT sent a resounding message to Mr Brough, and the Coalition Government led by Prime Minister John Howard.



Former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough suffered a 10 per cent swing against him in his Queensland seat of Longman. AAP Image

At polling booths throughout the NT – and elsewhere – the Coalition copped a flogging which resulted in a landslide victory for the Australian Labor Party.

But the support for the ALP was perhaps nowhere more fervent than in the 70-odd remote Aboriginal communities specifically targeted by Mr

Brough's intervention.

In all but one of the remote polling booths that visited isolated Aboriginal communities in the NT, sitting Labor MP for Lingiari Warren Snowdon held onto power easily, winning with margins of up to 98 per cent of the vote.

In Alice Springs, however, Mr Snowdon lost a little ground to CLP candidate Adam Giles, with a swing of just under three per cent against him. Despite that, Mr Snowdon said voters had well and truly rejected the more controversial aspects of the intervention.

"The CLP (Country Liberal Party) said this election was a referendum on the intervention. Well if that's what they see it as being they've got their answer," he

said. "(Aboriginal people) want to be dealt with fairly and they want people to sit down and talk with them, not talk at them."

Meanwhile, the 10 per cent swing against Mr Brough in his own Queensland seat of Longman was more than enough to send the former Minister packing.

Despite the rejection by the 'grassroots people', Mr Brough remained convinced that his interventionist approach was the correct way to tackle the issues.

Mr Brough said he believed Labor would now go in the wrong direction, possibly returning what he described as the politically correct 'cafe latte' approach.

"The thing that hurt me and my wife the most ... was to know that more than likely it will all

unravel, and what that will do to people."

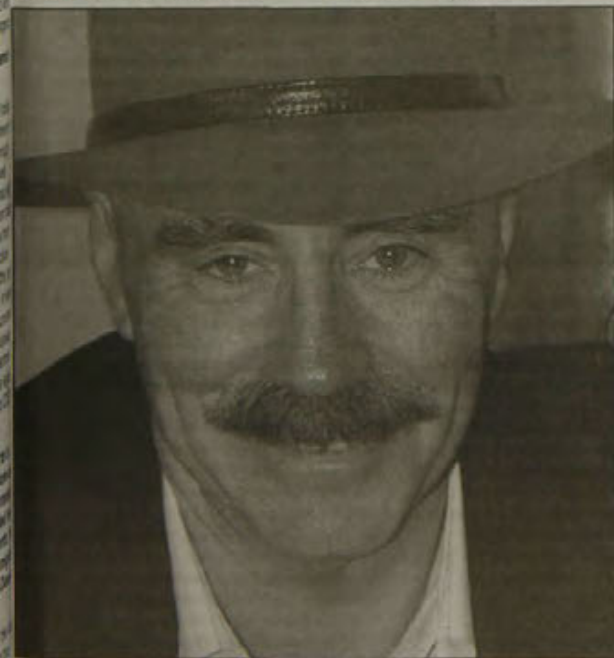
Mr Brough appealed to Labor to continue the NT intervention, to which it gave bipartisan support earlier this year.

But he said he feared it would be watered down.

Labor has already promised to bring back the Aboriginal work-for-the-dole scheme, CDEP, in the NT and is likely to bring back the permit system and reverse the compulsory acquisition of Indigenous land under five-year leases.

Other aspects of the intervention – alcohol and pornography bans – would be reviewed within the next 12 months.

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– Warren Snowdon, Labor MP for Lingiari

Noel Pearson
AAP Image

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Changing landscape

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For those leaders who traveled to Canberra trying to stop the legislation in the first place, Mr Brough's exit from politics was welcomed.

Tasmanian Aboriginal leader Michael Mansell said Aboriginal people across Australia would be relieved to see the backs of Mr Howard and Mr Brough.

"Both Brough and Howard missed the cynicism the electorate had towards the motives of the Coalition for invading Aboriginal communities in the lead up to the election," he said.

Meanwhile, there was no joy at the booths in the hometowns of the Aboriginal leaders who supported Mr Brough's intervention.

The vote for the ALP in the booth of Hopevale – Noel Pearson's hometown – was 75 per cent (a swing of 21 per cent to the ALP), while the booth in Yirrikala, the home of Arnhem Land leader Galarrwuy Yunupingu, delivered only two votes to the CLP out of a possible 266 voters.

Mr Pearson has been unavailable for comment despite requests for an interview from *The Koori Mail* since the election.

Michael Mansell, who is Legal Director for the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, predicted that Mr Pearson was likely to be another casualty in the fallout of the demise of John Howard.

Mr Mansell said Mr Pearson had enjoyed a prominent position on Aboriginal matters and enjoyed a close relationship with PM Howard, but his comments before the election against Kevin Rudd would go against him.

Mr Mansell accused Mr Pearson of taking sides in the election by openly supporting the Coalition while describing Mr Rudd as 'disgraceful and heartless'.

"In doing so, Mr Pearson broke the golden rule of the Aboriginal movement: Aboriginal issues are above party politics and must never be embroiled in the battle between political parties, as to do so reduces the inherent character of Aboriginal matters from national importance to run of the mill," he said.

Mr Yunupingu, on the other hand, has since thrown his support behind changes in the Northern Territory Government, which resulted in Paul Henderson becoming Chief Minister and Marion Scrymgour as his deputy, and Indigenous Policy Minister.

The intervention played a major role in the decision of former Chief Minister Clare Martin – a favourite target of Mr Brough – to quit politics last month.

She admitted to having been bruised by Federal Government attacks that she had failed to act quickly enough on a damning report on child abuse in the Territory.

"I won't deny that the intervention has had a big impact on my decision," Ms Martin said.

"The last six months for me – and it is probably why I use a level of emotion here – have been the toughest of my political career. Every single day has been tough."

Ms Martin accused the outgoing Federal Government of 'political opportunism' and said an admission by former Foreign Affairs Minister Alexander Downer that the Government had hoped the intervention would prove popular and lift results in the polls made her 'feel ill'.

"It just underpinned the cynicism that I have always felt was there," she said.

"The way it was done – and not what needs to be done – but the way it was done."

Mr Yunupingu welcomed the changes in the NT.

"This new team should be excited at the opportunity that they have to play a role in shaping the emergency intervention in the Northern Territory, at working towards constitutional recognition of Aboriginal Indigenous people, and creating life-changing outcomes for Aboriginal people," he said.

"There is major unfinished business in the Northern Territory and the times are right to address these issues at a local and a national level."

As counting continued last week, Olga Havnen, CEO of the Combined Aboriginal Organisations of the NT and spokeswoman for the National Aboriginal Alliance, said the change of government could be transformative for Indigenous people.



Michael Mansell

"Mal Brough has lost the trust of Aboriginal people and John Howard has lost the trust of the Australian people," she said.

Ms Havnen said the magnitude of the swing against Mr Brough showed the intervention was a critical factor in the election.

"Not only is this intervention a travesty against Aboriginal people's rights, but it has been a shambles." – With AAP

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Remote service faces closure despite intervention



A REMOTE Aboriginal health service in the far west of the Northern Territory has warned it may close because of staff shortages.

The Pintubi Homelands Health Service is already looking at closing over the Christmas-New Year period because of the shortage.

Administrator Jeff Hulcombe said the optimum staffing level for the service was two nurses and a doctor, however, the service only has two nurses at present, and one of those is a locum.

"Before Christmas this will be reduced to one permanent nurse," Mr Hulcombe said.

"This means that this already overworked staff member will be obliged to

open the clinic the normal working days and then be on call each night for seven days a week.

"This is an unsafe and unsustainable workload."

Mr Hulcombe said the people of Kintore, where the clinic is located, were asking, "Where are all those medical volunteers?"

"And where is the supportive hand of government, with all the resources and personnel it has been so willing to apply to the more punitive aspects of its intervention?" he asked.

Meanwhile, General Practice and Primary Health Care NT said it hoped the intervention would result in more doctors and nurses willing to work in the Territory.

The group's Jim Thurley said he had spoken to several doctors and nurses

involved in the intervention who had expressed interest in returning.

"There's been quite a lot of criticism (of the intervention) but what that has done is expose a lot of health professionals to what it's like working in the Territory. And I know from my contact with the people who have gone out to do the child health checks there has been an interest in coming back in a more permanent position," he said.

Dr Thurley said it was likely the doctor's position at Pintubi Homelands Health Service would be filled shortly, although the Christmas closure was probably unavoidable.

"Christmas is a time when people obviously want to take holidays, so that does put a bit of a strain on our locum service at times," he said.

Meanwhile, AMA President Dr Rosanna Capolingua has urged the new Federal Government to bring forward the promised review of the NT Indigenous intervention and extend successful health programs nationally.

"Proper resources and better co-ordinated health services are a priority," she said.

"A rapid and properly managed national roll out of Indigenous health programs will go some way towards meeting Prime Minister Rudd's pledge to close the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

"But the focus must be on getting fewer bureaucrats and more doctors and other health professionals involved in the initiatives."

Who's in touch now, Mr Brough?

Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister and Indigenous Policy Minister Marion Scrymgour.



By DARREN COYNE

MARION Scrymgour admits to being a little apprehensive at taking on the mantle as the most senior Aboriginal politician in Australia – but the Tiwi Islander says she is more than ready to fight for a better deal for Indigenous people. Ms Scrymgour, who last week was elevated to the Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory and became Indigenous Policy Minister, has coped plenty of flak in recent times for her outspoken comments regarding the Federal NT intervention, which she described as the 'black kids' Tampa' and a 'vicious new McCarthyism'.

The then-Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough, called for her resignation, and then-Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd publicly disagreed with her assessment.

But when she spoke to *The Koori Mail* after her elevation to the new positions, Ms Scrymgour was feeling a little vindicated.

"Brough accused me of being out of touch with my community, but the last Federal election result showed who was out of touch with his electorate," Ms Scrymgour said.

"I think they confirmed all our suspicions when Alexander Downer said they were hoping for a lift from the intervention."

Ms Scrymgour said bush communities had rejected the compulsory acquisition of land, the removal of permits and the scrapping of Aboriginal work-for-the-dole scheme, and she supported those sentiments.

She stopped short, however, of dismissing the whole Federal intervention.

"Whilst I have been quite critical and my criticisms have been well known, I have always said there are

aspects of the intervention I fully support," she said.

Ms Scrymgour said she supported the quarantining of welfare payments, grog and pornography bans and increased police numbers, and wanted to see more funds allocated for housing and education.

She is critical of a 99-year head lease over the township of Ngulu on the Tiwi Islands, which was signed in August, saying people remained confused and unsure of the process.

Last Friday when she spoke to *The Koori Mail*, Ms Scrymgour had earlier spoken with the members of the

Northern Land Council. She said she told them there were fantastic opportunities, both Federally and at a Territory level, to work together to fix Indigenous disadvantage.

"We know it's an enormous task and we know there is no magic wand, but we'll certainly be looking forward to a different approach," she said.

"I was saying that we've got to go down the road together. It's not just about Government being responsible ... every single member of the council is responsible also. Let's make sure our communities are involved in this."

Ms Scrymgour said NT Chief

Minister Paul Henderson would visit Mr Rudd as soon as possible to outline 'a clear framework' of what needed to be done to improve conditions for Aboriginal people.

"We will be saying to Mr Rudd there is a new leadership and we need a financial commitment to be maintained because we need to tackle real issues of health, education and housing," she said.

Asked how it felt to be the most powerful Indigenous politician in the country, she admitted to being 'a bit scared' at the prospect. "But that fear will keep me well and truly grounded," she said.

New Minister's plans and priorities

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implemented are being done effectively and exactly what I've raised with the department is how to make sure that these concerns are properly addressed. Because the purpose of quarantining is to make sure that money isn't spent on alcohol and gambling and is spent on food and other things that families need. That's the objective of welfare quarantining so we want to make it work.

KM: Do you have any anecdotal advice that anything good is coming from the welfare quarantining?

JM: Yes I have, that there's more food being bought, for example.

KM: In October, you said that CDEP payments would be eligible for quarantining too. Does that mean that it would be optional?

JM: No, and that would also require legislation so we will have to deal with that in the Parliament.

KM: How are you going to be able to do that given that that was one of the reasons why the Coalition made such drastic changes to CDEP, because they couldn't quarantine CDEP payments?

JM: Well, they said that but it's just not correct.

KM: What about the grog bans and the porn bans, what will happen with them?

JM: The pornography changes I don't think they have any time limit in the legislation but on the alcohol ban there's a six-month limit in the legislation so once again we'll look at the effectiveness and workability of the alcohol controls. There's no question that many, many people have welcomed those changes and people want strong alcohol controls, but they want them to be effective. They want to make sure that money isn't wasted on alcohol and to make sure that women and children and men as well are not subjected to alcohol-induced violence. The alcohol changes are in the legislation so, once again, I will talk to the department about the effectiveness of the controls and workability of the current arrangements but I really want to say that from the point of view of women and children and those men who have been subjected to alcohol-induced violence just how important we understand the need for alcohol controls but we know they have to be workable.

KM: It's not part of the intervention but on the Northern Territory Land Rights Act and changes made to it last year that made

99-year leases possible, will you be continuing with those?

JM: We haven't made any comment about that.

KM: Not even on something like Gallarwuy Yunupingu's MOU with the former government about working towards a 99-year lease over Ski Beach?

JM: That's different. What we said about that was that we would respect the decisions of traditional owners.

KM: Can you work with the States and Territories, especially Marion Scrymgour who has just got the Deputy Chief Minister position in the NT and the Indigenous Affairs portfolio and was critical of Federal Labor over the intervention?

JM: I intend to work closely with each and every one of my State and Territory parliamentary colleagues for a couple of reasons. One, because in many areas, health and education in particular and police, all of these services are delivered by State and Territory governments and, two, if we're to achieve the changes we have set ourselves, we have to work in close co-operation and I intend to do that.

KM: What will you do next with regards to

the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous people?

JM: I still have to talk to the department about the actual process from here.

KM: The Kimberley Land Council has invited Mr Rudd but I'm sure they'd be keen to see you too, they have asked for a visit to talk to the new Labor Government about ways to ensure that Aboriginal people can get the education and skills necessary to be able to benefit from the massive mining boom that's happening in Western Australia at the moment.

JM: Absolutely. I haven't actually worked out a program yet but I look forward to going there as soon as I can. I think it's really important to highlight the areas where there are success stories. There are so many things to celebrate in the Kimberley. I understand the pressures in many of the communities and how difficult it is for a lot of people but equally there are some great success stories so I hope to be getting back there soon. As I have said to you before, there are so many opportunities in the mining sector and we've got to be talking to talk with the Aboriginal people, and the land councils and the mining companies to take advantage of it.

What these people had

These people were asked for their response before the Federal election result was known. All other responses came after the Labor Party victory.



LEE WILLIS,
Darwin, NT: Scrap the National Indigenous Council. Why do we have a group of non-elected community representatives? Go to all communities and look at what people really want happening.



LES RIDGEWAY,
Bonny Hills, NSW: Establish safe seats for Aboriginal politicians to represent all States and Territories in both upper and lower houses of Federal Parliament.



ANITA HEISS,
Sydney, NSW: The reversal of the NT interventionist policies and legislation, greater financial support for public education and adoption of an adequate environment policy.



NEIL GILLESPIE, Adelaide, SA: Increase Aboriginal legal aid, withdraw from Iraq and only leave infrastructure building services. Stop the NT invasion and get rid of the right-wing senior bureaucrats that have caused so much damage to the Aboriginal peoples of this nation.



JODIE RYAN, Victoria and now Queensland: Engage, listen and learn. Be willing to make a hard decision and remember there are Aboriginal people all over Australia who have a voice and want to be heard. Create a national consultation on creating a national body.



HELEN MORAN, Canberra, ACT: Say sorry and compensate the Stolen Generations, give back stolen wages, start formulating treaties, overturn the NT intervention legislation, make tertiary education more financially accessible and appealing, and sign the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



HAYDEN BROMLEY, Adelaide, SA: Reverse the attacks that the Howard Government waged upon Aboriginal Australia or suffer the same fate. Grow some courage and bite the bullet on the treaty issue, plus more funding to Indigenous tourism (especially in the aftermath of the NT intervention debacle, which is killing off cultural tourism).



PAT TURNER, Alice Springs, NT: Proper engagement with Aboriginal representatives.



FRANCES PARKER, Maclean, NSW: Stop the NT intervention.



LES AHOY, Newcastle, NSW: Provide an official 'Sorry' and establish an Aboriginal body to deal with Aboriginal affairs.



MARGARET MOOKA, 61, Badu Island, Torres Strait: They have to get on with the job straight away and public servants must be just that; they must look after Indigenous people everywhere.



BROOKE GISSING, Sydney (family comes from Woorabinda in Qld): He must say sorry to the Stolen Generations. My mother was stolen, so it is a matter close to my heart.



SANDRA HILL (Nyoongar Stolen Generation victim), Perth, WA: For the first time in a lot of years I feel like we might finally be able to have some closure.



CHARLES 'CHICKA' MADDEN, Sydney, NSW: Mr Rudd must give full and proper recognition to all Indigenous Australians as the traditional owners of their country. He needs to make it official.



RUSSELL BARNEY, 31, Townsville, Qld: They must do good work and make sure our Indigenous brothers and sisters around Australia get the funding that is needed. The new Government must ensure every Indigenous person has the opportunity to find a job.



CHRIS FEJO KING, Perth, WA: Co-chair, Stolen Generations Alliance. National celebrations as part of the apology. We can have a big celebration of the day and say this is the closing of one era and the opening of a new door with a new page to be written.



RUSSELL BUTLER JR (Bandjin), Cairns, Qld: Acknowledgement and recognition of traditional owner peoples. I'd like to see the true history of this country written and taught, and stolen wages should be paid to the rightful people and their descendants.



ADAM THOMPSON, 30, Launceston, Tas: They should facilitate the process of Aboriginal people setting up our own government and working out a system where Aboriginal people have a fair share of the resources instead of having to apply for funding all the time.



UMIS KRIS, 53, Mabuiag Island, Torres Strait: The new Government must govern for all Australians including Indigenous people, make Townsville safe for our people, and provide more money for Indigenous Australians.



HANK HORTON, 47, Deloraine, Tas: Protection of cultural areas and resourcing of communities so we are able to perform those required duties, manage our own land, care for country and manage our cultural destiny.



ANJEE LEE SOLOMON (Gubi-Gubi/Manero), Melbourne: During the election lead-up it seemed Rudd had more of an understanding of our issues, but now he needs to follow through. And Work Choices must also go.



ELIZABETH COOLWELL, 24, Palm Island, North Queensland: They should do more to help the people of Palm Island. First priorities must be improving health and education on our beautiful island.



GRAHAM COOPER (Yorta Yorta), Western Suburbs Gathering Place, Melbourne: Governments need recognition and understanding of Aboriginal people. They do have to say sorry, but it's just a word. Put the apology into action.



FRANCIS SIBLEY, 39, Palm Island, Qld: The new lot should look after the people of Palm Island. We need many more Federal Government houses, and better education for all and jobs for the young people living up here.



LIFU STEVENSON-DUNROBIN, 40, West Moonah, Tas (originally from Cherbourg): I thought it was a cheap shot that Mr Rudd said he would say sorry right before the election. He should have done that as soon as he was elected, and all his policies after that ... let's see.



NATHAN DAVIS, 21, Malanda, north Queensland: Mr Rudd should keep the CDEP because that's about the only thing my people can get something out of while working on their country. I also think he should apologise to the Stolen Generations.

to say when we asked...

What should come first?

WE ASKED a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, some of them before the election result was known, what they'd like the new Rudd Labor Government to do first in Indigenous affairs. Here are some of the responses we received. The answers were varied but a few clear themes emerged, including consultation with and representation for Indigenous people, an apology

for the Stolen Generations, and scaling back or even scrapping of the Northern Territory Intervention. We trust the new Federal Parliament, especially Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, will take these views on board.

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● See letters on pages 23-28 for more opinions.



PAT CORA, Cairns, Qld: Firstly the apology to the Stolen Generations which must contain the word 'Sorry'. Mr Rudd should also review the NT intervention as soon as possible, take the advice of the experts in terms of Indigenous disadvantage overall, dramatically increase housing in remote and urban communities, and there should be an elected representative body.



KOORAMYEE COOPER (Yorta Yorta), City of Yarra, Melbourne, Victoria: We are the only State that doesn't have an Aboriginal person in Parliament. I want to see a Victorian Aboriginal MP in the next three years. I want to see more Aborigines in the Senate and more community members take on roles within local government councils.



ESLYN WARGENT, Cairns, Qld: I think he should adhere to what he has promised.



DANIEL BROWN, 19, Townsville, Qld: I just hope they run the country well. And Kevin Rudd must say sorry, sooner rather than later.



PHIL MONCRIEF, Perth: Let's not forget that there are lots of other issues as well as the Stolen Generations that the Government should say sorry for.



LOIS PEELER, Melbourne: The new Prime Minister must give appropriate recognition to all Indigenous people.



TED WILKES (Nyoongar), Perth, WA: We've had so many let-downs that there's no trust in a result like this until the Government has had their chance to do their job.



KARA COWLEY, 21, New Norfolk, Tas: Two issues: I reckon Mr Rudd should say sorry, like he has promised to. And manage the situation in the NT by removing the defence forces and by dealing with the situation appropriately.



JOHN MOOKA, 19, Townsville, Qld: My message to the new Government is that I wish them good luck, and don't stuff it up for Indigenous people. They must make the welfare of Indigenous people a priority, and fix up the health system.



GARY LAKE, Darwin, NT: What must Prime Minister Rudd do right now? Say sorry!



MARGARET FREEMAN (Jirrbal), Herberton, Qld: I think Mr Rudd's priorities should be changing the Aboriginal welfare reforms, addressing climate change and utilising Indigenous knowledge to help with repairing the environment. Another good thing would be to look at the workplace reforms as well, bring back equal employment and pay arrangements for people.



KAREN JACKSON (Yorta Yorta), Moondani Balluk at Victoria University, Melbourne: Instead of all the Aboriginal money being paid to bureaucrats, it needs to go into our communities for the programs that we want. Otherwise we will just keep going around in circles.



MICHELLE TUAHINE, Brisbane, Qld: I'm a mother, so Mr Rudd must target child sexual abuse in communities.



GAVIN JONES, Sydney, NSW: Mr Rudd needs to make clear where he stands in relation to the NT intervention so that all Indigenous people, especially those in the NT, can get on with their lives.



JOANN SCHMIDER (Ma:Mu), Innisfail, Qld: I think Rudd should address John Howard Government's disastrous lack of community engagement by finding and facilitating engagement with the real community-based leadership we know is out there. That means re-establishing leadership groups, not another ATSIC, but by putting in place workable arrangements around building relationships from where people live.



LOUIS MOOKA, 22, Torres Strait: Mr Rudd, don't just do what John Howard did. Worry about Indigenous health in the cities and remote communities.

Sky is the limit, says Indigenous high-flyer

ANDREW BISHOP reckons flying aircraft is a great job. He should know. At age 43, the Qantas jet captain has been in aviation for a quarter of a century – 18 of those years with the national carrier.

Now a Boeing 737 pilot, the Koongurruk man, whose family hails from the Top End, has his sights set on flying even bigger aircraft, including the new Airbus 380 'super-jumbo' entering service next year with Qantas.

There's nothing he'd like better, he says, than to see more Aboriginal people flying aircraft. That's why he's thrown his full support behind the new Qantas Reconciliation Action Plan.

"It's a great idea," he told *The Koori Mail* at the plan launch last week in Sydney. "I've had a great career so far, and there's no reason why other Indigenous Australians can't."

"Would-be pilots need Higher School Certificate or equivalent passes in maths and English, and they will have to apply themselves."

"If they can and work hard, then the sky's the limit."

Captain Bishop, who earlier this year commanded the Yananyi Dreaming flight from Sydney to Canberra to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, urged Indigenous people interested in piloting aircraft to take a closer look at the Qantas plan.

"Qantas is an excellent employer for all its staff, and I know they will go out of their way to assist Indigenous people get a fair go," he said.



Reconciliation Australia Director Fred Chaney, Qantas Managing Director Geoff Dixon, Reconciliation Australia CEO Barbara Livesey and Gadigal Elder Charles 'Chicka' Madden at the plan launch.

Action plan taking off



QANTAS aims to double its Indigenous staff to more than 300 by the end of next year. And it will also introduce ten Indigenous pilot

cadetships over the next 12 months.

These were among the highlights of the national airline's ambitious Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) launched last week in Sydney.

Winning praise from groups including Reconciliation Australia, the plan's major objectives also include:

- Improving the involvement of, and support for, Qantas Indigenous staff
- Assisting staff to better appreciate Indigenous cultures and promote cultural diversity in the company
- Encouraging Qantas' partners and customers to actively support reconciliation and Indigenous issues.

Qantas Chief Executive Officer Geoff Dixon, speaking at the launch, made it clear he expected the airline's suppliers to follow the lead to increase Indigenous employment in their own organisations.

"It is important for companies like Qantas, which is readily identified with Australia on the international stage, to not only make a strong commitment but take practical steps to help improve education and employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians," he said.

"Qantas currently employs around 160 Indigenous Australians. This figure

Turning good intentions into action

QANTAS has become the third major Australian corporation to implement a Reconciliation Action Plan, following the ANZ Bank and mining giant BHP Billiton.

The plans are an initiative of Reconciliation Australia, which says they allow participants to turn good intentions into actions.

The plans provide organisations with an opportunity to work with Indigenous people to improve relationships for the benefit of all. The overarching objective is to close the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children. Organisations are invited to register with Reconciliation Australia their intent to develop a plan.

Reconciliation Australia Co-Chair Fred Chaney welcomed the Qantas plan, and urged other organisations to follow the airline's lead.

will increase to around 180 across our operations by the end of the year, and our aim is to double this number to over 300 by the end of 2008."

There are about 37,000 people working worldwide in Qantas.

Mr Dixon also welcomed the 10 Indigenous pilot cadetships to be offered over the next year.

"On completion of training, Qantas will arrange paid industry placements for at least two years for these cadets, enabling them to gain valuable operational experience, and then offer them a permanent pilot position in the Qantas group," he said.

The pilot program involves a partnership with the West Australian Department of Aboriginal Education and Training, but applicants are welcome from around the nation. It takes a minimum of two years and a lot of dedication to qualify as a commercial pilot.

Mr Dixon said that because Qantas employed people purely on merit, improving Indigenous people's access to the interview process was another key goal. "Qantas has engaged two specialist Indigenous recruitment agencies to assist us in this area and have also visited Indigenous communities, job markets, schools and cultural events," he said.

Qantas also aims to work on retaining Indigenous staff through mentoring programs, and says it will expand its partnerships with, and sponsorships of, Indigenous groups and programs, including Desert Knowledge Australia, the AFL Kickstart program and Bangarra Dance Theatre.



Qantas jet captain Andrew Bishop. He is one of just a handful of Indigenous pilots in Australia.

End the violence against women: Manton



This visiting group of students from Western Australia signed their names to a giant White Ribbon Day banner in Sydney's Martin Place on 23 November. The banner accompanied a petition to be presented to the new Labor Federal Government which read 'I pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and ask my new Government to implement a national plan of action to make it a thing of the past'. The banner and petition are expected to be presented to the new Federal Government.



THE crisis of violence engulfing NSW Aboriginal communities is linked to dispossession and modern-day problems of overcrowding, lack of education and job opportunities and the availability of legal and illegal drugs, according to the head of the State's leading land rights body.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairwoman Bev Manton says violence, particularly against women and children, cannot and should not be tolerated.

Speaking before White Ribbon Day, the international day for the elimination of violence against women, on 25 November, Ms Manton encouraged Aboriginal people to 'speak out strong' against domestic violence.

"We need to speak out and 'own' these problems as individuals, however, if we are ever going to make progress towards reducing their devastating impact on our communities," she said.

The day aims to eliminate violence

against women by promoting culture change around the issue, and to publicly champion non-violent relationships. Men in countries and cultures across the world wear white ribbons on 25 November because 'violence against women is a men's problem'.

The international campaign '16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence Against Women 2007' began with White Ribbon Day and

police and the legal system and lack of knowledge about the law, legal rights and processes sometimes stops Aboriginal people from speaking out against violence," she said.

"There are also personal, family and community factors including feelings of shame, which are often misplaced. But we need to stop providing excuses and

religious leaders were among 200 high-profile Australian men from all walks of life appointed as official White Ribbon Day ambassadors. They included Professor Mick Dodson, NSW Native Title Services CEO Warren Mundine, Nyoongar Elder Ben Taylor, United Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress Chairman Vince Ross, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Director-General of WA Department of Health Neale Fong, country singer Troy Cassar-Daly, Northern Territory MP Mathew Bonson, Victorian cultural awareness trainer and musician Ronald Murray, cricketer Jason Gillespie, AFL footballers Michael Long and David Wirrpanda, and rugby league players Dean Widders and David Liddiard.

The White Ribbon Foundation (Australia) launched its 2007 national campaign with a call to action for all political parties to pledge their commitment to develop social policies to end violence against women in Australia.



'...we need to stop providing excuses and making it easy for those who perpetrate violence. We need to make it clear that violence, in any form, cannot be tolerated' - NSWALC Chairwoman Bev Manton

ends on December 10 - World Human Rights Day.

Ms Manton urged all Aboriginal people in NSW to use the 16-day campaign to focus on what they could do to assist in the fight against such abuse.

"Cultural reasons such as mistrust of

making it easy for those who perpetrate violence.

"We need to make it clear that violence, in any form, cannot be tolerated."

This year, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights advocates, Elders, sportsmen, artists, public servants and

AFL star speaks out

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



FORMER AFL player, Yamatji man Troy Cook, was one of the key speakers at a large gathering at the Perth

"In WA last year, police were called out to more than 27,000 homes where domestic violence incidents occurred, and made nearly 11,000 domestic violence related arrests," Ms Ellery said.

Mr Cook spoke about his experiences in suffering domestic violence when he was

men should seek counselling for the sake of their families," he said. "That's the hardest thing for men to actually admit - that they have a problem. Anyone who knows of domestic violence should confront their family members as a family which is a hard thing to do but it will make a difference and make life that much easier for everyone so in the end it's worth it."

Mr Cook also encouraged the formation of men's groups to deal with domestic violence and other men's issues.

"Those sort of groups are definitely the way to go for the men to show their support so that men who have been angry or violent can go to those groups and get

some advice and get some help," he said.

Mr Cook is taking some time off after retiring from football and plans to join the David Wirrpanda Foundation next year to work with children in remote areas.



Former Dockers AFL star Troy Cook (left) with Dockers player Peter Bell and Elder Dot Henry at the White Ribbon Day event in Perth.

Town Hall on 23 November to mark White Ribbon Day against domestic violence on 25 November. The former utility player with the Fremantle Dockers joined more than 90 high-profile male ambassadors in Perth to speak out against violence against women, one-third of whom are likely to suffer violence from their spouse or a family member.

WA Communities Minister Sue Ellery said it was tragic that 40 per cent of women reported being injured during a domestic dispute and 36 per cent reported that their children had witnessed the violence.

a young boy growing up in communities around Carnarvon in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia.

"It's a big problem and I guess the job for people like me is to point out that there are support groups out there and

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New voice for kids



New WA Children's Commissioner Michelle Scott.

WA Public Advocate named Children's Commissioner

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



THE West Australian Government has appointed a commissioner to the new body set up to monitor systemic issues affecting

children and young people, but questions still hang over its capacity to create real change.

WA Public Advocate Michelle Scott, who will take up the role of Children's Commissioner on 10 December, said she was looking forward to consulting widely with Indigenous people in metropolitan and regional areas.

Ms Scott said the legislation provided 'wide-reaching powers' and prioritised issues for Aboriginal children, which she said would guide the establishment and operations of the Commission.

"I expect all staff will have the capacity and commitment to work effectively with Aboriginal children, their families and communities," Ms Scott said.

She said she had already spoken to some Aboriginal people about how they thought the Commission should work, 'to be an effective voice,' but said there was much more public discussion ahead.

She also said staff structures for the commission were still at the planning stage, and encouraged the Aboriginal community to discuss their thoughts on structuring the Commission to best engage with Aboriginal children.

She said in relation to 50D staff (identified) positions, she wanted to be able to attract 'specific Aboriginal people' to the Commission, but that the whole office should be able to respond effectively to 'make a real difference.'

Shadow Children's Minister Barbara Scott criticised 'former Labor staffer' Michelle Scott's appointment and said the lack of independence potentially jeopardised the Commission's scrutiny of government departments.

"The whole purpose of this role is to ensure that our babies and children in this State are protected by a strong and independent advocate without strings to Jim McGinty or Labor," said Barbara Scott.

"This Government has an appalling record on child protection. Abuse of our babies and our young children in all our communities, and especially in Indigenous communities, and the inaction of Government agencies in response to reports of child abuse, has been atrocious."

A number of Perth Indigenous groups were seemingly snubbed by the Premier Alan Carpenter in August, when they presented a petition requesting a commitment to the Gordon Inquiry recommendation for a deputy commissioner for Indigenous children, but received no response.

Michelle Scott would not be drawn on whether that recommendation would be implemented, but said she would consult widely on creating effective staff frameworks.

Perth Indigenous Women's

Network (PIWN) spokeswoman Gail Beck said the group was concerned by the potential for the Commission to become a toothless tiger, and wanted to see a solid commitment on Indigenous staffing.

Ms Beck said the PIWN wanted Aboriginal groups consulted by the new Children's Commissioner to be a true reflection of the broader Aboriginal community, and for healing to be done 'in a culturally appropriate and holistic manner.'

She said permanent solutions lay in consultation with the 'real community' who 'eat and breathe the issues 24/7,' rather than specialised Government workers who were out of step with everyday issues in Indigenous communities.

"I still strongly believe we need to have Aboriginal people taking care of our own, as not very many mainstream Australians know what it is like to walk in our shoes," she said.

"Therefore it makes sense to have someone who knows exactly what we are dealing with."



WA Shadow Children's Minister Barbara Scott says the new commission is not independent enough.

Ms Beck said that to ensure a bright future free of harm for children it was time for the Government to 'walk the talk and show true commitment.'

She said the group wanted to see adherence by the Children's Commission to Recommendation 145 of the Gordon Inquiry, and to the United Nations Rights of the Child convention that required Indigenous involvement in policy making.

Perth human rights lawyer Hannah McGlade said immediate support for the Gordon Inquiry recommendation would be the best approach for the Children's Commissioner.

She said 'it is unfortunate non-Indigenous Government departments have struggled to accord Aboriginal people the high-level standing and negotiation position necessary for substantial change to occur.'

The new Children's Commissioner has extended an offer to concerned Aboriginal people throughout Western Australia to contact her on telephone (08) 9278 2534 to discuss the issues around the establishment of the Commission.

Department of Communities funding opportunities

The Department of Communities invites eligible organisations to apply for the following grants.

Funding for Redcliffe Youth and Community Combined Action Program

The Department of Communities has funding available for a Youth and Community Combined Action Program in the Greater Brisbane Region. This service will address the needs of young people between 10-17 years of age in the Redcliffe area, who are at risk of either becoming involved in juvenile crime or of further contact with the Youth Justice System, and their families, schools and communities, by increasing the capacity of the community to develop local responses that prevent and reduce youth offending.

By engaging young people, their families and their community to address factors that contribute to offending, the program will help young people to develop skills that facilitate positive connections and participation in their community, and achieve their potential.

Information packages are available by calling 3109 0620 or visiting our website at www.communities.qld.gov.au/department/funding

Funding submissions must be lodged with the department by 4:00pm on Tuesday 22 January 2008.

Funding for Stafford/Bracken Ridge Family Support Service

The Department of Communities has funding available for family support service across Stafford and Bracken Ridge in the Greater Brisbane Region. These services will address the needs of children, parents and families by enhancing the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable families and children in the Stafford and Bracken Ridge catchment area. This may include families at risk of experiencing family dysfunction, mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic and family violence, and other issues that impact on individual and family wellbeing. The goal is to respond early to known risks or problems and to maximise wellbeing in both the immediate and longer term.

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Funding submissions must be lodged with the department by 4:00pm on Monday 18 February 2008.

Woods' death accidental - WA Coroner

Story and photos by
KEN BOASE



THE WA Coroner's Court has found that Nyoongar man Carl Woods' death in police custody in April last year was caused by heart

failure due to extreme drug-related stress during a violent struggle with four police officers.

In Perth last Wednesday, Deputy WA Coroner Evelyn Vicker took an hour to go through her findings into the case of Carl Woods, who died on 11 April last year during his arrest at a house in the suburb of Parmelia after an apparent home invasion.

Ms Vickers found that the head and body injuries inflicted on Mr Woods were the result of the ensuing struggle and that one of the police officers had knelt him violently in the face.

The WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) issued a media statement expressing disappointment at the findings, saying that police behaviour and the excessive use of force should have had a far greater focus during the coronial inquest.

DICW Chairman Marc Newhouse said the months of delay while police investigated themselves had compounded the sense of frustration, anger and

lack of closure felt by the Woods family and the wider Nyoongar community.

"We have consistently called on the Police Commissioner to stand down the officers involved in this death, and these findings give us no reason to change this demand," Mr Newhouse said.

"These officers have used extreme force, resulting in an unarmed man dying in their custody within a few minutes of his arrest.

"They have breached the public trust in this, not only through their actions, but through their subsequent evidence to the Coroner, which was found at the very least to be inconsistent."

Outside the court moments after the findings were handed down, Mr Newhouse made comment on one of the recommendations that said police should be better trained to ensure the safety of people taken into custody.

"The difficulty with recommendations from the Coroner's Court is that the Government is not compelled to act on them, and there's been many recommendations from this court that remain unimplemented," Mr Newhouse said.

"Any death in custody should be treated as a potential homicide and any other public servant would have been stood down and the refusal of the Police Commissioner to do

that is unacceptable.

"Based on the information we have from the inquest, we believe that excessive force was used and there was some collusion going on between the police officers who denied that batons were used on Mr Woods."

Mr Woods' mother Berona Winmar also commented outside the court, echoing the anger felt by those around her as she spoke to the media.

"Another black death in custody just swept under the carpet," Mrs Woods said.



DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse outside the WA Coroner's Court shortly after the findings were handed down: "These officers used extreme force resulting in an unarmed man dying in their custody within a few minutes of his arrest."



Carl Woods' mother Berona Winmar speaking to media outside the WA Coroner's Court: "Another black death in custody just swept under the carpet."

"When we had the inquest, one of the officers didn't even bother showing up to give his statement."

Family spokesman Mervyn Eades told *The Koori Mail* of the sense of frustration felt by the community over the apparent refusal by the Government to implement any of the hundreds of recommendations handed down since the Royal Commission in Aboriginal deaths in custody (RCIADIC).

"There's no body to oversee these recommendations or see that that they're carried out and it's like the Government is just shrugging its shoulders at the death of yet another Aboriginal person at the hands of the WA police," Mr Eades said.

One of the findings of the inquest was that there was evidence that Mr Woods had high levels of amphetamines in his blood, and there was 'expert' opinion given that he must have been taking high doses for many months prior to the incident.

Mr Eades said that could not

be so because Mr Woods had been in prison in the months leading up to the incident, meaning that either there was a cover-up or that WA prison officers were allowing drugs into the jails.

"How could they say he was using drugs heavily in the months before when he was in jail, unless he was using them within the justice system?" Mr Eades said.

"The justice system has never served our people well and it never will."

Mr Newhouse said the Watch Committee, in consultation with the family, would examine all possible action from the Coroner's findings.

"Deaths in custody continue to occur far too frequently, and the violent deaths - particularly as part of police operations - must be stopped," he said.

"The family and the Committee are determined to closely examine all legal options, while community outrage will also result in further public actions."

Doubt cast on police denials of 'baton' use

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

Despite ruling that Carl Woods died accidentally, Deputy State Coroner Evelyn Vicker cast doubt on police denials that they used a torch or baton to subdue the Nyoongar man during his arrest in April last year.

Ms Vicker found that witness statements and post-mortem examination evidence 'strongly' suggested either Senior Constable Todd Francis or Senior Constable Aiden Sloan, two of the four arresting officers, may have struck Woods with a baton or torch.

She said the officers' reluctance to admit to using a baton 'is more suggestive of their belief it may have been inappropriate.'

During the inquest last month, it was revealed that one witness tried two times to add information to her police statement after remembering that an officer used his baton in the arrest, but police investigators failed to add those details until the Coroner's solicitor, Felicity Zempilas, brought it to their attention.

In her findings, Ms Vicker noted the presence of two Maglite torches on the floor near the kitchen of the Parmelia

house where Mr Woods was arrested and said one of them may have been the implement used.

During the inquest, the Woods family's barrister, John Rowe, said in his submission to the Coroner that the evidence of the officers 'should be viewed with suspicion' because baton use in the tiny kitchen of the Parmelia home 'must have been observed by all four police'.

Ms Vicker's findings bypassed Mr Rowe's suggestions of better training for police in areas such as, use of force, negotiation, and care of injured prisoners, focusing instead on systemic policing issues.

The Deputy Coroner recommended the police use-of-force manual should be amended to alert officers to the heightened risk of death for certain members of the community, immediately following a 'physical' arrest.

She also recommended that up-to-the-minute information be relayed to officers attending calls, to allow police more flexibility in judging appropriate responses to changing situations.

Ms Vicker made a particular reference to the blood stain pattern in the kitchen, which, according to Senior Constable Brett McCance, Crime Scene

Unit forensic investigator, the deceased was no more than 20-29cm from the floor at the time the injury to his mouth occurred.

Probationary Constable Caleb Johnson received a laceration to his knee during the arrest, which the doctor at Rockingham District Hospital emergency department suggested was a bite mark.

Const Johnson gave evidence at the inquest that his attempt to aim a 'knee thrust' to Carl Woods' chest was most likely to blame for Woods' broken teeth, although the Coroner said Mr Woods was 170cm tall.

Senior Constable McCance said there was also a second trauma after that injury which 'caused blood droplets to be projected out of the mouth'.

After Mr Woods was handcuffed, one officer asked for towels from the occupant of the house, to mop up blood that had spilled on to the floor beneath the Nyoongar man's head.

After the findings were handed down, Carl Woods' father, Humphrey, said he now thought coronial processes to be unfair and culturally irrelevant for Indigenous people, and that it seemed to only skim the surface without providing any real closure for families.



The face of deaths in custody. During a rally earlier this year, death in custody protesters carried placards showing Carl Woods' mortuary photos. The Woods family acknowledged the release of the photos was controversial but said it was in the public interest.



Professor Mick Dodson, right, with his Reconciliation Australia non-Indigenous co-chair, Melbourne lawyer Mark Leibler.

Confident Dodson takes on RA top job



ABORIGINAL rights advocate Mick Dodson says he's confident the new Rudd Government will draw on Indigenous success stories to develop the policies needed to

boost the circumstances of Indigenous Australians.

Professor Dodson last week took on the position of co-chair of Reconciliation Australia (RA), replacing Jackie Huggins who has retired from the role after seven years with the organisation.

He and his non-Indigenous co-chair Mark Leibler, both lawyers, have written to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, congratulating him on the election result and reinforcing the importance of a long-term, properly resourced national plan towards closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children.

"Mr Rudd's public commitment to closing the gap is an objective that's been taken up broadly across the Australian community," said Professor Dodson.

Respectful relationship

"The new Prime Minister knows this task involves a long-term national plan like we've never had before that looks at health, education, housing, employment and also one that builds a respectful relationship with Indigenous Australians.

"All the evidence we have now from around the world and increasingly from Australia shows how we get results - we're confident Mr Rudd wants results, and will develop policy based on evidence of what works."

Professor Dodson said his work with RA had changed his perspective on what was possible in building a respectful relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"My work with RA gives me the opportunity to see countless examples of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people working together and achieving great things," he said.

"Their success is our guiding light, as it must be for all Australians who want to see it replicated across the country."

See page 33 for tributes to Jackie Huggins and photos from her farewell from Reconciliation Australia.

Three years on, healing service marks Palm riot

A SERVICE of healing and reconciliation was held at Palm Island last week to mark the third anniversary of the 2004 riots that followed the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

Among those who attended the 26 November service were teenagers and children who reportedly had weapons pointed at them when special squad police arrested alleged riot participants.

Palm Island Men's Group organiser Robert Blackley said that many families in the north Queensland community were still traumatised following wrongful arrests.

Mr Blackley is the co-ordinator of the Palm Island Men's Group. The service was held at the group's offices.

"The service was not political but a human thing," Mr Blackley said. "Each anniversary brings trauma, and the families attended."

A day after the service, *The Koori Mail* visited Palm Island and walked with Mr Blackley to the site of the new police station, close to where the old station burned down during the riots.

"We had a meal and said some



Healing service co-ordinator Robert Blackley outside the Palm Island police station after the service.

prayers and I looked around and saw those children who had guns pointed at them," Mr Blackley said. "That is an experience they will be traumatised by for life."

Among those at the service were Yvette Lenoy and her baby Cameron

Francis Tracey Bulsey, now aged three. The day after the riot, Ms Lenoy was in a house on the island when police with weapons smashed down its door looking for her partner David Bulsey, who they later arrested for allegedly being part of the riot.

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

Mr Blackley said that Ms Lenoy, whose baby Francis was subsequently born one month premature with a heart condition, would face the trauma of the event for the rest of her life, as would her child.

"She was held down on the floor at gunpoint whilst pregnant," he said.

Despite the trauma Palm Island residents had suffered over Mulrunji's death and subsequent developments, Mr Blackley said that the service did bring some healing for them.

"It was a get-together to show support for the families," he said.

By ALF WILSON

Family seeks \$900,000 in compensation

By ALF WILSON
in Townsville



THE family of Mulrunji Doomadgee, who died in police custody on Palm Island

in northern Queensland in November 2004, have initiated civil court action seeking close to \$1 million for injury and loss of earnings.

The legal action lodged against the Queensland Government and Mulrunji's arresting officer, Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley, which was filed in the Brisbane Supreme Court in November, claims \$900,000.

Mulrunji's long-time partner Tracey Twaddle has lodged a claim for \$200,000 for loss of his earnings, and psychiatric injury as a result of the 36-year-old father's death. Five sisters, a niece and a nephew, are each seeking \$100,000 in damages for psychiatric injuries.

The court documents were made available on 20 November and claim that



Snr Sgt Hurley faces the media after being acquitted in June. He has been named in the court claim by members of Mulrunji's family.



Mulrunji's long-time partner Tracey Twaddle pictured minutes after the Hurley trial verdict. She is seeking \$200,000 in compensation.

Mulrunji's arrest was unlawful and that police acting negligently towards Mulrunji who died in the Palm Island watch house on 19 November 2004 after being arrested for drunkenness.

To coincide with the third

anniversary of the tragedy, supporters gathered outside the Townsville Court Complex.

In June this year, a Townsville Supreme Court jury found Snr Sgt Hurley not guilty of the assault and manslaughter of Mulrunji in

a case that received national and international media coverage.

During the trial, Snr Sgt Hurley gave evidence and said he fell on top of Mulrunji, which caused his fatal injuries after a struggle.

An autopsy revealed that Mulrunji had his liver broken and that his portal vein had burst.

The jury took just over three hours to acquit Snr Sgt Hurley, an outcome that resulted in outrage and bewilderment in the Indigenous community.

In the new civil claim, the Doomadgee family legal team claim that Snr Sgt Hurley failed to take reasonable care to avoid colliding with Mulrunji.

They also claim that Snr Sgt Hurley dragged Mulrunji into the watch house despite him being capable of going there himself.

A week after the death, a riot erupted on Palm Island in which the police station and barracks were torched.

The alleged ringleader, Lex Wotton, still has to face a Brisbane court next April.

Marchers loud, proud

By MARGARET SMITH



A VOCAL and passionate rally and march from The Block in Redfern preceded this year's national Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) event in Sydney. Much of the event, which continued down Cleveland Street to Victoria Park, focussed on the Northern Territory intervention and what many in attendance regarded as the damage it was doing to Aboriginal families.

Event organisers Shane Phillips and Pastor Ray Minniecon welcomed Aboriginal women Barbara Shaw from the Tangentyere Council and town camp resident Valerie Martin from Alice Springs to Eora land.

Some Redfern residents also expressed their concern about what the police were doing in their community under a NSW Labor Government. They said there was more harassment on the streets and police weren't notifying the Aboriginal Legal Service about arrests of juveniles like they used to.

Crossroads Aboriginal Ministries Director Pastor Ray Minniecon thanked the marchers and ANTaR for support over the years, and called for urgent action on Indigenous issues.

"The failure of governments to deal with important Indigenous issues such as education, housing, health and economic development is creating fourth world conditions in a first world country," he said.

"We are sick and tired of our people being treated badly."

Pastor Minniecon encouraged Indigenous communities to clearly define what they want, so that what had happened in the Northern Territory wasn't repeated elsewhere.



The march from Redfern to Victoria Park. Photo by John Diamond

At Victoria Park, community activist and Tribal Warrior Chief Executive Officer Shane Phillips told the crowd the battle for Indigenous rights needed to return to the grass roots 'so we can really make a difference'.

Later Mr Phillips told *The Koori Mail* that he wanted his children to grow up with the same opportunities as other children, 'even though they live in Redfern'.

"I'd like to see the administration of Indigenous affairs become an innovative process to break the mold of the past," he said.

"Many people I meet from communities and professional Aboriginal people have had great ideas and aspirations over the last 11 years that haven't even been considered. No more top-heavy programs - but instead train and skill people from our communities."

Federal Member for Sydney Tanya

Plibersek - now a Minister - was in the audience and told *The Koori Mail* that she had personally taken fellow MP, and now new Indigenous Affairs Minister, Jenny Macklin to see Redfern's CDEP program, and that 'she was very impressed'.

Ms Plibersek said she was concerned at how the expensive NT intervention was affecting Indigenous housing projects in NSW.

'Intervention furphy'

The audience was also addressed by singer/songwriter Neil Murray, a founding member of Warumpi Band. He spoke of the NT 'furphy of an intervention', and performed his song *Join Up All Your Hands*.

Mr Murray told non-Indigenous people that if they really wanted to belong to Australia, 'you have to throw your soul in with Indigenous Australians. It's a spiritual

blessing that puts you in touch with the soul of the country'.

One of the highlights of the day came when Neil Murray called singers Jimmy Little and Brendan Gallagher on stage with him to sing a tribute to their late brother, the former lead singer of the Warumpi Band.

They sang *Blackfella Whitefella* with its chorus of 'We need more brothers if we're to make it. We need more sisters if we're to save it. Are you the one that's going to stand up and be counted? Are you the one who will lend a helping hand? Are you the one that understands this family plan?'

The audience did, in fact, stand up. There were other standout performances from Jimmy Little, Brendan Gallagher, Freshwater, Helen Moran, and the band Block Harmony, a group of young singers from Redfern, with the support of Sue Gibson.

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW

AS RE-DECORATING GOT UNDERWAY AT THE MINISTERIAL SUITE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT SOME 'ARTEFACTS' HAD HAD

THEIR DAY...



Quote



Aboriginal issues are above party politics and must never be embroiled in the battle between political parties, as to do so reduces the inherent character of Aboriginal matters from national importance to run-of-the-mill

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Legal Director Michael Mansell accusing Cape York leader Noel Pearson of breaking the 'golden rule' of the Aboriginal movement.

Unquote

Put the sorry saga to rest

A PRIME MINISTER from another land far away once said, 'a week is a long time in politics'.

It was certainly long enough, last week, for the issue of a national apology to the Stolen Generations to undergo a few dizzying turns on the rotisserie of public, political and media discussion.

An apology has long been ALP policy but, after 11 years in the political wilderness, it was beginning to look as though the party would never need to have its mettle tested.

But no sooner had then-Prime Minister-elect Kevin Rudd finished washing the confetti out of his hair than the question of the wording of the apology started doing the rounds.

On virtually every day since the election, for every report that Mr Rudd would use the S-word, there's been another suggesting he is trying to worm out of it.

If we didn't know better, we'd think people didn't trust politicians. Or perhaps some people can't resist making mischief, even when there's really none to be made.

Without labelling the point (no pun intended) we accept Mr Rudd's word that he will apologise using the word 'sorry'.

We do not believe that he'll falter at the last hurdle. To do so would be unfathomably cruel and would quite rightly set the ALP up for eternal abandonment by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Mr Rudd is right to insist that his Government must talk with Indigenous people, including Stolen Generations members, before finalising the wording of the apology.

This is, as Helen Moran of the National



Sorry Day Committee says, 'a cautious and respectful approach'.

And, as soon as that consultation has occurred, the Government should act swiftly and decisively to put this matter to rest – irrespective of whether it has the support of the Federal Opposition, which did itself no credit at all last week.

When Malcolm Turnbull offered them a fresh 'out' on the matter, his colleagues slapped it back to where it came from with new Leader Dr Brendan Nelson – once considered more of a friend to Indigenous people – saying 'sorry' was unnecessary.

To Dr Nelson, perhaps, but not to the 100,000 Indigenous people and their families estimated by the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* Report to have fallen victim to the removal policies of government and the churches between 1910 and 1970.

The report concluded that, nationally, between one in three and one in ten Indigenous children were stolen during that period.

The one thing we think Mr Rudd hasn't quite grasped yet on the issue of the Stolen Generations is the need to compensate them and their families for their pain and suffering.

Tasmania is going through that process right now and the sky does not appear to have fallen in. That's the right thing to do, the moral thing, the decent thing.

A Yarn With...



LYNETTE GOODWIN

**Public servant
Hughes, ACT**

Your favourite bush tucker?
Bush tomato sauces and chutneys.

Your favourite other food?
Baked dinner.

Your favourite drink?
Water, and Diet Coke.

Your favourite music?
Anything from country music to classical, from Archie Roach and Troy Cassar-Daley to Marina Pryor.

Where will you be spending Christmas?

At home with my dad Keith Stewart, my husband Barry, our daughter Cassandra and son Tim, my mum-in-law from Adelaide and other relatives and friends.

Favourite holiday destination?
Camping with family down the NSW south coast.

What are you watching?
I'm sick of TV but I like *Home and Away* because it has (Aboriginal actor) Luke Carroll on it.

What is your greatest highlight in life?
My children.

What do you like in life?
Family and being around them.

Who inspires you?
My parents, Elizabeth (Betty) who is now passed away, and my dad Keith Stewart who is from La Perouse. Also people like Chicka Dixon and Pat Turner who have fought for us all.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
The Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela and my dad Keith.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Equal rights. To not have to justify and fight for everything all the time.

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A \$3b apology?



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*.
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This win was not only an emphatic statement from workers united against the unfair industrial relations laws, but a confirmation I believe from a broad spectrum of Australians rediscovering their national ethos of giving everyone a 'fair go'.

And I include in that national ethos the suite of controversial Indigenous policies; the Northern Territory intervention, abolition of ATSIC, capping of CDEP (work for the dole) and CHIP (community housing infrastructure program) and many other crucial long-running programs that were critical to Indigenous Australians, that most caring Australians felt the outgoing Government had also been heavy-handed with.

I sat transfixed to the television set and heard John Howard concede to his shocked supporters in the exclusive Sydney Wentworth Hotel ballroom and waited for the man of the moment 'Kevin 07' to present his acceptance speech at the smallish Suncorp Stadium venue in Brisbane.

Although he said he would govern for all Australians, including Indigenous Australians, it just didn't have that charismatic ring to it that matched the Paul Keating acceptance speech back in 1993.

Keating announced at 11.30pm on the close of polls on that famous night: "This is the sweetest victory of all. This is a victory for the true believers" – to celebrate a win achieved primarily because of John Hewson's proposal to introduce a Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Although only short in days, it seems like a lot of water has passed under the bridge since Kevin Rudd gave his acceptance speech and every day since there has been growing conjecture and disquiet amongst journalists and Indigenous leaders in newsrooms and in Indigenous communities on whether he will say 'sorry'.

Speaking on ABC Radio, former ATSIC chairman Lionel Quatermaine said Mr Rudd, in the past week, had skirted around answering questions on Labor's Indigenous policy.

"He was asked that if he was to get in and become Prime Minister, would he say 'sorry' and he went around that. He didn't actually say 'Yes, I'm going to say sorry', he said a whole range of other words which disappoints me," Mr Quatermaine said.

"So therefore I don't think that Kevin Rudd is going to deliver on Indigenous affairs at all."

Mr Quatermaine was obviously referring to the interview Rudd gave to 3AW's Neil Mitchell when he asked if he'd say 'sorry' to Indigenous Australians if he became Prime Minister.

Rudd: "Well, the substance of it will be sorry, apology, but frankly if you ask me for the precise form of language ..."

Mitchell: "No, I'm asking for that one word, because this is where the Prime Minister has been targeted. Will you

use the word sorry?"

Rudd: "Yeah, I said in the debate against the Prime Minister at the beginning of the campaign that were we elected to form the next government of Australia, I will, as Prime Minister of the country, of course express an apology, and I make no bones with that."

Mitchell: "But the Prime Minister has already done that. Will you say sorry?"

Rudd: "Well, apology is sorry, it's the same thing."

Interestingly, Rudd has stated in recent days that his Government will make a formal apology to Indigenous Australians early in its first term. "It will be early in the parliamentary term," Mr Rudd said.



Former Labor Prime Minister Paul Keating, who said on election night in 1993 when he was returned to power: "This is the sweetest victory of all. This is a victory for the true believers." Columnist Stephen Hagan says although Kevin Rudd said he would govern for all Australians, including Indigenous Australians, his acceptance speech did not have 'that charismatic ring' to it that matched Keating's 1993 speech.

"We will frame it in a consultative fashion with communities and that may take some time."

His deputy, Julia Gillard, made the same pledge earlier, saying it was Labor policy to say 'sorry'.

In an unexpected change to the staid views of John Howard, and perhaps a pleasant sign of things to come, new Liberal Deputy Leader Malcolm Turnbull, speaking on ABC Radio, backed the Labor Government's moves to say 'sorry' to Indigenous Australians.

Mr Turnbull said John Howard's failure to say sorry was a mistake.

"Clearly, we should have said sorry then," he said.

"Unquestionably, that was an error I'd say, about a friend, John Howard."

"I think John got himself into a bit of a semantic tangle there. And you know, getting into semantics about regret versus sorry, that's a waste of time."

"But having said that, it's one

thing to say sorry, you should do that, but the critical thing is getting the substance right."

Mr Howard offered his 'deep and sincere regret' for past wrongs against the Aboriginal community but balked at saying 'sorry'.

Mr Rudd is under pressure to use the symbolically-important word, but says he is yet to decide on the exact wording of his statement.

We're not even a month into the term of the Rudd's administration and still there is enormous interest and conjecture on this singular debate that commenced as government policy in the turn of the 19th Century that forcefully removed mixed race children from their Aboriginal

and the large mining boom in Western Australia and Queensland that has fed the insatiable appetite of India and China for our natural resources, especially iron ore and coal. Those two super powers are only at the infancy stage of their grand economic plan and as such the demand for our natural resources by them has a lifespan of another decade at the very least.

I recommend the Government place \$5 billion as an endowment (bequest) fund in a fixed-term interest-bearing account for a period of six years (capped) for those who identify as being victims of the Stolen Generations and allow the \$500 million that it would generate (in interest at 10 per cent) each year for the six-year term of this Government.

The net worth of the endowment interest would be \$3 billion (capped) and to be expended within the time frame of this Government's term of office.

After that term, the government, which Labor should hold for two terms, can simply withdraw the \$5 billion from the interest-bearing account and redistribute the money into another project – preferably an Indigenous-specific one.

Under this proposal, the Government will not lose any taxpayers' money to fund this project – but simply quarantine one-third of its surplus for a fixed time. Remembering, of course, the following year an additional surplus of \$15 billion plus will go into their coffers to adequately address any tightening of the belt that may have occurred as a result of this generous but necessary action to put closure on the Stolen Generations issue.

If you wish to look for a precedent of funding of a similar cause in Australia – check out the Redress Scheme currently operating in Queensland at the following site: <http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/redress-scheme/>

The Queensland Government has introduced the Redress Scheme to provide ex-gratia payments to people who experienced abuse and neglect as children in Queensland institutions.

Up to \$100 million will be available for payments, legal and financial services to applicants and for practical assistance in completing applications.

The Queensland Government acknowledged that while neglect and abuse was found to have occurred in some institutions covered by the Forde Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Queensland institutions, this was not necessarily the case with all institutions.

Rudd should heed the words of the famous American cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead who once said: "Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

parents.

I firmly believe that Rudd needs to say the word 'sorry' as a starting point and then set up a specific pool of money to remunerate those affected for their loss and suffering.

So what is the magical dollar figure that would go a long way to putting closure on this darkest and disturbing chapter in Australia's history?

The answer is simple – a \$3 billion capped budget.

I believe this is achievable and very cost effective and will not cost a single cent of taxpayers' money.

I also believe that the \$15-billion plus surplus that the frugal Howard Government created will be maintained if not exceeded every year for the next three years by the self-confessed 'economic conservative' Kevin Rudd.

Howard secured this outstanding financial surplus windfall through the GST (10 per cent of all economic transactions)



Nigger Lovers winners, writer-director Daryl Sparkes, producer Rhonda Hagan and writer director Stephen Hagan.



Boxing Day director Kriv Stenders and actor, Richard Green, who wrote the film.



Hosts Aaron Pederson and Cathy Freeman.

Film awards reveal talent



Cathy Freeman.



Nana director and writer Warwick Thornton and producer Kath Shelper.



TWO Aboriginal films triumphed at the Inside Film Awards (if) held on Queensland's Gold Coast last month.

Koori Mail columnist Stephen Hagan, his wife Rhonda Hagan and Daryl Sparkes won the award for best short documentary for their film *Nigger Lovers*, which chronicles Stephen Hagan's quest to have the word 'nigger' removed from the Nigger Brown Stand in Toowoomba.

Mr Hagan said the awards event was spectacular.

"I have been to red carpet events in the past but this was something out of Hollywood," he said. "What made this award even more notable for us was that it was based on public votes."

"Over 50,000 people voted in 15 different categories for

the awards.

"This award is also a credit to the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), with all three of the filmmakers academics here at the university."

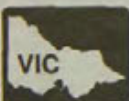
The film competed against two other Aboriginal films, *Flour, Sugar, Tea*, directed by Lee Willis and produced by Gina Twyble, and *My Brother Vinnie*, directed by Steven McGregor and produced by Sarah Bond.

The if award for Best Short Film went to *Nana*, directed by Warwick Thornton and produced by Kath Shelper. Also nominated in this category was *Crocodile Dreaming*, directed by Darlene Johnson, produced by Sue Milliken.

Aboriginal man Richard Green was nominated for best actor for his role in *Boxing Day*, but unfortunately missed out on the award.

Indigenous students ride to save their school

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



VICTORIAN College of Koori Education (VCKE) students have taken their concerns about the rumoured closure of their schools to the State Education Minister's office.

In fact 11 students rode their bikes from the Mildura VCKE campus to Parliament House last Thursday to meet with Victorian Education Minister Bronwyn Pike.

Parent Leanne Caldwell spoke to *The Koori Mail* and said the bike ride had potentially saved the college.

"The meeting went great with Minister Pike," Miss Caldwell said.

"There is still a lot of work to do, but it is going to take time. How can we build our levels when we are picking up mainstream's mistakes, and then we are the ones getting a kick in the arse?"

"It seriously opened a few eyes. This trip was all worth it."

After a 45-minute meeting with Ms Pike, in Melbourne, Josh Lenox said simply "We came to save our school".

"It was important for us to express ourselves," said another student Justyn Smith. "And to get our point across loud and clear."



Mathew Hayes, Year 10; Phillip Murray, Year 10; Josh Lenox, Year 10; Katlin Mitchell, grade prep; Michael Selmes, Year 9; Toby Kirby, Year 8; and Justyn Smith, Year 10 left Mildura on a Sunday and rode from 6am to 2pm each day until they arrived in Melbourne on the following Wednesday.

added Mathew Hayes.

When asked if they got a chance to do that, the group echoed a resounding 'yes'.

"I think she was actually listening to us," said Josh of Minister Pike.

"She saw that we are black and

proud," said Justyn.

Another student, Theresa Edwards, told *The Koori Mail* that at VCKE colleges, there was more

one-on-one attention and - unlike in mainstream schools - students didn't feel intimidated to put their hands up in the classroom.

"At VCKE there is a relaxed environment and even the parents feel comfortable," Theresa said.

"At the other schools, you feel like everyone is watching you, like here comes the blackfellas. But at VCKE we're welcomed as aunts and uncles."

Last month, Minister Pike told *The Koori Mail* that the Department of Education and Early Childhood was currently conducting its review of Indigenous education to find the best ways to improve education outcomes of 170 Indigenous students at the college's four campuses at Glenroy, Swan Hill, Mildura and Morwell and all other Indigenous students in Victoria's school system.

In the Victorian Parliament last Thursday, State Greens MP Sue Penicuik called on the Minister to 'maintain the Government's commitment to the Victorian P-12 Colleges of Koorie Education model which, as mentioned, has only been in operation for two years and works with the community to ensure the future of the college as a matter of priority'.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

YOUR SAY



Veteran activist Chicka Dixon puts the new Labor Prime Minister on notice to move forward on Indigenous issues. Chicka's letter is on Page 24.

A breath of fresh air

Kevin Rudd's election provides an opportunity for Australia and Aboriginal people to repair the damage caused by the Howard years.

Mr Rudd's intention to apologise to the Stolen Generations already indicates a positive change of national policy towards Aboriginal people and should he remove the NT Emergency laws Aboriginal reconciliation will be further enhanced.

The funding levels and conditions under the Howard Government meant infrastructure and service delivery standards for Aboriginal people fell into decline, and Mr Rudd will need to increase health, housing and infrastructure funding to close the gap.

While not dictating to Mr Rudd, we would like to see the Crown lands returned in ownership to Aboriginal people, subject to existing interests.

We need an independent black political voice to replace hand-picked advisers.

We feel we are past symbolism for the sake of it and ask that better protection against discriminatory laws be placed in the body of the Constitution.

We look forward to Mr Rudd compensating the children taken from the 1940s onwards to give substance to the apology.

We are genuinely relieved that Howard and Brough are gone. We offer our congratulations to the Rudd team and look forward to positive dialogue.



Kevin Rudd

Roy Ah-See (NSW), Larissa Behrendt (ACT), Sol Bellel (NSW), Dennis Egginton (WA), Gary Foley (Vic), Olga Havnen (NT), Les Malezer (Qld), Michael Mansell (Tas), Bev Manton (NSW), Naomi Mayers (NSW), Pat Turner (NT), Alma Thorpe (Vic), Nicole Watson (ACT), Sam Watson (Qld), Bob Weatherall (Qld)

YOUR POETRY Our Freedom

Hay you fella Bigga wind a coming this way
Him blow you him blow us away
Prickly pear will hit the ground
and a big fella feed we have
Then we go swim in them flooded creeks
and have a close shave
With the crocodile with them beady eyes
We watch him but we swim real quick
to the other side
Goanna him sits upon that log
watching us as we go
Then in camp we have big fella
feed with the witchetty grub
And kangaroo who put on a show
The drone of the didgeridoo
calling us back home
To our land of our Dreamtime
where we belong
Now no more can we wander
upon this our land
No more doing corroboree in the sand
Only at festivals where the white man says we can
They don't really understand the traditional owners of this our land
We must honour our Dreamtime for it will never die
Let our spirits run free and we can reach the sky
We need our freedom once more to roam here in our country
No more we listen to them who come on the Bounty
We true Aboriginal people who know all our lore
We were here many many years a long, long time before.

MARGARET ARMSTRONG
Queensland
(written 6 June 2000)



Poet Margaret Armstrong
Dirty Streets

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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Whitefellas laughing on pavement that traps black fellow spirit

Europeanised gutters swallow refuse of a materialistic society
Concreted dreaming, concrete nightmare

Facades hide hideous secrets,
white faces hide grievous thoughts
Behind plastic smiles.

Black fellow carries his pain, in his eyes and his fists
Which he wields honestly, openly
Waves his anger like a drowning man
Drowning in rivers of anger,
flagon-goggled resignation

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Good riddance John Howard

Lest we forget John Howard, we should put his legacy into perspective.

For 11 years his own party never saw this man as a trusted and admired leader, but rather, a winner of elections.

He achieved this by displaying powers of manipulative deceit and divisiveness, hitherto unseen or unheard of from any previous PM.

His personal insecurity and desperation to stay in power at all costs were reflected in blatant displays of self-aggrandisement

and opportunistic posing on the world stage while maintaining a seemingly bottomless bag of dirty tricks.

The integrity of government has been seriously weakened by his serial hiding behind staffers and lack of accountability.

For 11 long years a gullible electorate returned his odious government, covered by his manufactured fear of economic mismanagement or terrorist attack should he leave the stage.

But no more; it seems that an awakening had taken place and people were witnessing for the first time: The erosion of health and welfare services; the gap in life expectancy of Indigenous people; the corruption of our universities; the repugnant refugee policies; the lap dog submission to US interests, making the country generally unsafe; and the disregard of catastrophic warnings on global warming.

We can only hope that his dehumanising and degrading influence will be forever enshrined in our psyche, as a reminder of how a country can be betrayed and abandoned by a power-seeking little man with phoney leadership skills, using lying wedge politics to instill fear and apathy into the community.

Good riddance!

KEITH MOBBS
Lane Cove, NSW



John Howard

Time for justice

On Tuesday, 27 November 2007, I watched the ABC's 7.30pm Report and an interview with Kevin Rudd conducted by Kerry O'Brien.

Kevin Rudd spoke about his plan for his government in relation to repealing industrial relations legislation, also education, Kyoto protocol, climate change and various other policies.

I was very disappointed he did not mention Aboriginal affairs and whether the Labor Party would repeal the racist intervention laws which were introduced in the Northern Territory by the Coalition Government.

As a former wharf labourer and dyed-in-the-wool Labor man, I expected the so-called supporter of a 'Fair Go' for all people and so-called champion of Australian working-class families to at least acknowledge that Aboriginal people exist in this country.

I would hope the Labor Party will not start appointing Aboriginal advisory committees, but will allow Aboriginal people to elect their own representatives to a national elected body as formed by a previous Labor government in 1990, known as ATSIIC.

I would hope Labor would reintroduce the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme and also create a Department of Aboriginal Affairs on a national level and not lump Aboriginal issues with another portfolio.

Kevin baby, this is your chance to



Chicka Dixon

make things better for Aboriginal people. So, make sure you take note of Aboriginal people's advice and not make the same mistakes the Liberal Government made. Please don't screw it up.

Yours in Anticipation,
CHICKA DIXON
79-year-old Activist
Sydney, NSW

YOUR POETRY

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Staring after disappearing
dreaming.

And some of the old ones
weep; some of the young
ones seek
Misfortune of another nation
Urbanised free spirits, whose
feet know how to walk
Whose souls long to sing.

Whitella's conscience
neatly tied behind a tie
Solutions with dollar signs
that benefit a living lie
Categorised, labelled and
shelved
Like an old board game
Forgotten until it's time to
play
Games of power, games of
might.

And little children further
traumatised
Sweep the dirty street,
whitella, open your ears,
whitella
Are you so white that you are
blinded?

Ancient wisdom, ancient
freedom, ancient song lines
In that centre of the setting
sun is the trust blackfella
needs,
Cause blackfellow knows,
deep inside he knows
How to tell the dreaming

EVE HOFSTETTER
Via email

Mists of the Dreamtime

Into the Dreamtime, to the
great outback,
Out to the bush, over dusty
tracks,
Our people travelled wide
and far,
Had no bus, train or car.

It's called 'The Walkabout'
you see,
Over country, wild and free,
Mountains ranges, rivers and
streams,
Natural wonders, like an
artist's dream.

Laughter of children, rang
through the air,
Women watched them, with
loving care,
They sang songs, telling a
story or two,
Then they all danced, to the
didgeridoo.

Kangaroos bounding, the
burning plains,
Emus running, plenty of
game,
Strong, proud hunters,
warriors of the land,
Searched for bush tucker,
with spears in hand.

So many secrets and sacred
sites,
Back in Dreamtime, out of
sight,
Lots of great art, left on cave
walls,
Drawn by our people,
explaining it all.

KAY SMITH
Charleville, Qld

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Missed opportunity

When John Howard's Government was in its death throes, he said that he wanted to 'mobilise his influence with the mainstream to carry the referendum on Aboriginal reconciliation'. Many in the community were gobsmacked!

Howard came into government in the mid-1990s and squandered the best opportunity the country had to do that.

The lead-up to Howard's election was a very profound period in the Australian consciousness in relation to Indigenous affairs. There were three main events that had a major impact on the understanding and awareness of who we are as a nation.

The year 1991 saw the presentation of the final reports from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC). Ninety-nine deaths were investigated and there were 339 recommendations from that inquiry.

Key causal factors that were addressed in the reports included inadequate housing and the continuing and astonishingly high incarceration rates of Aboriginal people around the country.

The RCIADIC also led to the establishment of 'reconciliation' as a major national priority. The reconciliation initiative was embraced by many thousands of people, who over the years participated in a range of activities from study circles to bridge walks.

In 1992, the Australian High Court published

a decision that would be a turning point in the long struggle for land rights. It was commonly known as the Mabo decision, and it recognised in law that Aboriginal people had been here before white settlement.

Curiously, the political drama surrounding the Mabo decision did not break in the media until after the 1993 Federal election.

The subsequent 'controversy' surrounding native title was sustained until the end of the year when legislation went through the Federal Parliament.

Then Howard was elected and in 1996 the 'Bringing Them Home' report was released.

This was result of a Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission inquiry into what soon became known as the 'Stolen Generations'.

Indigenous children had been separated from their families and communities since the very earliest days of the European occupation of Australia; legislation and policies to that effect were introduced in Australian jurisdictions early in the 20th Century. Most Indigenous families have been affected in one or more generations by these policies.

This was perhaps the watershed issue in the wider Australian community and consciousness in relation to Aboriginal people.

Unlike the issues around custodial death and native title, this was a subject that the average Australian could connect to

in a real way.

Even if people don't have kids, everyone has a mother and as Mark Bin Bakar from the Kimberley Stolen Generation group has said, this is not just about what was done to the children, it is also about what was done to the mothers.

Governments, both State and Federal, have had to address their role in Aboriginal child removal. The key idea of the recommendations from the inquiry was 'reparation'. This incorporated a number of components, including acknowledgement and an apology.

Howard missed the opportunity. It is clear that the appalling, and in some respects, worsening, state of Aboriginal well-being is embedded in the history of government policies along with dispossession from country experienced by Aboriginal people. Anyone with half a brain can see this and there are stacks of reports that say this in every which way.

Improving Aboriginal health and well-being is not just about improving the physical well-being of an individual. It is about working towards the social, emotional, and cultural well-being of the whole community in which each individual is able to achieve their full potential as a human being.

It is also based on the need to acknowledge

One set for us, one for them

I am writing this letter out of the frustration that our people have continued to feel in how white Australia dictates how we can and cannot use our land.

One of these blocks is the land that our community knows as 'Mirabee' which is situated between Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra, near Canberra. This area is one of the fastest growing residential development areas in Australia.

Mainstream landowners and developers have been allowed by the consenting agencies to develop the adjoining land on two sides of our block (acquired under the NSW Aboriginal Lands Rights Act 1983) with the third being a roadway. Queanbeyan City Council has seen that it is all right to try to take our land in the middle of the block to build a dual-lane bypass for the town and we have received a formal letter from Minister Frank Sartor as the NSW Minister for Planning, stating that Queanbeyan City Council opposes the development of our land as our land holds environmental significance and that they have sufficient land that has been identified and is available for the future growth of Queanbeyan.

This is directly contradicting the message that we have received from Queanbeyan City Council several times in negotiating the development's inclusion in their Local Environment Plan for 2008.

Mirabee holds exactly the same environmental value that the land that has already been approved and developed had. It also holds exactly the same environmental value as the land that the local council is using for their bypass as it is part of Mirabee.

While the other land was developed, making mainstream property owners and developers rich, and providing nice big house blocks for the well-off of the Queanbeyan and Canberra communities, we as Aboriginal people are being disadvantaged as local government is now trying to prevent us from using our land in the same way and receive the same financial gains for our community.

The development of Mirabee is being approached as an opportunity to build the economic and social capacity of our community.

Through the development of the land and the sale of it to the broader community, our membership are looking to generate significant funds which we can use to empower local Aboriginal people through providing education, health, employment, enterprise and home ownership opportunities while also ensuring a future for generations to come.

At the Native Title Conference held in Cairns in June 2007, James Fitzgerald, of Chalk and Fitzgerald Lawyers, gave a presentation on the three stages of land rights. In this presentation he said:

"In New South Wales, much valuable coastal land has been transferred to Local Aboriginal Land

Councils. Where shire councils have been unable to prevent claims being granted, they commonly place such lands under an environmental protection zoning so as to prohibit development and ensure that they remain treated in the public's mind as parkland. In the meantime, developers are granted approvals to develop adjoining parcels on the basis that the Aboriginal lands will serve as an adequate environmental buffer and as necessary open space."

At the time of invasion, the British determined that Australia fell under terra nullius. This is



Brendan Moyle

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Many Australians who feel there is a long way to go before Aborigines get the respect they deserve are pleased to see/hear the authentic Aboriginal voice being honoured via these prestigious awards.

R G LIPSCOMBE
Innisfail, Qld

Missed opportunity

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the reality that Aboriginal people have never ceded sovereignty of their land. An apology was always a part of that.

Many in the audience turned their back on Mr Howard at a major reconciliation congress some years ago and now the nation has done the same.

Mr Howard, you have missed the last bus out of town and you squandered over ten years of opportunity to address reconciliation and all the issues that are a part of that process.

STEPHEN HALL
Noonga Boodja (Noongar Country)
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Truths under the surface

I recently returned from an Australian Indigenous Communications Conference. Once again the issues were the same. What are we as Indigenous people to do given the current crises facing our nations?

Once again, we find ourselves in crisis due to the actions of an occupying force that has held us to

ransom for over 200 years.

Once again, we are the political pawns in their games for power and influence over this nation.

We try to deal within the constraints of their problems that they have created for themselves and in which we seem to have little ability to in any way affect.

What amazes me is why are we

so surprised and taken aback. And why are we still trying to double guess a regime that has no real use for us and will always see us as an incumbent problem and stumbling block to their total control of this land and its nations?

Once again I heard people try to find economic and legal solutions to problems, all the time avoiding speaking or touching on the real truths, which are always unspoken beneath the surface.

In answer to this entire, let me quote from a letter written in a Launceston newspaper in 1831:

"Are these unhappy people the subjects of the King, in a state of rebellion; or are they an injured people whom we have invaded and with whom we are at war? Are they within the reach of our laws or are they to be judged by the law of nations? Are they to be viewed in the light of murderers or as prisoners of war? Have they been guilty of any crime under

the law of nations, which is punishable by death; or have they only been carrying on a war in their way? Are they British subjects at all or a foreign enemy that has never been subdued and which resists our usurped authority and domination? We are at war with them, they look upon us as enemies, as invaders, as oppressors and persecutors they resist our invasion. They have never been subdued; therefore, they are not rebellious subjects, but an injured nation, defending in their own way, their rightful possession which we have taken from them by force."

In the words of Peter Tosh, 'Everyone is crying out for peace - we want equal rights and justice'.

Without Makarrata, there is no peace. Without treaty, we will never have justice. Without treaty, we will never have justice. And behind closed doors they will continue to mock us and think that they have fooled us once again.

And every one of us who does a deal with any other foundation will be another co-conspirator covering the truth and making justice so much harder to achieve.

If we do not respect ourselves and each other, then we will continue to walk in anger bitterness, reproach and false humility.

We have a huge legacy of proud resistance to being dispossessed. The answer is not economic. The answer is not legal (in a sense). The answer lies in the politics of treaty and justice. The answer is in freedom and truth.

And until the day comes when we accept this and attempt to bypass this step, we will be treated as the fools and victims we have become who are signing away our country under deception because we are afraid to rock the boat.

Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.

SHARON LIVERMORE
Kempsey, NSW

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Eco-Wise Community Grants

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Charleville: 12 December 2007 - Neighbourhood Centre, Corner Alfred and Eyre Streets.

Roma: 13 December 2007 - Roma Maranoa Club, 29 Hawthorne Street.

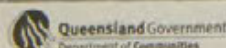
- All sessions will run from 7 pm to 8 pm.
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Phone Rowena or Adam on 4699 4232 to register your attendance.

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Daniel Fuzalalo, Youth Justice Conferencing Convenor



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The fair dinkum legends

I spent the weekend watching the multicultural First Contact touch footy carnival in Brisbane.

What a bonus it was to find out that we had our very own celebrity team playing - Nova Unearthed.

These guys are true legends. Not only did they sign autographs, have their

photos taken and stop and chat with everyone who pulled them up, they mixed in with the rest of us.

It's guys like Peachy, Blacklock, Peris, Johnson, Bateman and Widders who show up the so-called celebrities who need bodyguards and special treatment.

They really are role models as they know how to make someone's day very special just by taking the time to be interested in them, if only for a little while.

You guys are truly legends.

DONNA KNOX
Cannon Hill, QLD



David Peachey signs autographs for fans at First Contact.

One set of rules for us, one for them

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a Latin term meaning 'land belonging to no-one' and the British used this as our ancestors did not use the land the way that they did. The British used this to ignore the rights of our ancestors and take the land away.

Skip forward 200 or so years and it seems that this time *terra nullius* is now being used in a different way.

Queanbeyan City Council, and other local government bodies, and the NSW State Government need to be reminded that they have an obligation to ensure that Aboriginal communities develop and prosper on a level that

is the same as the rest of the community as a whole.

When the level of opportunity differs from one group to another in similar or identical circumstances, this is discrimination.

When will local, State and Commonwealth governments work in partnership with local Aboriginal people to develop and use the land effectively rather than approach our land dealings with the same attitude as the old white mission managers?

BRENDAN MOYLE
Chairperson

Ngunnawal Local Aboriginal Lands Council

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

YOUR POETRY

Jumping Billy Flash

The old man walking down the beaten track
Many a horse he's ridden in the great outback
Across those wide blue ranges
He's seen many a sight
Dingoes frightening the herds at night
Now old Ned was a true bushie character of old
He will tell stories of the good and the bold
Once he told of Jumping Billy Flash
An Aborigine of the bush outback
Well Billy Flash could whip a snake
Around his head and crack it like a whip
Then he would cook it and eat it no quip
Till one day Billy Flash stood on a red belly
Well did you see him jump
He really hopped and corroboreed around that old
black stump
For he thought he had been bitten
But he knew what to do
For he and old Ned were bushies true
For true mates as different as the day is done
What an unusual sight for everyone
Old Ned and Billy Flash
Trod on forever in the great outback
Till one day they were found by an empty bore
Until this day no one knows why they forgot the
bush lore.

MARGARET ARMSTRONG
Queensland

Marbuk

A tall Aborigine standing upon that jutting rock
His eyes are searching for his tribe
camped down the track
For he had gone hunting for some roo and
porcupine
But he knows not to touch his totem for that is a
crime
Then he sees the spiral of smoke
across that broken ridge
He took off walking fast for his family
were hungry for food
Dampener and witchetty grub were cooked
waiting for him to appear
Then he walked in with his prey
on his shoulder and spear
But now the water hole was getting dry
And they knew they must move on
To another place across the plains
To let the crops replenish and so on
Aborigines of this land knew how to care for it I'm
told
They did not damage or destroy or dig for gold
Yes! They hunted and walked for miles just to find
food
But they looked after this land plenty 'um good.

MARGARET ARMSTRONG
Queensland

Roadkill

Overflowing insides
bloody and forlorn,
rolled into the road
another life we mourn.

I move her to the side
a tear behind my eye,
affording her some
dignity
otherwise denied.

despair,
cold insensitivity
lingers in the air.

Cars are the culprits
of this heinous crime,
man-made menace
ruled by a tiny mind.

Innocence is lost
sadness intensifies,
finally that teardrop
falls from my left eye.

Body warm and broken
cloaked in dark

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

Keep it short and sweet

This is a reminder to readers that all
contributions to Your Say must be
accompanied by the author's full name,
home town/city and State/Territory, and a
contact number so that we can verify
content.

Preference is given to letters of 400
words or less.

'Looking For' letters are welcome as
long as they do not breach the privacy of
individuals mentioned.

Search for family keeps running into dead-ends

I have traced my great, great
grandmother to the mission in Wellington,
NSW, in 1848. She was baptised by Rev
William Watson, her name was Eliza
Bartlett and she was ten at the time.

All I know is that her father was
European and her mother was an
unnamed Aboriginal woman. I think she
was born in Coonabarabran, but I am not
sure.

She married Henry Phillips in 1854 and
was married by William Watson at
Euromebang in Wellington. They moved
to Warren, in NSW, and had my great
grandmother in 1857.

I know that my grandmother was born
in Coonamble, but had no birth certificate,
but on her death certificate it had her
father as Ernest Yeo. Her name was Mary
Phillips. She married Johnson Alderton

and had my mother in Coonamble. John
was English descent.

I am hoping someone might be able to
help me as I keep encountering
dead-ends.

FAY D'LOUH
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INVITATION FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS.

On 12 October 2007 the Redistribution
Commission invited public suggestions on the
redistribution of the State's 89 Electoral Districts.

Twenty-four suggestions have been received.

The Commission invites comments in response
to these suggestions. Members of the public
are welcome to comment on some or all of the
submissions received to date, or any part of
a particular submission.

The Commission will take all submissions and
comments into account in developing a set
of electoral district boundary proposals.
The Commission's proposed redistribution will
then be made available for a further stage
of public comment.

Copies of Public Suggestions received to date
can be viewed at the Commission's office,
Level 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street,
Brisbane between the hours of 9.00 am and
5.00 pm (Monday to Friday). Copies are also
available at major Public Libraries and selected
Council offices throughout Queensland.

The Suggestions are also available on the
Commission's website - www.ecq.qld.gov.au

All public comments should be made in writing,
marked "QRC/C" and forwarded to:

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Locked Bag 3304
BRISBANE Q 4001

Alternatively, comments can be delivered to the
Commission's office during normal office hours.

All comments on the suggestions must be lodged
with the Commission by **5.00 pm on Monday,
17 December 2007.**

It would assist the Commission if anyone
intending to submit maps with written comments
could do so on maps of the present Electoral
Districts. Copies of relevant maps and current
electoral enrolment statistics can be obtained
by calling the Commission on 1300 881 665 or
downloading maps and enrolment statistics off
the Commission's website - www.ecq.qld.gov.au

Copies of all comments must be made available
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Persons requiring further information or
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Hon. Alan Demack AO
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Queensland Redistribution Commission

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Aboriginal Heritage - HW9 Muswellbrook Bypass

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) proposes to provide a bypass of Muswellbrook town centre on the New England Highway.

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

Registrations from Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by 24 December 2007.

To register your interest, please contact:
Matthew Mate, RTA Project Manager
Locked Bag 30, NEWCASTLE NSW 2300
Phone 02 4924 0646
Facsimile 02 4924 0342
Email matthew_mate@rta.nsw.gov.au

Scrymgeour the key to success

By CLAIRE SMITH

The appointment of Marion Scrymgeour as the first Indigenous politician to hold the position of Deputy Leader of a State or Territory government may be perceived by some as a test of Kevin Rudd's election-night promise to break down divisions between State and Federal governments, but it also has the more likely potential for unprecedented success in Indigenous policy outcomes.

Scrymgeour has strongly opposed the Federal intervention in the Northern Territory in its current form while Rudd broadly endorses it, albeit with critical amendments. While the scene could have been set for potential conflict, there is now the possibility of a new period of constructive engagement between States/Territories and the Federal Government.

In October Scrymgeour used the 2007 Charles Perkins Oration at Sydney University to blast the motivation and implementation of the intervention, characterising it as a 'vicious new McCarthyism'. This prompted the then Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough to call for Ms Scrymgeour's resignation, on the basis that she was 'not prepared to help her own people'. When questioned on some of Scrymgeour's views, Rudd's response at that time was that she was 'wrong'.

The Federal election has vindicated Scrymgeour's reading of her constituents. Labor received unprecedented support in the electorate of Lingiari, which covers 99.8 per cent of the Territory, polling up to 95 per cent at some remote area voting booths, including that of Wadeye, a community regularly visited by Mr Brough.

In an ironic turn of events, Scrymgeour's promotion was matched by Brough losing his seat in Longman, an electorate named after the first woman elected to the Queensland Parliament.

The magnitude of the 10.7 per cent swing against Brough, almost twice the national average, indicates that the intervention was a low-key but critical factor in the election.

Indeed, the discriminatory elements of the Northern Territory intervention may well have played a part in John Howard's personal downfall. Howard had plenty of warning that Chinese and Korean voters, an increasingly substantive section of his electorate, were abandoning him. While their major concerns may have been interest rate rises and under-investment in health and public education, these voters could not fail to be concerned by the discriminating aspects of the Northern Territory intervention given Howard's previous form on race issues.

The results of the Federal election in Lingiari call into question the legal basis of the intervention. The Federal

Associate Professor Claire Smith is a social scientist at Flinders University, with 20 years' research experience in remote communities in the Northern Territory. She is also a member of the Women for Wik lobby group.
Claire.smith@flinders.edu.au

Government argued that the sections of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* that make discrimination unlawful do not apply in this case as the intervention is a 'special measure' for the benefit of the affected people.

But what is beneficial to people has to be judged by the individuals themselves. Through the electoral process Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory have stated that the intervention is not benefiting them.

Government policy needs to be designed, implemented and evaluated as close to the affected people as possible. We need to be using Aboriginal culture to strengthen our programs, to ensure their viability.

Rachel Willika, of Eva Valley community, told me that at her polling booth, people refused to take the Coalition how to vote paper. They said 'We don't want that CLP paper, we want

After the unseemly haste of a potentially election-saving 'emergency' intervention, it has been refreshing to hear Kevin Rudd announce that his Government will apologise early in his first parliamentary term, and that they 'would frame it in a consultative fashion with communities and that may take some time'.

Rudd has much to offer the Northern Territory intervention. In his first speech to Parliament in 1998, he spoke of an equality of opportunity that begins in the school system, of appallingly under-funded hospital systems, and of the need for a decent social security system to protect the weak. He stated that the provision of decent public housing was 'the right thing to do', and spoke of education as both a tool of social justice as well as a fundamental driver of economic development. All of these views can inform a Northern Territory intervention that works.

More than anything else, Indigenous Australia needs well-informed evidence-based policy making, subject to on-going evaluation, not just in regards to outcomes but in terms of whether the actual process is succeeding.

In the Barunga region, there has been an increase in mortality and youth suicide rates since the intervention.

Aboriginal communities in remote areas are fragile, and it is well recorded that youth suicide rates and death rates go up during periods of additional stress, such as after the Katherine floods or the cyclone in Kalumburu. While the Coalition Government allocated more than \$1.3 billion to the intervention, no measures have been put in place to monitor its impact on the emotional welfare of these vulnerable communities, much less respond to any unanticipated consequences.

The key to success in the Northern Territory intervention lies with the relationship between Rudd's Government and

Scrymgeour, in her capacity of Minister of Indigenous Affairs. If the Territory and Federal governments work together, with Aboriginal people as partners, using Aboriginal culture as a way of strengthening these programs, there is a great deal that can be achieved.

The confluence of a Federal government that promises to be consultative, socially progressive and economically responsible and an Aboriginal Deputy Chief Minister who really knows her electorate provides an unprecedented opportunity for life-changing policy outcomes for Aboriginal Territorians. Like all Australians, Aboriginal people want a better future for themselves and for their children.

Working together, Rudd and Scrymgeour are in a position to help them achieve this.



Kevin Rudd



Marion Scrymgeour

Photo: Jack Dawutno

that other paper, that good paper'.

Nell Brown, senior traditional owner at Barunga community, said: "We voted to stop that intervention and to get our permit system back."

Given the massive incongruence between the methods used in the intervention and its ostensible reason (the protection of children from sexual abuse), many people have suspected that it was a ploy to save the Howard Government from defeat. Still, it still came as a surprise when Clare Martin, in her final press conference as Chief Minister of the Northern Territory said she felt 'quite ill' when she heard a television interview in which the outgoing Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, said the Howard Government had hoped the intervention would save them from political defeat.

Calma tops influential Indigenous list



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has been awarded the

prestigious number-one position in the Indigenous category of *The Bulletin* magazine's Power 100 for 2007.

The Power 100 selects the 100 most powerful people in Australia. It is judged by a group of 10 who select people they consider share one common trait – the ability and desire to drive change.

Indigenous category judge Mick Gooda, CEO of the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health, ranked Mr Calma ahead of controversial Cape York Aboriginal activist Noel Pearson, former ALP national president Warren Mundine, educator Dr Chris Sarra, and actor and musician Tom Lewis, in that order.

The first woman on the list was 70-year-old educator and chair of the Northern Territory's Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Rose Kunoth-Monks, followed by National Indigenous Council chairperson Dr Sue Gordon.

Eighth on the list was Arnhem Land artist John Mawurndjul, followed by footballer and educator David Wirrpanda. Coming in tenth was NT MP Barbara Malandiri, previously known as Barb McCarthy.

"I had to consider my interpretation of power, such as positional power, power of the personality, power by association or power of influence," Gooda said in his rationale for his selection.

"I selected Tom Calma because he fits a few of these, but more important for me is how he uses his power."

"Tom is pragmatic in knowing that along with rights come responsibilities, but this mindset is not an imposition that applies only to one side. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have responsibilities as well as rights; so do governments and others."

"Tom is as committed as anyone I know to the protection of children."

"This year I have particularly admired his actions in leading the fight to ensure Indigenous people have access to the full rights enjoyed by other Australians."

"Without these rights, we might as well turn the clock back and forget we ever had the 1967 referendum. Tom has never traded principle for comfort, and in his current position he has made Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel safe in the knowledge he is 'there for us'."

Calma's 2005 'Close the Gap' report, which argues that health is a legal human right, has been adopted as a world's best practice by the United Nations.

He has supported aspects of the Howard Government's intervention in the NT but has lamented that 'we've got non-Indigenous teams building kit homes for people in Wadeye', rather than local Aboriginal people learning new building skills.

Mr Calma has reportedly described his relationship with former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough as 'not good', but 'not for lack of trying'.

Gooda described Noel Pearson as the 'leading Indigenous opinion-maker in Australia', saying that he 'did not shy away from challenging the orthodoxies that had been built around the articulation of thought in Indigenous affairs which has seen him at odds with parts of the Indigenous community'.

Indeed, Pearson has earned the vitriol of many other Indigenous people but appears unconcerned as he doggedly pursues welfare reform



Tom Calma (pictured) 'has never traded principle for comfort, and in his current position he has made Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel safe in the knowledge he is there for us', says the Indigenous category judge in the *Bulletin* magazine's Power 100 list, Mick Gooda.

would probably 'never get his day in court, his openness in confronting his past abuse and refusal to succumb to victimhood is an inspiration that gives hope to others'.

Of Dr Sue Gordon, another somewhat polarised figure in Indigenous affairs, Gooda said she had copped flak from Indigenous people in public forums who accused her of 'selling out', but said she was connected at the highest levels of politics and to people in remote communities.

"She is one of the Stolen Generations, but

in Cape communities, based around financial income management.

Gooda waded into sensitive territory by commending the leadership and courage of film actor and musician Tom Lewis in

agreeing to testify against former Labor senator Bob Collins, whom Lewis claimed raped him as a teenager. Collins died in September before Lewis could testify.

Gooda said that while Lewis

is prepared to remove Indigenous kids to save them from abuse," he said.

The Overall and Finance winner in the Power 100 was Governor of Reserve Bank of Australia, Glenn Stevens.

New leaders at NACCHO



THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has

new leaders.

Dr Mick Adams becomes the new Chairman at a critical time for NACCHO and Aboriginal health.

The new Vice-Chairman is Justin Mohammed. "We must rise to the huge challenge facing Aboriginal peoples throughout Australia. The NT emergency and the Government response has highlighted how far we have to go," said Dr Adams.

"I am proud and pleased to have been elected the new Chair. My first priority will be to establish a good working relationship with the new Labor Government."

"However I believe that although this is a key



Dr Mick Adams, the new Chairman of NACCHO.

partnership, we must work on partnerships with all sectors, including business and the non-governmental sector. Only if we all work together can we turn around the 17-year life expectancy gap."

Dr Adams said his other priority was to strengthen the connections between NACCHO members.

"Working with our State and Territory affiliates and over 140 member services is the key to improving our people's health," he said.

"NACCHO is only as strong as its members and it is here to

service them."

Dr Adams has more than 30 years' experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs and has published a number of books and articles on health and well-being issues.



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Performances Second to None



A UNIQUE performance event telling the intertwined Aboriginal and maritime histories of Adelaide's Port

River region has enjoyed a sold-out and highly successful season.

Presented by Kurruru Indigenous Youth performing Arts and Vitalstatistix Theatre Company, *Second to None* merged a host of historical, traditional and contemporary elements together to tell stories of dispossession, resistance, industrialisation and the solidarity between Aboriginal people and maritime workers.

For four shows last week, the production brought together the Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities of 'the Port', as Port Adelaide is known to locals, to share and reveal the Aboriginal history of Yerta Bulti (Kaurna for the land of the sleeping).

It incorporated four indoor and outdoor performances sites - Vitalstatistix Hall, Hart's Mill, Glanville Hall, and Kauwanga (White Hollows) at Largs Bay.

In the 1940s and 1950s, Glanville Hall was known as St Francis House and operated as a children's home. Children housed there included Charles Perkins and businessman John Moriarty, who went on to campaign courageously for Indigenous rights.

Karl Winda Teller, Kaurna man and Artistic Director of the site, saw the show having a broader relevance - beyond the Port. "The story for me

wasn't just about the Kaurna people. The experience of the incoming culture has affected every cultural language group within Australia," he said.

Second to None drew on support from more than 150 members of the local Aboriginal community - taking part as performers, production crew and support staff. This saw Elders, young people and everyone in between taking part.

"The young people acknowledged and respected the story of Country and its people," Mr Teller said.

"The value in reactivating of community Elders to become involved in their cultural practice and recognise their cultural value within their community can't be calculated."

Kurruru supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's cultural engagement and celebration in the Port Adelaide area and through a growing presence across South Australia.

It collaborated with the Port's other resident theatre company, Vitalstatistix Theatre Company, to realise *Second to None*.

Performers in the show numbered more than 100 and included the award-winning Kurruru Dance Ensemble, choreographed by Gina Rings, and Born on Monday by the River (a Vitalstatistix initiative, formerly the Port Adelaide community choir). Lou Bennett, formerly of The Tiddas, composed the soundscape that complimented the show's spectacle.



Elders at Kauwanga (White Hollows), back, from left, Lewis O'Brien, Kevin (Dookie) O'Loughlin, Frank Wanganeen and Darren Wanganeen; front, from left, Josie Agius, Georgina Williams, May Graham, Joan Lamont, Katrina Power and Pat Waria-Read.

Photos by SAMA REID

Kurruru Cultural Director Diat Alferink said *Second to None* was the 'biggest thing' that Kurruru had done.

"It involved two companies and such a vast number of people, all of whom played a critical role in the telling of a story which otherwise may be forgotten in the face of the multi-million-dollar NewPort Quays development project," she said.

"It's about how the two cultures interacted together to create a strong community. It provides a sense of history and truth."

Second To None took its name and its inspiration from the translation of the Latin motto, *Haud Pluribus Impar*, in the 1856 Port Adelaide Coat of Arms, which depicts a sailor and an Aboriginal man, representing the two communities that most

clearly define the unique and distinctive character of the oldest working community in South Australia.

"It has been many moons since we have come together to sing up Country. Our Country heals us, our language is us, so the people become stronger through reawakening the spirit of Country," observed Mr Teller on the production's final night.



From left, Nazaree Dickerson, Lisa Flanagan and Jada Alberts.



Kakirra Williams



Kurruru Boys Performance Ensemble led by Damien Ralphs.



Kaurna campsite recreated by Karl Teller for the Kauwanga (White Hollows) site.



Kurruru performers at Glanville Hall.

'Neighbours' in musical collaboration



A 'MAGICAL musical collaboration' is taking place at the top end of Australia, with neighbouring Indonesia.

Music group

Yilila, from the remote Arnhem Land community Numbulwar, is working with Watublapi musicians from Flores, Indonesia, to create remarkable music, while fostering friendship and strength in both remote communities.

Yilila lead singer and songwriter Grant Nundhirribala and musician, producer and mentor Tony Gray travelled to Indonesia from Arnhem Land in January and again during July this year, where they spent time working with the Watublapi musicians.

They are returning to Flores this month to spend another three months collaborating with the local musicians.

In a reciprocal exchange, the Watublapi musicians will travel to Darwin early next year as one of the final stages in the project.

They will record a music CD and perform together at the Darwin Festival in May 2008.

Both Yilila and Watublapi musicians live in extremely remote areas. Watublapi in Flores is situated in a mountainous, remote area in Eastern Indonesia. The town was decimated by a tsunami that hit in 1992, wiping the destination off tourist maps and diverting the once thriving tourist diving trade to other islands. As people struggle to rebuild the community their music strengthens morale and their sense of a future.

Yilila musicians live in Numbulwar where many people still live traditional lifestyles.

Grant Nundhirribala has danced and toured with Bangarra



Yilila lead singer and songwriter Grant Nundhirribala

Dance Company and Yothu Yindi, as well as collaborating with internationally renowned artists John Butler, Sultan Khan and Zakir Hussein. Other members of Yilila performed at the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000, and the band has toured nationally and internationally for many years.

First trip

A trip to Flores earlier in the year was the first time Mr Nundhirribala had been overseas.

"All of my traditional music and dance is about the Maccassan traders from Indonesia, so it was very special for me to finally go to Indonesia," he said.

"We found we had many of the same words in our languages and our music was also similar. The Indonesian people are like my

brothers and sisters and I have really enjoyed playing and writing music with them."

Mr Gray said Yilila's members were committed to sharing and teaching their culture, and had discovered similar goals in the Watublapi musicians.

"We are so excited to discover that Yilila and Watublapi are following the same paths to build their remote communities through traditional music, dance and art," he said.

"This project provides such a fantastic opportunity to encourage Australian and Indonesian music, while creating fresh and innovative new sounds."

The Yilila/Watublapi project was conceived and is being managed by Asialink, which aims to initiate and strengthen Australia-Asia engagement.



6EBA FM Whadjuk Radio presenter Ethel Wallam with the two awards she won in recent weeks.

WA program is a winner

By KEN BOASE in Perth



THE Whadjuk Indigenous radio program on 6EBA-FM in Perth has picked up two awards in its first year of operation,

one national award and a local award recognising the contribution the program makes to the WA Aboriginal community.

The program was awarded 'Best New Talent' at the annual conference of the Australian Indigenous Communications Association (AICA) and a couple of weeks later won an award at the WA Community Industry Service Awards.

One of the AICA judges, Marijana Bosnjak, said that she 'enjoyed the mix of language in Whadjuk Radio, the program deserved to be celebrated, and I look forward to hearing more from them'.

Whadjuk presenter Nyooongar woman Ethel Wallam, who is employed as College Co-ordinator at Abmusic in Perth, said she was thrilled but surprised to pick up the awards in her first year as an amateur broadcaster. Ms Wallam said it had been tough at times getting the program together because she had to juggle her work schedule with gathering material for the two-hour broadcast.

"It has been difficult at times because it's all voluntary work and it's something that I put my own time into because I'm employed full-time at Abmusic," she said.

"It has its tough times but with the help I get from the community and local Indigenous organisations and meeting and mixing with the artists at Abmusic, there's never any problems getting guests and good content for the program."

Ms Wallam said she was still mystified and a little in awe at receiving the awards.

"I really don't know why Whadjuk was picked for these awards but I'm told it's because of the effort that has gone into it and it's based around informing the community. It's the only Indigenous program on air in Perth at the moment," she said.

"We're on air two hours a week and we keep it positive and try to make sure that the Indigenous community knows what's happening and up to date."

"We play only Indigenous music and we promote arts, theatre, sports and the program is there to let the non-Indigenous community know that we are active and doing positive work and getting stronger and prouder."

Whadjuk radio can be heard between 12:30 and 2:30pm on Thursdays at 6EBA 95.3 FM.

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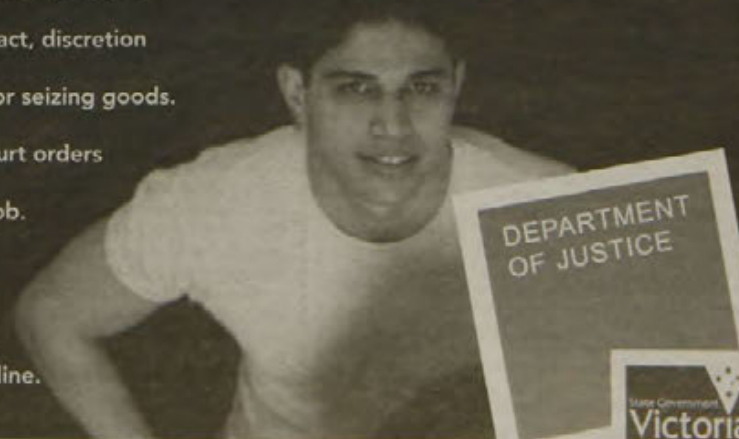
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Gerrington to Bomaderry Princes Highway Upgrade

Options Display

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority has identified options to upgrade the Princes Highway between Gerrington and Bomaderry.

Seven feasible options have been developed in response to a range of engineering, environmental and community issues.

The options will be on display through to Friday 29 February 2008 at the following locations:

- **Berry project office** (Broughton Court) 3/113 Queen Street, Berry. Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4pm to 21 December. Thursdays and Fridays only from 10 January to 29 February from 8.30am to 4pm
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- **Kiama Fair Shopping Centre** Terralong Street, Kiama. Monday to Sunday - shopping centre hours.
- **Nowra Fair Shopping Centre** 32-60 East Street, Nowra. Monday to Sunday - shopping centre hours.

A program of staffed displays, information sessions and workshops will be held. For more information contact the project information line on 1800 506 976 or go to the Berry project office (see above).

For more information: www.rta.nsw.gov.au.

'Bring it on', says Wiradjuri student



THE old saying of 'the sky's the limit' will probably prove true in more ways than one for Queanbeyan teenager Kori Keed this month.

On Monday the 17-year-old Queanbeyan High School student began a gruelling 12-day navigation course that will see participants abseil, rock-climb, camp, hike and raft their way through the Namadgi National Park, in the Australian Alps, outside Canberra.

The course, run by not-for-profit leadership development organisation Outward Bound, will enable Kori and other participants to test their physical and psychological strengths and weakness.

Despite having never tried most of the activities planned, Kori says he's excited about learning what his limits are, and meeting new people.

"I've never been hiking or rock climbing and I've never been abseiling so I'm excited," he told *The Koori Mail*. "I'd like to test my limits, to see how far I can go."

The Wiradjuri teenager's love of sport, especially rugby league, will no doubt help him to meet the physical challenges of the course.

Participants must carry all of their equipment, clothing and others needs in backpacks and sleep each night outdoors under minimal shelter.

The geographic area to be traversed during the course has a rich Indigenous history. A rockshelter at Birrigai, just north of Namadgi National Park, contains evidence that Aboriginal people were living in the region during the last Ice Age 21,000 years ago when the Namadgi Ranges were covered in snow for most of the year.

Outward Bound enrolment officer Natalie Riley said Kori and the other participants would finish the course with heightened self-awareness, self-esteem and self-confidence.

"They'll learn what their own strengths and weaknesses are, to be able to better deal with situations they'll face in life and challenges that will need to be met," Ms Riley said.

"These things are brought to them through physical and psychological

Kori Keed: "I'd like to test my limits, to see how far I can go."



challenges. We take them away from modern conveniences and give them a chance to think about where they are going and perhaps set some goals."

Kori's participation in the navigation course has been sponsored by Capital region philanthropic organisation Greater Good.

Spokeswoman Di Kargas said many donors to the community foundation had asked for their donations to benefit young people, and a little bit of support at the right time in a young person's life could often make a big difference.

"Each year we ask particular communities in the region to choose a young person who might benefit," Ms Kargas said.

"In the Queanbeyan area,

guidance counsellor Greg Hodder and the teachers of Queanbeyan High School chose Kori Keed and I understand that Kori is very excited about it.

"It's quite a cost to go on these courses - nearly \$2000 per participant, which is out of reach to a lot of families.

"Through Greater Good, we're trying to bridge the isolation gap for kids who will benefit in a leadership and development sense, and to help them grow into adults in the right headspace."

Kori's dad Steve said he was proud of Kori and his brother Jacob, who played in the NSW Under 16s New South Wales v Queensland rugby league State of Origin contest earlier this year.

Call for more prison research



A LEAD Aboriginal health body has called for urgent new research to

address worsening rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander incarceration.

The Darwin-based Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH) says Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are much more likely to be imprisoned and much more likely to be a victim of crime than other Australians.

Statistics show that Indigenous prisoners represented 22 per cent of the national prison population in 2005, and the rate has increased by 12 per cent since then.

In the Northern Territory, 80 per cent of all prisoners are Aboriginal. Indigenous women are the fastest growing group in the prison population.

CRCAH staff were among health researchers who met with corrections staff, prisoner advocates and health service providers in Canberra last Wednesday to explore ways to improve Indigenous prisoner health and reduce recidivism.

The Aboriginal Prisoner Health Roundtable, organised by CRCAH in conjunction with the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), was aimed at

identifying priority areas of research which will assist in developing programs to improve Indigenous prison health and reduce the rate of re-offending.

CRCAH Chief Executive Officer Mick Gooda said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were much more likely to be imprisoned and much more likely to be a victim of crime than other Australians.

"The tragedy is that many of our people in prison are themselves victims of violent crime and there is a desperate need to develop a program of research to address the appalling social and health costs of Indigenous incarceration," Mr Gooda said.

"In the 20 years since the

Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody reported on the disproportionate rates of Indigenous imprisonment in Australia and recommended action to reduce these rates, our people continue to fill the country's prisons."

Mr Gooda said that there was very little research being undertaken on prison health and recidivism and that which was being done was mainly descriptive rather than solutions focussed.

The Canberra meeting heard about the successes of Canadian Aboriginal people in reducing recidivism rates through development of discrete and culturally designed programs including the world's first Aboriginal-run prison.

Draft Mid North Coast Regional Strategy

Have your say on draft growth area maps

The NSW Government invites your comments on plans to provide for the adequate supply of suitable land for housing and employment growth on the Mid North Coast over the next 25 years.

As part of the draft Mid North Coast Regional Strategy, the Department of Planning is identifying areas that will be available for future urban development. Once finalised, the growth area maps will guide local planning for Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Bellingen, Nambucca, Kempsey, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Greater Taree and Great Lakes council areas.

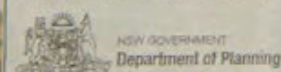
The draft growth area maps can be viewed online at www.planning.nsw.gov.au and at the Department's offices during business hours at:

- Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- North Coast Office, 76 Victoria Street, Grafton
- Hunter Office, Level 2, 26 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle

as well as the main offices of the local councils throughout the region.

Comments are invited until Friday 8 February 2008. Please mail to the Department of Planning, Locked Bag 9022, Grafton NSW 2460 or email northcoast@planning.nsw.gov.au. Contact details (name, address, telephone, fax and email) should be included in your submission. Please note that all submissions received may be made publicly available unless you indicate you do not wish this to happen.

Inquiries: 02 6641 6600 or 02 4904 2700



Reconciliation campaigner passes the baton



Former Governor General Sir William Deane was on hand to wish Jackie Huggins well as she stepped down as Reconciliation Australia co-chair.



Jackie Huggins (centre) with Fred Chaney and Angela Chaney at her farewell in Canberra last month.



RA Programs and Strategy Director Jason Glanville with RA Director Dick Estens.



RA Director Shelley Reys and RA staff member Jane Magnus.



Jackie Huggins' son John flew in from Brisbane to surprise his mum at her emotional farewell event.

Tributes flow as Huggins moves on



JACKIE HUGGINS' life has taken some interesting turns, from a childhood when she 'hated white people' to 14 years as a champion of reconciliation between black and white Australians.

Last month, the writer and historian stepped down from the organisation driving the reconciliation 'people's movement' — Reconciliation Australia (RA) — to take some personal time out and concentrate on other challenges.

In doing so, she passed the baton as the organisation's co-chair to her friend and fellow RA director Professor Mick Dodson.

In the past, Ms Huggins has been exceptionally candid about her earlier resentment of non-Indigenous people, from her childhood when she watched as her mum Rita slaved as a domestic servant and as she experienced racism and isolation at school.

"I still carry a lot of grief about what happened to my people," she conceded at an international women's conference in Uganda during 2005. "But I am free now from hate and anger."

Ms Huggins has credited much of her change of heart to her observations of grassroots Australians, as well as pastoralists, mining companies, Indigenous and green groups who have come together to start to negotiate a process that she believes will take generations to achieve.

"May we prove to be honourable ancestors as we walk the road together,"

she told non-Aboriginal Australian delegate Trish McDonald-Harrison at the Uganda event.

In the years since 1994 when she joined RA's predecessor, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR), Ms Huggins advocated passionately for an apology for the Stolen Generations to help address 'unfinished business' and a greater government commitment to addressing Indigenous disadvantage.

It was this passion, along with her

NSW MP and Government Minister Linda Burney, herself a former member of CAR, said: "Her passion, dedication and substantial body of work in the telling of truth about this nation's history has resulted in a wonderful service to not only Australians of today but also Australians into the future."

CAR's first chairperson, Patrick Dodson, said Ms Huggins' leadership of RA had been at a time when the organisation had been 'fog-bound and holding against the tide'.

"The tide will turn and the fog will lift and it will be the leadership that you have shown to us all at a difficult time that will have positioned the reconciliation process on the front of the tidal surge that will inevitably take this nation to a resolution of the unfinished business between all Australians," Mr Dodson said.

Others including Queensland Premier Anna Bligh, journalist Geraldine Doogue, resource industry representative Campbell Anderson and Oxfam Australia's Fiona Moore also sent tributes.

Last month, Ms Huggins became one of the first Indigenous leaders to deposit her papers — mainly focussing on 1969 to the present — with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in Canberra.

At a ceremony to mark that occasion, Ms Huggins said she hadn't really retired — "I've got about 15 years of working life left. I started this work when I was very young" — and that she would continue to add to her papers into the future.



Co-operative Research Centre on Aboriginal Health CEO Mick Gooda (left) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma with RA Director Raymatja Marika.

nurturing personality and sense of humour, that was most remarked upon at her farewell from RA in Canberra on 19 November, in the days leading up to the Federal election.

"She has worked assiduously to keep reconciliation on the national agenda, and to lay firm foundations for the time when it is given the attention it deserves," said former Liberal Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser of Ms Huggins. "We all owe her a debt of gratitude."

Qld trial launched

Story and photos by Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



A LANDMARK pilot program targeting alcohol abuse and crime among Indigenous Queenslanders has been officially launched in Townsville, north Queensland. Guests at the 23 November launch at the Stagpole Street Drug and Rehabilitation Unit

included members of the legal profession, including magistrates, and Indigenous leaders such as Rev Shayne Blackman, who delivered an inspirational speech.

Indigenous Radio announcer Lloyd Wyles made live crosses to listeners throughout north Queensland, including some in remote communities.

Clients at the Stagpole Street Centre wrote testimonies on a board about their experiences and the dangers of alcohol.

Communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships spokeswoman Lindy Nelson-Carr said Townsville was one of three locations trialling the \$36.4-million Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program (QIADP).

Other programs being trialled were in Rockhampton and Cairns.

"QIADP is a three-year pilot program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with alcohol misuse issues who are involved in the criminal justice or child protection systems," Ms Nelson-Carr said.

"Major aims of this whole-of-government trial are to improve health standards among Indigenous people and to reduce their over-representation in the justice and child protection systems, while ultimately keeping more of our families together."

"It's hoped that the trial proves successful in helping to break the cycles of alcohol abuse and crime affecting Indigenous men, women and children in communities."

"It is about helping to not only improve health standards, but also helping to rebuild lives."

Speaker of the Queensland Legislative Assembly and Member for Townsville Mike Reynolds said the program would make treatment and support – including supported accommodation – available for the residents of nearby Indigenous communities such as Palm Island.

"Queensland Health has allocated \$152,155 to the Stagpole Street Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit to provide treatment and support such as counselling, education, group and family therapy," Mr Reynolds said.

"The local Yumba-Meta Housing Association will receive up to \$537,000 per annum and a one-off payment of \$50,000 from the Department of Communities to establish and operate the supported accommodation and support services component of the program."

"Staff from both local organisations have worked hard for the past 11 months to establish the program in Townsville, which accounts for 23 of the 32 treatment places now active statewide."

Attorney-General and Justice Minister Kerry Shine said the program would be delivered in two streams, with 80 per cent of program places allocated via the criminal justice stream as referred by magistrates, and 20 per cent referred through the child safety stream by the Department of Child Safety.

"The program will offer individual assessments, a tailored intervention plan and case management to eligible offenders and families in contact with the child protection system," Mr Shine said.

"Case management offers the client a

single point of contact with health and social services to address problems such as problematic drug use, unemployment, accommodation, education, mental health, family matters, and other health and welfare issues.

"In turn, this will reduce the incidence of people returning to the justice system and the child protection system."

"The three trial locations are in operation and will be able to provide up to 130 people with treatment and support to beat alcohol misuse, including 50 treatment places in Townsville."

Mr Shine told the audience that it cost the Government between \$70,000 and \$100,000 a year for each prisoner in Queensland correctional centres.

"We want to try and get people affected by alcoholism away from prisons. Some have asked why we launched this program at a centre which is not far away from (a local hotel)."

"People will have two, three or 20 weeks under this program and then will leave. They will have to walk past hotels for the rest of their lives," he said.

Michael Illin, a Cultural Links Officer employed at the Stagpole Street centre,



Queensland Attorney-General Kerry Shine makes a point.

chaired the event and declared that he thought the program was 'great'.

A welcome to country was made on behalf of the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people. Dancers from the Crystal Creek campus of the Shalom College performed to enthusiastic applause.



Cultural Links Officer Michael Illin near the Stories From The Heart board.

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Shalom College dancers on stage.

Oz rockers are singing a reconciliation tune

By DARREN COYNE



TWO of Australia's most successful bands, Silverchair and Powderfinger, have been rocking to the tune of reconciliation.

They have just completed the Across the Green tour, which was run in partnership with Reconciliation Australia.

The tour lasted two months and included 14 regional centres, including places neither band had visited previously.

For the band members, the journey was an eye-opener and provided an insight into issues facing Indigenous Australians.

Silverchair lead singer Daniel Johns said they had learnt a

lot about reconciliation, but there was still a long way to go.

"I still don't know anywhere near as much as I should but every time we met someone, the Aboriginal Elders, you'd hear their stories and hear what they were going through, and the different perceptions people have of the same issues ... it's confronting," Johns said.

"Because there's a generational gap maybe some people think that it's not our responsibility, but everyone has to take responsibility to say sorry."

That's such a major message.

Powderfinger front man Bernard Fanning said other issues had pushed reconciliation off the agenda in recent years and both bands felt it was time to get people talking about it.

"(People need) to put forward their view about what reconciliation is to them - and that's the thing that I think attracted all of us to it - because it is about the community coming to an agreement about what it means," he said.

Fanning said the way forward was to gain an understanding about why it was such an important issue for Australia to deal with.

"We object so fiercely to, for example, Japanese whaling in the Pacific, but we don't object to people that were born here, that were the first Australians, that live almost 20 years less than the rest of non-Aboriginal Australians," he said.

"I think it's really a matter of confronting the idea of how we really see ourselves. There's this myth of the fair go in Australia, but it's pretty much for everyone except Aborigines."

Reconciliation Australia Director Shelley Reys said the tour was an unprecedented opportunity to reach a new generation of Australians and introduce them to the work of reconciliation.



Silverchair's Daniel Johns.



Powderfinger meets with 4AAA crew and students from the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts ACTA fans at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre in August.

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Queensland Sports Minister Judy Spence gave a speech.



Dwayne Parsons, from Maryborough, and Elkon Ronson, from the Torres Strait.



Members of the Swan family, from suburban Logan.



Denise Watson, of Woodridge, and Taleisha Mathews, from Inala.



Members of the Indigenous Intrudaz.



Queensland Police Liaison Officers Rhonda Reid, Mary Kenyi and Tam Thien Tran were on hand.



Keanna Bruce and Waneeta Nielsen.



Margaret Armstrong performs Tina Turner's *Simply The Best*.



A singer with the Black Oka Band.



Contemporary Aboriginal artist Sally Terare-Hartley at her stall.

2007 First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival



The Malu-Kial Torres Strait Islander dancers performing at the First Contact Festival in Brisbane.



'War' dances between the Australian and Maori competitors.



Brisbane City Councillor and First Contact stalwart Robbie Williams.

Festive fun in Brizzy

More than 110 teams from Queensland and New South Wales took part in the 14th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival at Whites Hill Sports and Recreational Reserve in Brisbane last month. There was just as much action happening off the field as there was on the grounds, with a heavy focus on culture, including Maori visitors from New Zealand. Plenty of stalls and entertainment kept families and players busy between the games. *The Koori Mail's* NAOMI MORAN and SOLUA MIDDLETON were there and took these photos.



Members of the Black Cockatoo Dancers.



Melanie Lavelle-Maloney and her daughter Gretta at the Contact First stall.



Collin Cedric, Majellah Cedric and Teegan Blucher, from Yarrabah.



Bunawarun, featuring Troy 'n' Trevlyn, were among the many acts.

More First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival pictures on the next page

2007 First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival



Promoting the RAW Calendar were Andrea Fisher, Jade Johnson and Tony Albert.



Kylie Ryan and Donna Korobin, from Queensland Disability Services.



Cheryl Forrester and Virginia Ingham, from the Gnibi Centre at Southern Cross University.



Langarra Homeland Dancers from Millingimbi, Arnhem Land, in the Northern Territory.



Youngsters from the Nunuckle Yuggera Dance Group.



Maverick, Wesley, Michael and Lindon check out Azuma's footy boots.



The Chinese Lion Dancers were a big drawcard for the kids.



Adam James on stage.



One of the young Pacific Island dancers.



Reasha Broome and Rebecca Stephen, members of the 'Children of the Dreaming' team.

Vicki to walk the red carpet

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



TOWNSVILLE'S Vicki Saylor will walk along the red carpet with the rich and famous in Melbourne tomorrow when she attends the Australian Film Institute Awards as a nominee for the Best Guest or Supporting Actress in a television drama.

The 47-year-old businesswoman was nominated for her role as Flo in the SBS show *Call Me Mum*, which was her first acting job.

The awards will be hosted by internationally renowned actor Geoffrey Rush and will be attended by some of Australia's top actors and actresses.

Ms Saylor's attendance will add an Indigenous flavour to the evening.

When *The Koori Mail* visited Ms Saylor a week or two ago, she was with her stylist Deanne Racidi, from DeeSinging Face, and her PA, Deborah Wilson.

The former Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Events and Performance Manager is setting up her own promotions and marketing business called SayLaV and operates from a modern office in Denham Street, near the Townsville city centre.

"I am very excited to be a role model for Indigenous people around Australia," she said.

"My dress for the red carpet was designed by local Hester Jarvis, of Ja Delle Designs, and my jewellery is from Graham Jackson, of Loloma Jewellers, in Townsville.

"I feel honoured and the AFI night will be amazing. My motto is promoting excellence in people and to do that I have to walk the walk myself."

Ms Saylor's flight to Melbourne has been sponsored by Qantas, and the Ibis Group has sponsored her accommodation.

Ms Saylor described her own Indigenous role models as her Darnley Island-born late father Kevin Saylor and

Townsville community leaders Angie Akee and Gracelyn Smallwood, to name a few.

The quietly-spoken Ms Saylor has been to France twice where she met famous actress Charlotte Rampling at a film festival.

On her first trip she performed at the prestigious 29th International Women Directors' Festival, where she met Tracey Haines, Première Secretary at the Australian Embassy in Paris.

Ms Haines had organised for Ms Saylor to attend and speak at the embassy's 50th NAIDOC celebrations where her film *Call Me Mum* was screened.

At tomorrow's AFI Awards night, Ms Saylor expects to rub shoulders with A-listers such as Hugh Jackman. But her trip to France and AFI night won't be the only time Ms Saylor has met famous people. As a ten-year-old in 1970, she met Queen Elizabeth during a royal visit to Townsville and she still treasures the photo of that memorable event.



Vicki Saylor ... from Paris to the AFI Awards.

Agreement on Aboriginal jobs



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch has launched a landmark agreement to generate jobs for Aboriginal people.

Mr Lynch launched the Job Compacts program at a signing ceremony at the Eora Centre in Sydney.

He said the aim of Job Compacts - between government, business, unions, the training industry and the Aboriginal community - was to increase job and training opportunities.

The agreement was signed by the NSW Government, NSW Business Chamber, the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW, Unions NSW and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

Job Compacts are being developed around Mt Druitt-Blacktown, Tamworth, Dubbo, Wagga Wagga, Newcastle and the Hunter, Eastern

Sydney, Tweed Heads, Campbelltown, Macarthur, Redfern and the Illawarra region.

Proposals for all regional areas will be considered for future Job Compacts.

Mr Lynch said Job Compacts would help build Aboriginal employment and encourage young school leavers to get into jobs and training.

"The written agreements between the Government and local decision-makers cut red tape and identify the best way to deliver jobs for Aboriginal people," he said.

Mr Lynch said the NSW Government had set a two per cent minimum target for Aboriginal employment in the public sector.

"Outside the public sector, Job Compacts will help play a vital role in ensuring Aboriginal people play a central part in Australia's economic life," he said.

Public notice

Amendment of submission period 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 adopted middle thread distance (AMTD) 207 km, which is approximately 27 km upstream of Gympie.

The dam has a proposed full supply level (FSL) of 71 m Australian Height Datum (AHD), and the proposed inundation area is located within the Cooloola, Maroochy, and Noosa local government areas. When completed, the dam will provide storage capacity of approximately 153,000 megalitres (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 AMTD, to an expected full supply level of 71m AHD, in the Cooloola, 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 1971.

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 (EPBC Act). 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.

Amendment of the submission period

The period for inspecting the EIS and obtaining copies commenced on Monday 22 October 2007. A number of discrepancies have been identified in relation to the EIS, advertised on 20 October 2007.

Consequently, the Coordinator-General has decided to extend the submission period until the close of business on 14 January 2008.

Addendum to EIS

QWI has prepared an Addendum identifying the discrepancies in the documentation. This Addendum may be viewed via the Department of Infrastructure and Planning's website at www.infrastructure.qld.gov.au/eis or QWI's website at www.qldwi.com.au. A hardcopy Addendum is also available at each of the locations where the EIS is available for inspection, or can be obtained by contacting QWI on freecall 1800 225 384 or email on info@qldwi.com.au.

QWI will be distributing (at no charge) a hard copy Addendum to members of the public who have previously obtained copies of the EIS. Members of the public who have previously obtained copies of the EIS and do not receive that Addendum should contact QWI on freecall 1800 225 384 or email on info@qldwi.com.au who will forward the Addendum to them (at no charge).

The complete EIS (including the Addendum) can also be downloaded from the proponent's website at www.qldwi.com.au.

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 EIS can be downloaded from the proponent's website at www.qldwi.com.au.

The EIS is available for inspection during opening hours until close of business on 14 January 2008 at:

Caloundra City Council 1 Omrah Ave, Caloundra	Cooloola Shire Council 242 Mary St, Gympie
Coolool Beach Library Park St, Coolool	Gympie Library 8-14 Melior 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, Maroochy
Tiaro Shire Council Mayne St, Tiaro	

Obtaining a copy of the EIS

The EIS now comprises five (5) volumes, Technical Reports and the Addendum. 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), Technical Reports and the Addendum are available free of charge.

Printed copies of the EIS (volumes one to five inclusive) and the Addendum 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 14 January 2008 to:

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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 1997. 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 14 January 2008.

If the Coordinator-General has accepted a submission then the person who made the submission may, until the close of business on 14 January 2008, by written notice to the Coordinator-General, amend the submission.

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.

TWP Double

Queensland the Smart State





Koori kids on tour to America, Canada



NINE Koori kids are among a squad of Macleay

Valley (NSW) school basketballers now touring the east coast of the United States and Canada. They left Sydney last Friday for a three-week tour.

The Kempsey team will play American college teams and will also play a couple of games against American Indians during home stays with the Indigenous Americans.

Fund-raising

The Kempsey students are from Melville High School. They spent a year raising money for the tour, which is costing about \$5000 a head. Some parents are accompanying the children.

Sammi Fatnowna, one of the parents, said the Kempsey community did not have a lot of resources to help the children, but the students knuckled down to the task of fund-raising and organised discos, lamington drives, raffles and erected tents at functions such as Croc Fest. The Koori kids make up about half the number of touring students. They will return on 21 December.

Taryn Beatty, Damien Elu and Peggy Misi were part of Australia's delegation to FOPA 2004 in Palau. Photo Mariae Randall

Pacific festival 'a rare opportunity'



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander artists are being offered a rare opportunity to attend an international festival founded more than 30 years ago to stop the erosion of traditional customary practices.

The Festival of Pacific Arts (FOPA) has been held every four years since 1972. Australia hosted the event in its bicentennial year. Next year the festival will be held in American Samoa, with participants expected to attend from 27 Pacific Island nations including the Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia,

the Solomon Islands and Tonga.

The Australia Council for the Arts is looking for Indigenous dancers, musicians, actors, writers and visual artists to join next year's Australian delegation.

The Council says the 2008 festival, from 20 July to 2 August, will showcase the diversity and strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures to the Pacific.

The delegation will participate in a 10-day program of events including performances, presentations and forums.

Chairperson of the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts

Board, Dr Chris Sarra, said the Australia Council had been supporting artists to attend the Festival of Pacific Arts since 1975.

"Sharing our art helps keep our cultures strong and find connections beyond our borders," he said.

"Attending next year's festival will be an incredible opportunity for the Australian delegation to share their talents with fellow musicians, dancers, artists and writers from 27 other Pacific nations."

Applications close on 19 December. For more information visit www.ozco.gov.au/fopa or call the Australia Council (02) 9215 9065.

Agreement in good company



Lindy Nelson-Carr, right, and Mayor Delena Oul-Foster signing the Palm Island Community Company Agreement at the Palm Island PCYC.

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



A NEW company launched on the North Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island last month is expected to provide

more than \$2 million in programs and services.

The Palm Island Community Company is a partnership between the Palm Island community, Palm Island traditional owners, the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and the Queensland Government.

The company's chairperson is Carol Petola who was appointed

by the State Government. Mark Johnston and Rhonda Phillips are the State Government nominees, Paul Travis and Jim Petrich are Palm Island Council nominees, and Allan Palm Island is on the board as a traditional owner.

A community board member has yet to be nominated.

Palm Island Mayor Delena Oul-Foster praised the new company saying it was a positive initiative for the troubled community. "Today marks a way forward in working in partnership with government to ensure the much-needed delivery of services at a grassroots level," Mayor Oul-Foster said.

"I'd like to see that this

process empowers the community towards economic and social prosperity in the future."

Ms Nelson-Carr joined Mayor Oul-Foster in a ceremonial signing of the company's Constitution and Shareholders' Agreement on 21 November.

Celebrations

The celebrations included a kup murri of traditional food and dancing. Ms Nelson-Carr joined local residents and company board members on Palm Island to celebrate the launch and introduce board members to the community.

"There's much to celebrate

because this community company will provide a new way to boost services and business opportunities available to the people of Palm Island," Ms Nelson-Carr said.

Ms Nelson-Carr said several government-funded services were transitioning to the company with more to follow as part of this new model of service delivery, which was unlike any other in Indigenous Australia.

"Initially, the company will manage more than \$2 million in government funding to deliver the Safe Haven initiative, diversionary programs, community support and disability services," she said.

"These programs and services will support children, families and people in need. We expect other government departments to also direct funding for services through the company in the future."

Ms Nelson-Carr said the company would offer business services to non-government organisations, manage the delivery of a range of social services and provide business advice and support to residents.

"It represents a new way of working and it's already being closely watched as a future management model for other communities across Queensland and Australia," she said.



Valerie and Peter Mongta with Veronica Day and three of the line dancers.



Gloria Hood



The event co-ordinators.



Jenny Solomon



Eddie Hood



Esme Thompson and Irma Pepper.

Elders gather

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY



SOME events just give you that feeling in your bones.

It's a hard feeling to spell out, but Auntie Irma Pepper, from Stratford, gave it a go when she spoke to *The Koon Mail* about a senior Elders gathering held last month in Gippsland, Victoria.

"It was just beautiful, I have been to many launches and events but nothing has compared to this," she said.

"There was a different atmosphere, I don't know what it was - but it was just special."

The idea of a 60s-and-over gathering at Wallaby Rise developed as a way of tackling the difficulties many Elders have in attending community events.

As Auntie Irma commented: "Unless we have someone to come around and pick each of us up, we often miss out. I said to all the organisers, I hope they get going on another gathering."

There was no formal agenda, just a good feed and

some time to relax and yarn with old mates.

Only 20 participants were originally expected, with many people suggesting the age limit be lowered.

"But we stuck to our guns," said Karen Mobourne, Aboriginal Planning Officer for the Department of Human Services, Gippsland.

"We felt it was important for senior Elders to reunite, to be reinvigorated to participate in local and regional affairs, and of course to foster respect for our Elders amongst the wider community."

And with around 80 local Elders turning up, and the Rumbalara Line Dancers, the ACES Choir and the Young Spirits Dance Group performing along with singer Tom Perry, it amounted to a very special event.

And what messages can be taken away from a good day of our most senior Elders yarning away?

"Just to respect us and our experiences. A lot of that is gone now. No one seems to have the time," Auntie Irma said.

On the buses is okay with Arthur



MT ISA'S Arthur Shadforth has been appointed to act as an Indigenous ambassador for Greyhound Australia.

Mr Shadforth was chosen because he has led an interesting life that has brought him into contact with a lot of people, sometimes in sensitive circumstances.

Currently he works with Centacare and hosts a weekly men's group advocating against domestic violence and improving relations in the Indigenous community.

Previously, he worked for the Northern Territory Police Force as a bush tracker in murder and missing persons investigations, as a facilitator for Indigenous affairs

in Alice Springs and co-ordinated a range of community activities.

Mr Shadforth says he jumped at the invitation to advise the coach line on cultural sensitivities as well as the customs and traditions of Indigenous passengers, in co-operation with local and regional Indigenous communities.

"Greyhound Australia is a national bus service and interacts with a large number of regional communities," he said.

"Many of these communities have a strong Indigenous identity so it is important for Greyhound Australia to have a broad understanding of the culture and practices of Indigenous people."

Greyhound Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Robert Thomas, said the new position was a way for the company to keep in touch

with regional Australia.

"I'd like to welcome Mr Shadforth to the Greyhound Australia team and I believe his diverse background and involvement in the Indigenous community will further strengthen the company's regional presence," he said.

"This position is an example of how Greyhound Australia is working with regional communities to establish strong relationships."

Greyhound Australia has been transporting Australians across the country for more than 100 years and is one of the oldest coach companies in the world.

The company operates 365 days a year, to more than 1100 destinations daily. There are 1.3 million passengers who combined travel more than 29 million kilometres every year.



Arthur Shadforth

Jeffries 'disappointed'

NSW

THREE Aboriginal organisations in western New South Wales have agreed to fund

the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly for six months until the end of the financial year after the representative body was unable to sign up to a regional partnership with the former Coalition Government for the delivery of services in the region.

The day before the Federal election on 24 November, Regional Assembly Chairman Sam Jeffries released a statement criticising the Government for failing to sign such an agreement.

He said this was despite

Regional Assembly fails to sign agreement with Coalition Govt

Murdi Paaki having positioned itself as an example of good Indigenous governance, having participated in a successful Council of Australian Governments (COAG) trial, and had the co-operation of the NSW Government.

Mr Jeffries said the Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation and the Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation –

all independent organisations – had come to the party with funding, in the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region.

The three organisations themselves were established on the initiative of the former ATISC Regional Council, which the Government abolished.

Mr Jeffries said the Coalition Government's failure to sign a Regional Partnership Agreement

was a disappointment as the Assembly had worked in co-operation with government agencies under a Shared Responsibility Agreement, which was to have been translated into a more comprehensive Regional Partnership Agreement consistent with government policies.

He said the agreement had gone through a series of drafts and had included a comprehensive economic development strategy for the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region.

"This is another case of an Aboriginal intervention failing to meet the legitimate expectations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Mr Jeffries said. "It is an interesting commentary that while other regions have been allocated millions of dollars by the Commonwealth Government on the back of welfare reform, the Murdi Paaki Region has had to fund itself to ensure there is ongoing support to communities to continue leadership and good governance practice, through community governance models."

"I think that this moment is something that the Commonwealth Government, in time, will regret as being a glaring deficiency on their part in failing to capitalise on the gains established throughout the Murdi Paaki COAG trial."

"History is repeating itself whereby the input of Aboriginal people to their own development is largely being ignored for the sake of some ideology thought up in other parts of the country and being applied by the Federal Government as a model to suit all Aboriginal people."

Mr Jeffries said it was an emotional moment for members of the Regional Assembly to realise what it meant for Indigenous people to be resourcing their own governance arrangements

from their own revenue sources 'at a time of government largesse'.

He said the action of the regional bodies was 'a significant act of responsible corporate governance, making sacrifices in the interests of the welfare of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'.

"If this is what the new arrangements in Indigenous affairs mean in reality behind the rhetoric of reform, then the arrangements have been a major policy failure in their implementation and those responsible for its implementation should be condemned," Mr

Jeffries said. He said it remained to be seen whether the Rudd Government would negotiate an RPA with the Regional Assembly.

PUBLIC NOTICE (PROPOSED PLAN) WYARALONG DAM PROJECT

Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (QWI) is required to give Public Notice (Proposed Plan) to Aboriginal Parties that QWI proposes to develop a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the Wyaralong Dam Project under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* (Qld) (ACHA).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

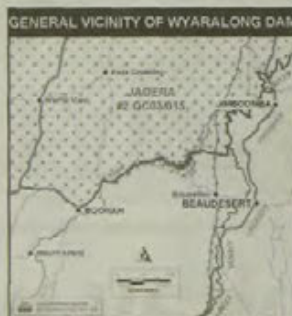
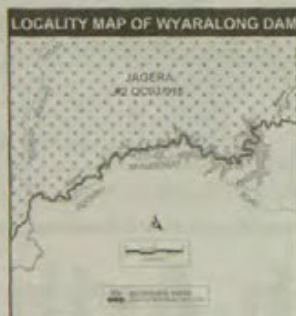
The Wyaralong Dam is approximately 14.2 km north-west of Beaudesert and will inundate 26 km of Teviot Brook and cover an area of approximately 1,230 ha.

The Project includes the following components and all associated vegetation clearing and works:

- construction, operation and maintenance of a new dam on Teviot Brook, at 14.8 km AMTD, upstream of the confluence with the Logan River
- construction of an access road to the dam site
- realignment of sections of the Beaudesert-Boonah Road
- relocation of local government roads
- relocation of local power and telecommunications infrastructure
- relocation of other impacted local infrastructure including private infrastructure.

NOTICE (PROPOSED PLAN)

QWI has identified that for that part of the Wyaralong Dam Project area south of the centre line of Teviot Brook, extending the full length of the dam inundation area, there are no Native Title Aboriginal Parties as defined by the ACHA. Accordingly, as required under section 96 of the ACHA, QWI is making this public notice to notify all those persons who believe they would constitute an Aboriginal Party under section 35(7) of the ACHA, that it intends to develop a CHMP for the Wyaralong Dam Project. The section of the Project to which this public notice applies is depicted in the below left map. It should be noted that the area that is the subject of this notice does not include that portion of the Project area covered by the registered native title claim of the Jagera People (Jagera #2: QC03/015).



For the purpose of this notice, the notice day is **Saturday 1 December 2007**. QWI advises such Aboriginal persons, that if they wish to take part in developing the CHMP for that part of the Project area depicted in the map, they must give written notice to QWI, as the Project Sponsor, to the address for service provided below by close of business **Friday 4 January 2008**.

QWI advises that if an Aboriginal person wishing to nominate for endorsed party status for the part of the Project area as depicted in the map does not give written notice, or the written notice is not received by close of business Friday 4 January 2008, the person may not be endorsed to take part in developing the CHMP.

QWI also wishes to advise that the first meeting of the endorsed parties will take place in Beaudesert on Saturday 12 January 2008. Further details will be provided to the endorsed parties.

Further information on the CHMP for the Wyaralong Dam Project can be obtained by contacting QWI on 1800 225 384.

SPONSORS NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS

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Push for Aboriginal church in Kempsey

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



AN Aboriginal Christian group in Kempsey hopes to build a church and develop a drop-in centre program to help keep local kids off the streets.

While the Pentecostal group Australian Indigenous Christian Ministry has been given a three-year lease by the Kempsey Aboriginal Land Council, it still has to secure funds to build the shed-like structure they want to house the church at the Greenhill Mission at Kempsey, on the NSW mid-north coast.

Ministry spokeswoman Rebecca Gibbs said the ministry was passionate about getting the church off the ground.

"This will not only be a place of worship," she said,

"It will be a place where kids can get off the streets. This is our passion, to be able to make an impact in the area and the community."

"Eventually we want this place to be somewhere where the youth can go that gives them a variety of different

opportunities in life."

Ms Gibbs said it was hoped the church also would serve as a cultural centre.

Pastor Barry Claude Roberts said he had a vision for the building, and that it was important, especially in a time where the Government was 'talking about putting many things into action'.

"We want to help the community and we hope it can be a role model for other communities," he said.

● To find out how to support the building of the shed call Pastor Barry Claude Roberts on (0422) 133 794 or (02) 6562 1398.

'This will not only be a place of worship. It will be a place where kids can get off the streets.'

Sport stars calendar to benefit Unity Foundation



AFL star Andrew Lovett signs one of the calendars.



Rachael Findeis and Kerri Sleeth at the launch.



Nathan Lovett Murray with Jannalli Brown.



Nikita Rotumah and Sasha Greenoff were there.



Lauren Cox and Alesha Kotz were all smiles.

Our Men in Black

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY
in Melbourne



IT'S not easy to tread that fine line between classy and seductive when you're shooting our male athletes emerging from pools or staring wistfully at the ocean, but Koori photographer Bindi Cole tackled this challenge head-on.

The resulting Men in Black Calendar was launched at Tjanabi Restaurant in Melbourne's Federation Square recently, with all proceeds going to the Unity Foundation.

Established by St Kilda AFL stars Xavier Clarke and Allan Murray, along with CEO Peter King, the Unity Foundation is a non-profit organisation working with at-risk youth.

A number of Indigenous athletes have jumped on board, using their profile to engage young people in role modelling and mentoring programs.

The foundation's fundraising events, such as a women's golf day and gala ball, have been jazzing up the community calendar, and have raised enough money for the organisation to accommodate eight homeless youth in 'Indigenous Lighthouses', reach 400 primary and 500 secondary school students and mentor 50 emerging Indigenous leaders.

The latest idea was working



Looking good ... Gina Ropiha and Fiona Bottcher check out the calendar page featuring AFL star Raphael Clarke.



Anthony 'The Man' Mundine, who features in the calendar, with Bo Mundine.

with Ms Cole, who volunteered her time and skills to produce 24 photos – that's two pictures for each month.

Sporting stars featured on the calendar include the NRL's Greg Inglis and Sam Thaiday, boxer Anthony Mundine and AFL stars

Adam Goodes, Daniel Wells, Nathan Lovett-Murray, Chance Bateman, Raphael Clarke, Andrew Lovett, Allan Murray, Xavier Clarke and Aaron Davey.

While the boys can't have been the most difficult subjects to work with, producing a tasteful

calendar isn't easy. But the composition, soft colouring and (almost) fully-dressed models makes the Men in Black calendar a credit to Ms Cole, winner of the 2007 Victorian Indigenous Photography Art Award.

And the launch?

Well, some beautiful people certainly came out to play. The women were flashed up, the men clean-cut and the food and drinks flowing.

The calendar is available through www.unityfoundation.org.au

Namoi

CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes from the Board and Staff of Namoi CMA

The Namoi Catchment Management Authority (CMA) extends its best wishes for the festive season to all the communities in the Namoi Catchment. May the New Year bring prosperity to everyone.

Please note that our offices will be closed from Monday, 24 December 2007 and will reopen on Wednesday, 2 January 2008.

If you need to contact us during this time please call 6742 9220 for a list of contact names and numbers.

We look forward to working with you to create vibrant communities and landscapes for the future.

www.namoi.cma.nsw.gov.au email: namoi@cma.nsw.gov.au

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Aboriginal groups honoured at awards event



TWO Aboriginal winners were among the 11 recipients of Cassowary awards at Hartley's Crocodile

Adventures, between Cairns and Port Douglas, on 24 November.

The awards were offered by the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA).

Authority Director Tom Gilmore said the Cassowary Awards were an opportunity to thank members of the community dedicated to conservation of the World Heritage Area.

The Eastern Kuku Yalanji Negotiating Team (from Wujal Wujal and Mossman) won the Rainforest Aboriginal Culture Award, while the Bama Dayal Dance Group, from Kuranda, won the Young Cassowary Award.

Tenure

Between 2000 and 2007, the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people negotiated an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the Queensland Government to determine the tenure of their traditional lands and how they would be managed. These lands include the Daintree, Bloomfield, Black Mountain and Cedar Bay areas.

The steering committee gave of their time over eight years to represent the Kuku Yalanji people in these delicate and complex negotiations.

The ILUA will promote the aspirations of the Kuku Yalanji people while ensuring the protection of the World Heritage Area.

In winning the Young Cassowary Award, judges said students at Kuranda District State College developed a dance group to communicate their culture through song, dance and art.

Shelters

They recreated traditional shelters, artefacts and wildlife traps in the school rainforest and produced posters and displays of bush tucker.

Mr Gilmore said the Cassowary Awards was the authority's chance to give a pat on the back and heartfelt thanks to the Wet Tropics community.

"Their passion, knowledge and hard work are the backbone of World Heritage conservation. We couldn't do it without them," he said.

"I'm always impressed when I see over 250 guests turn up to recognise the community's achievements in a wide range of fields such as conservation, science, rainforest Aboriginal culture, nature-based tourism and education. It's inspiring to see so many talented and dedicated people come together to celebrate their collaborative efforts."



● **ABOVE:** The Bama Dayal Dancers from Kuranda District State College performed at the awards ceremony.

● **LEFT:** Representatives of the Kuku Yalanji Negotiating Team with Authority Director Allison Halliday. From left, Peter Wallace, Christine Solomon, Ms Halliday and David Solomon.

● **BELOW:** From left, Beau Sheppard, Levi Newbury, Gary Davis (teacher, Kuranda District State College), Gerard Gilkerson and Roddy Duffin.

Auditor urges faster action on land claims



THE NSW Department of Lands

has been urged to reduce the time taken to process Aboriginal land claims, with a large number of claims unresolved more than a decade after they were lodged.

NSW Auditor-General Peter Achterstraat said last week that 15,581 claims had been lodged under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act as of 30 June this year.

A total of 8922 – or 57 per cent – remained unresolved, and 344 of them had been unresolved for more than 10 years, he said.

"We recommend the department reduces the time taken to process Aboriginal land claims," Mr Achterstraat wrote in his financial audits report released last Wednesday.

"We recommend the department reduces the time taken to transfer legal title to successful Aboriginal land claimants."

Delays

He said once the claim had been resolved, there were also delays in the transfer of legal title.

Under the legislation, legal title cannot pass until the land has been surveyed and the details recorded.

"Based on current resourcing capacity, it may take more than 20 years before all current granted land claims are cleared," Mr Achterstraat said.

On Thursday, NSW Lands Minister Tony Kelly defended the length of time it is taking his department to finalise Aboriginal land claims.

Mr Kelly confirmed that about 8000 land claims had been lodged in the past two years and said they had to be thoroughly investigated.

He told ABC Radio that more than \$1 million was allocated in the latest Budget to address the backlog of claims, and that the Government had suggested to land councils that they could engage their own surveyors to expedite the process if they were in a hurry, with some land councils taking up the offer. –AAP

Awards to artists' friend



A PUBLIC servant involved with a project aimed at giving a strong voice to geographically isolated, but very successful, art businesses in Western Australia has won two 2007 Community Services Industry Awards.

WA Department of Industry and Resources Project Officer Tim Acker, who has been working with Aboriginal artists and communities for more than eight years, took out the top award for the category of Outstanding Commitment by an Individual. His project, the Western Desert Mob, was also recognised with the Strengthening Rural and Remote Communities Award.

Mr Acker said he was honoured to be the recipient of the two awards.

"I am very grateful to receive this award and to be recognised for the work being conducted in the most remote and toughest areas of Australia," he said at the awards in Perth last Tuesday.

"While it's an individual award, the reality is that there are so many people who have contributed to the different projects, it's really an acknowledgement of extraordinary collaboration."

The Western Desert Mob Project, facilitated by the Department's Aboriginal Economic Development Division, involves a coalition of art centres based in one of the most remote areas of Western Australia called the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

The alliance focuses on creating significant change in the Aboriginal art industry and aims to ensure the wealth of talent and economic returns are retained in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands communities.

Mr Acker accepted the award, along with Clive Scollay and Roley Mintuba, from Maruku Arts on behalf of other Western Desert Mob members.

"The Western Desert Mob Project is an alliance between six remote area art centres and aims to give a strong voice to geographically isolated, but very successful, businesses," he said.

"It's linking artists, art centres and the national markets in positive, beneficial ways."

"Western Desert Mob is committed to showcasing to the wider public what authentic art is, the importance of painting in-country, the role of art centres in communities and most importantly Aboriginal culture and stories through art."

Canning project

Another major project that contributed to Mr Acker's individual award is the Canning Stock Route Project, which has brought together Aboriginal artists from across the Western Desert region to participate in an unprecedented cultural, creative, historical and land management project.

"I recently conducted a four-week journey with more than 60 Indigenous artists

across the 1700KM Canning Stock Route," he said.

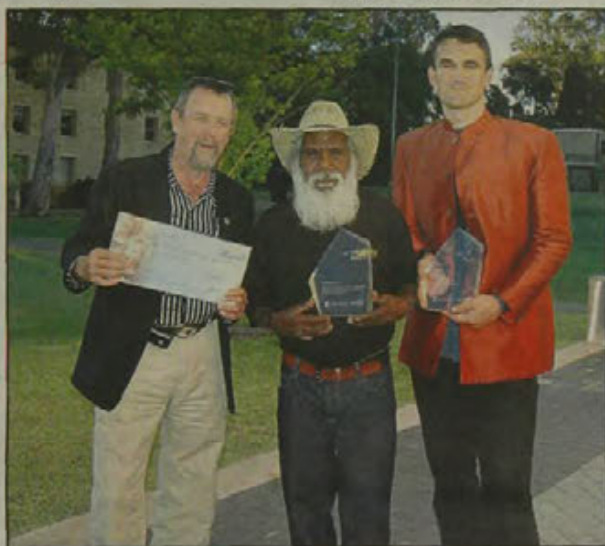
"During the journey, artists' stories were recorded through oral histories, artworks and multimedia. These works will form the central part of an exhibition which will tour the country."

Department Director-General Jim Limerick said both awards were a tremendous recognition of the ongoing commitment by Mr Acker and his team to develop and continue to maintain projects such as the Western Desert Mob, which helped to provide

sustainable economic growth to many rural and remote Aboriginal communities.

The Community Services Industry Awards, which started in 1994 and include nine different categories, help to celebrate the positive difference groups and individuals make to the lives of all Western Australians.

The awards recognised Mr Acker's contribution to remote areas of Australia and his positive impact on Aboriginal lives.



From left, Clive Scollay, Roley Mintuba and Tim Acker hold up the two awards won by the Western Desert Mob and Mr Acker.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

2007/08 Community Development Resourcing Grants

Every two years, Housing NSW invites incorporated community groups and not-for-profit organisations to apply for grants up to \$5,000 each for small, one-off projects.

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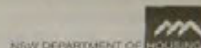
Expressions of Interest (EOI) open on 26 November 2007.

The closing date for applications is 5.00 pm on 31 January 2008.

Applications should be submitted to:
Community Development Resourcing Grants EOI
Locked Bag 4001
ASHFIELD BC 1800

For more information and to request an EOI package, phone Angeli Meza on 8753 8231.

EOI packages can also be downloaded from Housing NSW's website at www.housing.nsw.gov.au



Fun day marks beginning of family violence program



THE Maya Living Free Healing Association launched its family violence program at a family fun day in the Melbourne suburb of Thornbury on 18 November.

The program also involves Elizabeth Hoffman Aboriginal Women's House and the Aboriginal Health Service. It is funded by the Department of Human Services and covers the northern and western regions of Melbourne.

The Australian Football League was involved in the fun day and conducted Auskick clinics.

Other activities included entertainment featuring Kutcha Edwards and Peter Rotumah. There was Little Athletics, a jumping castle, a Way of the Wushi Warrior demonstration and face painting.

The Maya Living Free Healing Centre is an Aboriginal place of healing.

It draws on the strength, wisdom and spirit of Aboriginal ancestors, Elders and the land to heal the spirit of Indigenous people by strengthening the connections of family, community, land and culture.

Through the process of spiritual healing, it seeks to empower, motivate and assist Aboriginal men, women and youth to live a life free of drug and alcohol addiction.

St Kilda AFL star Xavier Clarke with children at the fun day at Thornbury.



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Child Safety

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/CHS4099/07

Key Duties: Providing high quality culturally appropriate child protection services to children and families serviced by the Child Safety Service Branch Office which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice and information to departmental staff.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 or E-mail:

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Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Child Safety Support Officer

(Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Identified: Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Child Safety

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Bundaberg

REF: QLD/CHS4105/07

Key Duties: Providing high quality culturally appropriate child protection services to children and families serviced by the Child Safety Service Branch Office which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice and information to departmental staff.

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Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Manager

Youth Detention and Operations

Communities

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM4129/07

Key Duties: • Management of the Youth Detention Operations Unit including financial and human resources responsibilities. • Coordinate the provision of authoritative, professional and timely advice on key issues pertaining to the functions of the department, and others. • Manage and monitor significant projects and policy initiatives. • Obtain advice and liaise with stakeholders to ensure resolution of policy and procedural matters.

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Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Program Development

Officer (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified: Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Communities

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM4054/07

Key Duties: Develop, implement programs and support services for young people subject to youth justice court orders in Cape York communities.

Skills and Abilities: Liaise, consult with stakeholders and services of Cape and Torres communities to implement youth justice interventions. Facilitate, maintain youth justice programs.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Conference Support Officer

(Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified: Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Communities

Salary: \$44 147 - \$49 455 p.a.

Location: Mackay

REF: QLD/COM4215/07

Key Duties: To assist participants in preparation for and facilitation of youth justice conferences; to monitor youth justice conference agreements.

Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated skills to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; sound knowledge of both cultures and societies.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

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Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Case Worker

(Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified: Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Communities

Salary: \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Logan

REF: QLD/COM4203/07

Key Duties: Provide culturally appropriate and well planned services to young people to assist with their compliance with court orders and reintegrate into the community.

Skills and Abilities: Engage and communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people, from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Caseworker

(Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified: Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.) (One (1) full-time temporary position available until 31/05/2008.)

Communities

Salary: \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/COM4204/07

Key Duties: Provide casework services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention using sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated and culturally appropriate services.

Skills and Abilities: Possession of tertiary qualifications relevant to the role such as social work, behavioural science, social science, criminology or other recognised degree.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Senior Youth Worker

(Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified: Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.)

Communities

Salary: \$42 296 - \$46 436 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/COM4209/07

Key Duties: To provide supervision and support to young people subject to youth justice intervention. To support the Resource Officer in the ongoing management of Youth Workers, including assistance with induction, performance management and adherence to Workplace Health and Safety policies.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Youth Worker

(Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified: Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.) (Two (2) permanent full-time positions available.)

Communities

Salary: \$38 067 - \$40 566 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/COM4208/07

Key Duties: To provide supervision and support to young people subject to youth justice intervention.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to engage and communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people, and an understanding of key issues relevant to young people in the target group.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

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Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Youth Worker

(Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified: Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.) (Temporary for 6 Months)

Communities

Salary: \$38 066 - \$40 566 (PRO RATA) part time hours apply

Location: Weipa

REF: QLD/COM4200/07

Key Duties: Supervise, support young people in compliance with court orders and reintegration into the community.

Skills and Abilities: Liaise, consult with stakeholders and services of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to implement youth justice interventions. Maintain records of program attendance, preparation of reports.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Conference Support Officer

(Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified: Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Communities

Salary: \$22 174 - \$24 728 p.a.

Location: Bundaberg

REF: QLD/COM4166/07

Key Duties: • Conduct pre-conference preparation including interviews with participants to assist Convenors in arranging conferences in accordance with relevant procedures and guidelines.

Skills and Abilities: • Assist in facilitating the understanding, support, co-operation and involvement of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Conference Support Officer

(Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified: Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Communities

Salary: \$22 174 - \$24 728 p.a.

Location: Harvey Bay

REF: QLD/COM4187/07

Key Duties: Conduct pre-conference preparation including interviews with participants to assist Convenors in arranging conferences in accordance with relevant procedures and guidelines.

Skills and Abilities: Assist in facilitating the understanding, support, co-operation and involvement of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Youth Worker

(Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified: Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.) (One (1) temporary part-time contract available for six months (30.4 hrs per f/w))

Communities

Salary: \$38 066 - \$40 566 (PRO RATA) part time hours apply

Location: Bamaga

REF: QLD/COM4199/07

Key Duties: Supervise, support young people in compliance with court orders and reintegration into the community.

Skills and Abilities: Liaise, consult with stakeholders and services of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to implement youth justice interventions. Maintain records of program attendance, preparation of reports.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

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Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007

Cultural Counsellor

(Identified)

(Identified - applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Queensland Corrective Services

Salary: \$44 299 - \$65 045 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/CS376/07

Enquiries: (07) 3239 0513

Closing Date: Monday, 7 January 2008

Co-Ordinator (Housing Improvement Program)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Housing

Salary: \$78 019 - \$83 657 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO4102/07

Key Duties: Co-ordinate the improvement of asset and tenancy management practices of Indigenous Councils in their roles as registered housing providers through the implementation and on-going management of Housing Improvement Plans.

Skills and Abilities: Consult with and support designated Government Champions through regular meetings, background briefings, progress and feedback reports on housing and related issues.

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or

Email: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday 10 December 2007

Senior Program Officer

Rental Program; Program Management

Housing

Salary: \$69 725 - \$74 599 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/HO4098/07

Key Duties: Develop, implement, review and support operational policies, procedures and projects for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rental Program to better meet the needs of Indigenous people and to support sustainable communities.

Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated high level experience in the development review and operationalisation of policy and procedures to ensure quality client service and outcomes for Indigenous people.

Enquiries: Viola Sheridan (07) 3225 1929

or Email: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday 10 December 2007

Client Service Manager

Regional Services Northern, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$60 769 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO4185/07

Key Duties: Efficient and effective delivery of quality services/outcomes to a diverse range of clients through leading and managing a client service team.

Skills and Abilities: Undertake planning, research, analysis, provision of advice/support in the application of departmental policies/procedures and relevant legislation.

Enquiries: Peter Schmidt (07) 4039 8881 or Email:

jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday 17 December 2007

Occupational Therapist

Regional Services Greater Brisbane, Client Services

(Three positions available, 1x full-time, 2x part-time (0.5))

Housing

Salary: \$59 564 - \$65 045 p.a. full-time

Location: Chermide / Woodridge / Fortitude Valley

REF: QLD/HO4114/07

Key Duties: Assist clients to identify their housing needs and make recommendations regarding those needs.

Skills and Abilities: Analyse complex information, apply professional expertise and provide cost effective solutions relating to housing design and modifications.

Enquiries: Liz Ainsworth (07) 3227 6937 or

Email: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday 10 December 2007

Senior Housing Officer

Regional Services Northern, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$52 436 - \$57 662 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO4186/07

Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality service to clients in housing need and supervise a small team.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong communication, team work and problem solving skills.

Enquiries: Peter Schmidt (07) 4039 8881

or Email: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday 17 December 2007

Director

Native Title & Indigenous Land Services

Natural Resources & Water

Salary: \$105 246 - \$110 120 p.a.

Location: Woolloongabba

REF: QLD/NRW4270/07

Key Duties: High level leadership and management skills; High level ability to develop and implement policies and strategies to progress complex matters by courts and tribunals; Excellent communication skills, including ability to negotiate and analyse and solve problems; Excellent written skills; Expert knowledge or the ability to acquire, of Commonwealth and State legislation relating to Native Title.

Bridging the gap



A BRIGHT future is on the horizon for 15 students who graduated from Curtin University of Technology's Centre for

Aboriginal Studies (CAS) Aboriginal Bridging Course and Indigenous Tertiary Enabling Course late last month.

The 15 students completed the one-year Aboriginal Bridging Course (ABC) and the six-month intensive Indigenous Tertiary Enabling Course (ITEC), which are specifically designed to provide Indigenous Australians with a pathway to university.

Hundreds of students have graduated from the ABC and ITEC since the implementation of the courses at Perth-based Curtin in 1976.

The six most outstanding graduates from the ABC and ITEC programs were presented with prizes at the graduation undertaken by the students earlier this year, as well as their year book.

Ricki-Lee Orr was one of the students who graduated from the ITEC, following in the footsteps of her uncle Colin Garlett who graduated from the same course at Curtin 20 years ago.



● ABOVE: Graduate Ricki-Lee Orr and her uncle Colin Garlett, who graduated from the same course at Curtin 20 years ago.

● RIGHT: The graduating group from Curtin University's Aboriginal Bridging Course and Indigenous Tertiary Enabling Course.

Photos: Curtin University of Technology



Mr Garlett gave an inspirational speech to the recent graduates about the many future possibilities that were available to them.

Mr Garlett is the CEO of the Derbal Yerrigan Health Services, which provides a number of health services to Indigenous people, including a GP clinic, a dental clinic and an eye health program.

The family theme continued at the graduation, with Ricki-Lee

Orr's grandmother, Dorothy Winmar, presenting the Welcome to Country.

Local MP Ben Wyatt spoke about the importance of education for Aboriginal people and the impact that programs such as those offered at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies had in providing Indigenous people with higher education.

The WA Government recently announced \$4.8 million to retain teaching assistants and

Aboriginal and Islander education officers as teachers, many of whom will study the Bachelor of Education Conversion course at CAS.

Head of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies Anita Lee Hong said the ABC and ITEC were achieving their aim of encouraging more Indigenous students into tertiary education.

Seven students involved in the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) also graduated

last month, the largest number that have undertaken the bridging course at one time.

The IYMP supports regional and remote students aged 17-24 to pursue further education in a number of larger towns and cities, including Perth.

The program assists with finding accommodation for the students as well as providing them with mentors while they are studying away from their families.

Students have Higher Expectations



THE Cape York Institute's Higher Expectations Program has reached a significant milestone, with the first cohort of students graduating from Year 12.

This year's Year 12 students from Lourdes Hill College and Rockhampton Girls Grammar School, and Higher Expectations graduates Ramana Walker, Marijke Bassani, Margaret Bond and Valencia Gilbert, all plan to undertake tertiary education.

Last year's sole graduate, Leona Yunkaporta, is now working for Rio Tinto in Brisbane.

Currently, only 6 per cent of Indigenous students from Cape York complete Year 12.

The Higher Expectations Program, funded by the Macquarie Group Foundation, was established in 2005 to enable the region's top Indigenous students to attend Queensland's leading boarding schools.

National Indigenous Education Development Officer for the Cape York Institute John Wenitong said Higher Expectations had provided a setting in which the Cape's Indigenous students could excel.

"Higher Expectations gives students opportunities they would never have in their local community and they have risen to the challenge," he said.

"The students have had to overcome many cultural and educational hurdles along the way, but the program is structured to ensure they have support from their families, communities, schools and the program staff."

"As a result, the Higher Expectations



Higher Expectations graduates, from left, Valencia Gilbert, Ramana Walker, Margaret Bond and Marijke Bassani.

Program has an almost 100 per cent retention rate, which also shows the commitment the students are prepared to make to their education when they are given the opportunity."

Macquarie Group Foundation head Julie White said the four graduating students were great ambassadors for the Higher Expectations program.

"The Foundation has been involved since the 2005 pilot program and I have personally witnessed the development of many of the students involved," she said.

"We are delighted to support this

innovative program and greatly encouraged by the results it has achieved."

Marijke, who was the first Indigenous boarder captain at Lourdes Hill College this year, is interested in studying law and politics at Griffith University.

"If someone told me I was going to be boarder captain, I wouldn't have believed them," she said.

"Since receiving the Higher Expectations Program scholarship, I feel the sudden urge to succeed in life and perhaps be an inspiration to others to do the same."

Valencia, who will study Early Childhood

at Cairns TAFE, said growing up in Kowanyama, on the west coast of Carpentaria, she had never heard of boarding schools.

"My first day at Rockhampton Girls Grammar was a big change for me, but I thought to myself if I give up now, I will never have this opportunity again," she said.

"Higher Expectations was the best thing that ever happened in my life. It gave me pathways to achieve my goals."

Margaret, who aims to study business at Griffith University, said Higher Expectations had given her the best educational opportunity.

"The interesting lifestyles and diverse cultures that I have experienced at Lourdes Hill College also gave me a better understanding of life," she said.

Ramana, who joined Higher Expectations in Year 10 at Lourdes Hill College, hopes to study criminology and criminal justice at Griffith University.

"This program has opened a door to many opportunities," she said.

"It has allowed me to further my education and given me the opportunity to travel overseas. It has also provided me with financial assistance, which has made my schooling experience a lot easier."

Meanwhile, Higher Expectations student Sakirrah Turpin has been selected as next year's boarder captain at Clayfield College.

Also, eight Year 11 students in the Higher Expectations Program will spend two weeks in Japan this month as part of a student exchange program funded by the Japanese Government. The trip has been facilitated by AFS Intercultural Programs and the Macquarie Group Foundation.

Youths respond



A PILOT project aimed at helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth re-engage with their culture, education and employment prospects has been launched by the Sunshine Coast TAFE in partnership with Education Queensland.

The six-week pilot program known as Murri Making A Difference (Murri MAD) involves eight male students who have been referred to the program by their schools.

As part of the program, the students participate in a range of activities, including didgeridoo making, hospitality, engineering and regular mentoring sessions with local Elders.

Murri MAD facilitator Ian Cousins said the program provided a great opportunity for the students to re-engage with many very important aspects of their cultural identity.

"This program was initially developed after educators from Nambour State High School and community members wanted a specifically designed course for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth who were having problems at school," he said.

"With the support of local Indigenous mentors, they can start to make some positive decisions about their future, leading to employment or further training opportunities."

"Murri MAD provides a positive environment for these kids who find it difficult to learn in a traditional school situation and have mostly missed a lot of school."

Caloundra 15-year-old Isaac Fry was not going so well at school. Then one of his teachers suggested he take part in the Murri MAD pilot at Sunshine Coast TAFE.

Isaac said he loved the program because it was fun and helped him to learn more about his culture and Aboriginality.

"It's really cool and a lot more fun than school and one of the best parts is learning how to make a didgeridoo," he said.

"I'm also really looking forward to learning how to circular breathe so I will be able to play it as well."

Participants also take part in a three-day Rites of Passage course which reinforces cultural and traditional knowledge and focuses on the importance of spiritual well-being.

As part of the program, participants also learn a range of work-related skills, including carpentry, hospitality, cookery, automotive, engineering and bricklaying.

Referred

Like Isaac, 16-year-old Charles Rolls, from Mooloolaba, was referred to the program by one of his teachers.

Charles said he loved coming to Murri MAD because it was more relevant to him than school.

"I reckon it's excellent because there's always something new to do and it's also fun to learn about culture and everyone is so friendly," he said.

"The other day we took apart a motor and that was hell fun so I wouldn't mind doing something with cars when I finish."

Murri MAD is supported by Indigenous organisation HOPE (Help Our People Engage) which has provided a bus to transport the participants each day to and from the Nambour TAFE where the program is delivered.

● For more information about the program, phone facilitator Ian Cousins on 0418 194 104.



● LEFT: Murri MAD participants in the didgeridoo making class at Sunshine Coast TAFE, from left, Craig Pitt, Isaac Fry, Darren Ison, Jarrod Eaves and Charles Rolls.



Graduates line up for a group photo opportunity – a proud day for the whole Milingimbi community.

Big celebration for Milingimbi



CELEBRATIONS have been held at Milingimbi, one of Australia's most remote island communities, to recognise the

achievements of students who have completed a range of education and training courses through the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

Located 500m off the Northern Territory mainland, Milingimbi forms part of the Crocodile Island Group and is about 500km east of Darwin and 250km west of Nhulunbuy. Milingimbi is a restricted (dry) traditional community with a combined population of about 1000 residents living in the homelands and the main community.

Batchelor Registrar Dr Tony Mordini said the institute had a long history of working with the people of Milingimbi.

"I am delighted to be able to present the latest group of graduates with their qualifications," he said. "For more than 20 years, Batchelor Institute has provided access to education and training courses for the people of Milingimbi, with many of the institute's past graduates now employed within the community."

"With nationally recognised qualifications, these graduates have taken up important positions at the school, library, health clinic and council and are helping to improve the lives of all residents."

"I also want to acknowledge the support of traditional owners, the Milingimbi Council, the Milingimbi CES and the families of students who have all provided invaluable support which has enabled students to complete their studies."

Six students received certificates in Spoken and Written English (CSWE), three received certificates in Indigenous Education Work (IEW), one received a Certificate in Business Studies and one received a Year 12 Certificate.

Two of the main languages spoken in the community are Grupapungu and Djambarrpungu, and residents represent about 13 different clan groups. Several other languages and dialects are spoken at Milingimbi, with English spoken as a second language by almost all the Aboriginal residents.

European contact goes back to 1923 when the Methodist Overseas Mission was established at Milingimbi. The island has an area of 70 square kilometres, however two-thirds of the landmass is below the high tide level. Sea closures have been gazetted for the Crocodile Island Group and Glyde River. This closure extends seawards for 2km from the mean low water mark.

Milingimbi Community Education Centre teacher Donessia Macdonald paid tribute to the people who organised the Milingimbi presentation.

"Many Yolngu said it was the best day of the year," she said.

She said the people had had many hard and sad days... to the point that they were feeling disempowered by events overtaking them.

"They have had very little to celebrate," Ms Macdonald said.

"So it was a brilliant gift when Batchelor came to give a presentation in the community where families could be involved... which meant the story of Yolngu success could be placed in the family story."

Deakin Professor receives Elder award



THE Director of Deakin University's Institute of Koorie Education,

Professor Wendy Brabham, has received a 2007 Elders' Award in recognition of her contribution to the higher education sector.

The award was made by the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council (IHEAC) at its 2007 Conference in Adelaide on 21 November.

Professor Brabham said it was an honour to receive the award and she paid tribute to the work and achievements of Deakin University and its Institute of Koorie Education.

Deakin has the largest number of Indigenous student enrolments of any Victorian university. More than 450 Indigenous students have graduated with a Deakin degree.

Deakin credits its success on a commitment to a model of

collaborative partnership which it says ensures the university's programs are appropriately tailored to meet the needs of Indigenous students and their communities.

Most deserving

Deakin Vice-Chancellor Professor Sally Walker said Professor Wendy Brabham was a most deserving recipient of the 2007 Elders' Award.

"Deakin owes a great debt to

Professor Wendy Brabham for her long-standing and continuing dedication to serving Aboriginal people and for her commitment to visionary work which is grounded in what is best for the community, not only for now, but for future generations," Professor Walker said.

"Deakin is very proud of the Institute of Koorie Education and the contribution the university has made over more than 20 years to Indigenous education."

"Indigenous Australians continue to be under-represented in Australian higher education and Deakin helps to redress this imbalance by offering an innovative and practical approach to providing education services for Indigenous students."

IHEAC presents the awards each year to Indigenous Elders and leaders who have made a significant contribution to Indigenous higher education in Australia.

Outer Perth school wins top award



A PRIMARY school on the outskirts of Perth has been awarded a top reconciliation prize for a project that aims to develop lasting community friendships and understanding with the local Nyoongar people.

Baldivis Primary School won the main award in the 2007 PALS School Reconciliation Awards for their project 'Kwedjang-Yey-Kalyakool' (Long time ago, Today, Forever).

State Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts, BHP Billiton Iron Ore Vice-President for Sustainability Carl Binning, and PALS Youth Ambassador Troy Cook presented the awards at the Wardarnji Aboriginal Cultural Celebration last month.

More than 60 schools representing an estimated 10,000 West Australian students

took part in PALS in 2007, with submissions received from more than 40 metropolitan, regional and remote schools.

"Baldivis Primary School achieved outstanding results for their PALS project, which was a great example of enhancing reconciliation through understanding," said Mrs Roberts.

It was the second year that Baldivis Primary School had entered the PALS awards. The school had limited interaction with the Indigenous community, culture and heritage before they began their project at the Baldivis Children's Forest.

At the forest and with the assistance of Nyoongar Elders, the students soon learned and developed a keen interest in Indigenous culture and people.

Through presentations and lessons on bush tucker plants, Dreamtime stories and

storytelling by local Nyoongar people, they developed totem poles, bush tucker gardens and a meeting area with a Wargyl mosaic so that the whole community could share in what they had come to learn and appreciate about Indigenous culture and heritage.

In 2007, the Baldivis project aimed to further explore the preservation of the environment with particular emphasis on bush tucker and bush medicine. The major focus has been to take photos of local bushland areas and significant landforms and discover the significance and Dreamtime stories connected to these sites.

Fourteen schools throughout the State also received prizes for outstanding achievements towards reconciliation through their PALS school projects.

St Mary's College at Broome was awarded the 2007 PALS



● ABOVE: BHP Billiton Iron Ore Vice-President for Sustainability Carl Binning with Baldivis Primary School students Alexander Fletcher and Nikola Stockhausen.



● RIGHT: Sophie Kelly, from St Mary's College, Broome, accepts the PALS Youth Ambassador Award.

Youth Ambassador Award for its first reconciliation project.

A group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students in Years 9 and 10 at St Mary's worked together to create a dance performance that promotes reconciliation. The dance features stories that reflect the richness of the Indigenous cultures of Broome and Kimberley region, and also aim to challenge society's stereotypical images of young adolescents living in the regional areas of WA.

The dance and its messages of reconciliation was then

performed and shared with a large audience across the Perth metropolitan area over six days to a number of secondary schools that have little or no contact with Indigenous people and their culture.

Ms Roberts congratulated all students, teachers, parents and community members involved in PALS projects this year.

"Your participation and commitment to advancing reconciliation has certainly helped to build optimism, harmony and respect in our WA community," she said.

National award adds to Shilo's many successes



SHILO Barker (pictured) looks set for a promising career, with her commitment to study building her some solid foundations and winning her accolades. The student at TAFE

NSW - Western Institute in Dubbo was named Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year at the National Training Awards held in Hobart last month.

A senior Community Engagement Officer with the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA), Ms Barker's studies have an emphasis on community work, research and policy development.

She has completed a Diploma of Community Welfare Work and is now studying for a Certificate IV in Business (Governance).

Ms Barker was also named as runner-up for Vocational Student of the Year award.

A South Australian youth centre officer was named runner-up Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year.

Kirk Betts works at the Ceduna Youth Centre and is studying for a Certificate IV in Business (Governance) at TAFE SA Ceduna Campus.

As well as completing a Certificate IV in Governance, Mr Betts has also completed certificates in Occupational Health and Safety, Land Management and Youth Work and is currently studying Front Line Management.

As Chair of the Ceduna Youth Committee, Mr Betts mentors students in their learning and leadership development.



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Formal teens look sharp



THESE teens from two Townsville high schools cut fine figures at their Year 12 'formals' last month.

Kristian Congoo, Jason Douglas and Codee Langton, right, from Kirwan State High

School are pictured suited up for their formal at Jupiter's Casino in Townsville on 16 November.

The next evening, Townsville State High School held its Year 12 formal at the same venue and students Romeenah Baira and Michaela Nona, left, turned plenty of heads.

About 20 Indigenous students graduated from Kirwan SHS, while five graduated from Townsville SHS.

The formals featured speeches, awards and a meal followed by music and dancing.

Photos courtesy of Queensland Youth Services, Townsville.



Cohesive approach wins award for Orange school



GLENROI Heights Public School in Orange, New South Wales, has been recognised with a State Ministerial Award for its efforts in developing

strong local community ties.

NSW Education and Training Minister John Della Bosca said last week the school had been selected from 26 nominations in NSW for the 2007 Cohesive Community School Award, which recognises schools for their efforts in promoting a connected community.

"The lemma Government values the roles schools play in their local communities and the benefits of forging cross-community relationships," Mr Della Bosca said.

"Glenroi Heights Public School has embarked on a range of initiatives to contribute to the educational and social needs of students and families - it's the central agency where people come to seek support, not just learning.

"The school's early childhood initiatives, such as a playgroup, are proving extremely successful and encourage a strong relationship between the parents and staff at the school.

"They have a dedicated Aboriginal family worker based at the school and provide helpful programs in conjunction with organisations such as the Benevolent Society and The Smith Family.

"Principal Jane Cameron and her dedicated teachers and staff are commended for the difference they are making in the lives of their students and the wider school community.

"The school's commitment to engaging with families at every stage of a student's schooling is most impressive and sets a very high example for other schools across NSW."



Barbara Pershouse helped run the Indigenous Studies stall at the 2007 Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE Open Day.

Education offers choice, says Barbara



SOUTHERN Queensland Institute of TAFE's Barbara Pershouse says education is a vital key to empowering people in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Ms Pershouse is working to help her people get these skills and be recognised.

As an Indigenous student support officer (ISSO) based in Toowoomba, she travels regularly to Dalby and further west to help students and encourage enrolments.

"I was a student at the Toowoomba Campus of TAFE before I applied for this job and was quite shy, just concentrating on my own work. Now I am much more

outgoing and I enjoy the social aspects as well as helping people," she said.

"My role as an ISSO helps students believe in themselves and further themselves personally and professionally, by giving support and assistance to allow them to follow their own destiny."

In her role, Ms Pershouse helps students with their studies, gives advice, tailors enrolments to suit individual needs and is a sounding board for cultural matters - she is the bridge between the community and TAFE.

She said art had played a pivotal role in teaching her to express herself and through TAFE she had come in contact with her culture in an important way.

"Doors open to you through education -

when you are using your brain to improve your own circumstances either financially or emotionally it's great," she said.

Ms Pershouse said courses at TAFE lead to university degrees, jobs, promotions, let people start their own business and provide inspiration to thousands each year.

"I've always believed that education assists your children and allows them to choose to earn a living and live a healthy life," she said. "With this job, I am helping people find courses and opportunities where they can get jobs or increase their knowledge to seek further study.

"And my daughter and family see the difference I am making - this is important to me."

The 2008 Kate Challis RAKA Award opens



APPLICATIONS for the prestigious annual Kate Challis RAKA Award for Indigenous arts, worth \$25,000, have opened. Administered by the Australian Centre for Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne, the award was established in 1991 by art and cultural historian Professor Emeritus Bernard Smith. It honours the memory of his late

wife, Kate Challis, known in her youth as Ruth Adeney (RAKA is an acronym for the Ruth Adeney Koori Award).

Director of the Australian Centre, Dr Fay Anderson, said the award was one of Australia's most significant Indigenous arts awards, and generous enough to make a real difference in the career of winners.

"The continuing development of Indigenous artists is crucial to Australia's cultural life and the Centre is proud to be

involved with this prestigious prize," she said.

The award is offered in a five-year cycle with a different art form rewarded each year. The 2008 award will be for visual arts in any of the fields of painting (on canvas, paper, fabric, bark), three dimensional work (sculpture, ceramics, glass, fibre art), works on paper (painting, prints, photography) or other new media.

Interested artists may submit up to ten

images of work for consideration. The \$25,000 prize will be awarded to an artist.

The prize is non-acquisitive and the artist must have had a solo exhibition or been part of a group exhibition over the past five years – between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2007.

Entries close on Monday 3 March 2008.

For more information and entry form go to: <http://www.australian.unimelb.edu.au/public/awards/raka.html>

Promising Pilbara



The artists on opening night, from left, Melissa Sandy, Kenny Diamond, Allery Sandy, Clifton Mack, Maudie Jerrold and Justina Willis.



Clifton Mack, David Rose from Rio Tinto and Minister for Indigenous Affairs Michelle Roberts in front of Mr Mack's painting *Line Erosion*, donated to the WA Art Gallery.



THE rapidly growing reputation of Western Australia's Pilbara region as an Indigenous art region has been boosted by a second highly successful *Colours of Our Country* exhibition in Perth.

More than 80 per cent of the artwork sold at the opening of the two-week exhibition last month, demonstrating how the Roebourne school of painting has developed a life of its own following the successful inaugural exhibition last year.

Mining company Rio Tinto funded the exhibition, which sold more than \$155,000 of art – and says 100 per cent of profits will go directly to the artists.

In total, 129 works were sold and several artists received commissions to paint new works for art collectors.

Rio Tinto donated to the WA Art Gallery its first choice of artwork from the exhibition, *Line Erosion*, by well-known Roebourne artist Clifton Mack.

Exhibition organiser Nan Rickards said most of the paintings sold in the first three days so more pieces had to be added to the exhibition to give people a chance to buy artwork.

Ms Rickards said at least one of the paintings would go overseas and collectors from other States bought several.

"The response from the public was overwhelming," she said. "There were many compliments to our Pilbara artists and numerous requests to be added to our mailing lists and get advance warning of the next exhibition of Pilbara art."

"The artists received several commissions which will generate income for them during the quiet Christmas period. As well as the financial gain, getting a commission inspires some of the new artists to keep painting in the knowledge people are interested in their work."

Ms Rickards said there were 1000 visitors a day to the exhibition, displayed in the foyer of Central Park, who preferred the brightly coloured contemporary works to the traditional paintings.

Rio Tinto Iron Ore Chief Executive Sam Walsh said the company was proud to help build an artistic movement among Aboriginal people in the Pilbara.

He said the success of the second exhibition showed the interest in Pilbara Indigenous art was well-founded, and highlighted the strong and growing appreciation of the quality of the region's artistic work.

Rio Tinto recently won an Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbAF) award for its work with the Shire of Roebourne to foster Indigenous art.

Russell's homemade toys are pieces of art

Story and photos by
Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



BANDJIN Elder Russell Butler grew up in a family too poor to buy toys, an experience shared by many

Indigenous people around the country.

Now the well-known far north Queenslander has recreated the billy lid pull toys, wooden steamrollers and fishing lines with pin hooks that entertained him as a child, and it is all in the name of art.

Mr Butler currently has an exhibition at Townsville's Umbrella Studio titled 'Billy Lid Toys' featuring a delightful collection of handcrafted toys and functional objects.

Fashioned from scrap metal, fishing rigs using string and pins, cup and string telephone, a billy kart and much more, the toys celebrate the artist's

innovation while contradicting common consumerist obsessions and notions of playtime.

"The kart was made of wood from the dump and is like one we used to race as kids down a hill at Black River near Townsville where we lived," Mr Butler said.

"One of us would stand as a cockatoo and give the all clear when cars weren't coming so we could continue."

"These memories go back to the 1950s. People can see how things have changed and ask whether they were doing the same things as me."

Mr Butler is an artist and artefact maker, actor and cultural ambassador from the Bandjin language group of the Hinchinbrook Island region in far north Queensland.

The 59-year-old paid tribute to his wife Yvonne, a stolen wages campaigner, declaring "We feed of each other's ideas".

"This has brought back lots of memories," he said.

'Billy Lid Toys' was launched last month and continues until 9 December.

Mr Butler has led an interesting life which includes Army service and, in his heyday, was a champion Australian Rules footballer for Townsville competition Indigenous club Garbutt Magpies, also known as the Garbutt All Blacks.

Ironically the day before *The Koori Mail* went to interview him about his new exhibition, we happened upon a 1973 newspaper cutting about a game played by Garbutt.

Mr Butler figured prominently in the write-up, as did other Garbutt stars of the day.

They included his late brother Ricco Butler, Wally Tallis senior (the father of former NRL legend Gordon Tallis), Harry Akee, Noel Ross, his younger brother Gordon 'Cowboy' Ross, Pat Mara, Jimmy McDonald, Carl Wyles and others.



Russell Butler holds a canoe from his exhibition.

Desert theatre city bound



INSPIRATIONAL
performance event
Ngapartji Ngapartji will make
the long trek from Mparntwe
(Alice Springs) to Belvoir St
Theatre in January as part
of the 2008 Sydney Festival.

Company B has teamed up with Big hART and Sydney Festival to present the lament and celebration described variously by reviewers as 'a magical piece of theatre', 'a pure gift' and 'an inclusive plea for understanding and justice'.

Led by actor, story-teller and 'Spinifex man' Trevor Jamieson, and performed by an ensemble of Pitjantjatjara Elders and young people, Japanese, Greek, Indian and Anglo performers, *Ngapartji Ngapartji* unfolds across the continent and most of the last century in a narrative of Australian history.

For countless generations, Trevor's people lived in the Western Desert until the Spinifex nation found itself caught up in the Cold War.

Many were rounded up in cattle trucks and taken away as their traditional lands became a test site for British atomic weapons.

Concept

Ngapartji Ngapartji translates as 'I give you something, you give me something', a concept of reciprocity which governs relationships in Pitjantjatjara society and culture, and underpins the design of the entire *Ngapartji Ngapartji* project. As well as sharing the painful stories of loss and displacement, the show invites the audience to directly engage with one of the world's oldest cultures through a celebration of song, dance and language.



Actor, story-teller and 'Spinifex man' Trevor Jamieson leads the cast of *Ngapartji Ngapartji*. Photo courtesy of Ngapartji Ngapartji.

This first full-length season of the stage show to visit Sydney is one component of a larger project between arts and social change company Big hART and the Pitjantjatjara community, which 'offers all Australians the opportunity to participate in a rare and intimate exchange of language and culture'.

The overall *Ngapartji Ngapartji* project seeks to highlight the dire status of

Indigenous languages and to generate a national and international groundswell of support for the maintenance and preservation of these languages.

The ongoing project also includes an innovative online language and cultural learning exchange, film and art projects, and a long-term community development program.

Pitjantjatjara is a central desert

language spoken by about 2500 people across the northern South Australia, southern Northern Territory and far east Western Australia.

Ngapartji Ngapartji will play at the Belvoir St Theatre, 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills from 12 January to 10 February 2008, with a preview on 9 January. For bookings, contact Belvoir St Theatre on (02) 9699 3444 or www.belvoir.com.au

Indigenous designs light up Town Hall



Debra Beale's works light up the Sydney Town Hall as part of the City of Sydney's Christmas lights display.



TWO stunning Indigenous designs by Aboriginal artist Debra Beale

form part of a free Christmas slide show in Sydney.

The Sydney Town Hall is one of the buildings being used as part of the City of Sydney's giant lights Spectacular.

The Christmas Night Light projections provide a slide show as the Town Hall is bathed in images evoking an Australian Christmas.

Ten projections are being shown in rotation, seven nights a week from 8.30pm to 1am until Christmas Day.

The first of Ms Beale's images shows a combination of works from her 2006 series called 'Gamilaroi'.

The second image combines pieces from Ms Beale's series about 'Eora', depicting many different sea creatures in intricate patterns.

Themes by other artists include eucalyptus leaves, wattle, gumnuts and stars; a Sydney summer at the beach; a giant Christmas tree with seven pointed-star decorations like the Southern Cross; a huge Christmas lolly shop; a map of

Sydney (symbolising holiday travelling at Christmas); children's illustrations of Australian animals including the ringtail possum, echidna and koala, from Sydney-based children's book illustrator Helen McKosker, and sulphur-crested cockatoos flying together over a sandy desert.

Ms Beale, a Sydney Indigenous artist, creates her work at home in Woolloomooloo and is involved with the Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative.

The NSW Government is participating in the projections project, with five images rotating on five historic buildings along Macquarie Street - Hyde Park Barracks Museum, The Mint, Parliament House, the State Library and the Conservatorium of Music.

For the first time, the facades of some of Sydney's most historic buildings are also shining brightly this year with Christmas night lights.

The Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority is screening five rotating images illuminating the architecture of Christie's, The Orient Hotel and the Westpac building every night until Christmas.

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Film tour ends

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY



THE recent Melbourne screening of the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) ended the popular 2007 national tour.

However, it also signalled the beginning of an exciting journey for a new generation of filmmakers, says award-winning director and festival co-curator Rachel Perkins.

The Melbourne program features 13 short films by emerging directors titled (BoBB) and funded through the Indigenous Branch of the Australian Film Commission (AFC).

"The wonderful thing about Message Sticks is that you get to see what issues are at the forefront of Indigenous filmmakers' hearts and minds," said Sally Riley, Manager of the AFC's Indigenous Branch. "It's a snapshot in time for us as a community."

Perkins and co-curator Darren Dale were joined by debut filmmaker Pauline Whyman at the Federation Square launch.

Whyman's *Backseat* is based on her own story of childhood removal and an overwhelming return home.

The short film was shot in Sydney, 'because that is where I was stolen from' said Whyman.

"Through the process of making this film I



ACMI staff Julia Morris and Daniel King.



Message Sticks co-curators Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale (right) with ACMI CEO Tony Sweeney.

had the chance to backtrack in time, and to claim what was rightfully mine."

A highlight of the festival, which opened at the Sydney Opera House in May, was Darlene Johnson's *Crocodile Dreaming*, a modern-day, supernatural myth about two estranged brothers, played by iconic Indigenous actors David Gulpilil and Tom E. Lewis, who struggle to come to terms with their traditional roles and identities, and who are reconciled through the spirit of their mother.

"*Crocodile Dreaming* goes way beyond the stars ... it is my mother's dreaming," said Gulpilil. "It is the first time I've been in a film that shows my real point of view of my culture. It is different to all the other films I've done before. No-one will ever be allowed to tell this story again."

Ms Perkins said film had played an important place in Australian history.

"The first Australian film was shot in the Torres Strait in 1901 and ever since we have



Kimba Thompson of Sista Girl Productions with Sapphire Belling.

been involved in film, but mostly as subjects," she said.

"This all changed in the 1970s, and today with a new slate of dramatic works out there, the industry is about to really blossom."

Artists invited to be inspired



THE lands of the Paakantji people

around Wilcannia have no doubt inspired many an artist.

Artists are now invited to apply for the third year of arts residencies in the far western New South Wales township on the banks of the Darling River.

The Wilcannia artist-in-residence program 2008 is open to all Australian visual artists.

Collaborative proposals are also accepted and public programs such as artist talks, demonstrations, and skill-based workshops, community gatherings and an open shared studio space is a requisite of the program.

Funding is in the form of free rental, a partial material fee, travel allowance/subsidy and an artist fee.

Applications for 2008 close on 21 January.

For information, contact the Wilcannia Arts project Officer, Sue Reynolds, on 0429 985 703 or via sreynolds@loadednet.com.au

Tiwi Jock and Dutch Luna share skills



TWO artists – one black and the other white, one male and the other female, one 'traditional' and the other

'contemporary' – have used their dawning friendship to create a new exhibition in the national capital.

Mamana Mamanta (Gradual Friendship) marks collaboration between prominent Tiwi artist Jock Puautjimi and Canberra-based glass artist Luna Ryan, originally from the Netherlands.

The exhibition, which features glass Pukam, in Poles (Tiwi burial poles) and vessels, will show at the CRAFT ACT Gallery in Canberra until 16 December.

Curator Jas Hugonnet said the work of the two artists was breaking new ground in terms of incorporating glass into Australian Indigenous art and at the same time highlighting an important story about artistic and cultural collaboration.

"At the heart of this project is the notion of sharing where a member of the glass community is putting her community in touch with an Indigenous



Jock Puautjimi at work at Tiwi Design.

community," said Hugonnet in an essay on the exhibition.

"It's a sharing of the glass from one who believes in the wonders of the medium and its ability to build friendships.

"...The transfer of skills and ideas in this collaboration is definitely a two-way street where Luna's work has been influenced by Jock and Jock has been influenced by Luna."

The collaboration came about after workshops run on Bathurst Island by Ryan for the Tiwi artists, already renowned for their carving, painting and textiles.

"Jock and Luna's initial collaborations resulted in two cast-glass Pukumani Poles which were briefly exhibited in Canberra and again in Adelaide during the Glass Artist Society International Conference in 2005," said Hugonnet.

The response to this exciting new work was extremely enthusiastic, prompting Luna to apply for development funds through artsACT to continue the collaboration and to create *Mamana Mamanta*, an exhibition showcasing this exciting new work.

"The success of the grant has enabled each artist to push their abilities further and bring new techniques into their practices, especially for Jock as he discovers glass casting and the benefits it may well have for artists associated with Tiwi Designs.

"...For Jock, an accomplished artist in a range of media including ceramics and wood carving, the chance to work with glass enabled him to investigate the idea of transparency in combination with his carving skills; he mentioned that through using glass, it has enabled him to see inside his pole forms and explore new colours.

"From the start of the project Luna's work has evolved to the point where she is now concentrating on a limited palette using black and white glass to represent her initial experience of coming into contact with such a different culture, and grey to express the merging and sharing qualities of this project."

● For more information on *Mamana Mamanta* (Gradual Friendship), go to <http://www.tiwiart.com/exhibitions.asp>



Jock Puautjimi and Luna Ryan at the *Mamana Mamanta* exhibition in Canberra. Photo courtesy of Luna Ryan.



Christian Bumarra Thompson.



Ngambri dancers lead the way for senior curator Brenda L Croft and NGA Director Ron Radford.



Exhibition curator Brenda L Croft and artist Owen Yalandja.



Artist Jean Baptiste Apuatimi.

Warrior art on display



THE National Gallery of Australia's inaugural National Indigenous Art Triennial: *Culture Warriors* has opened in Canberra.

All works in the exhibition were created within the past three years by artists from all States and Territories, including Jean Baptiste Apuatimi, Richard Bell, Jan Billycan, Trevor (Turbo) Brown, Julie Dowling, Philip

Gudhaykudthay, Treahna Hamm, Gordon Hookey, Anniebell Marrngamarrnga, John Mawurndjul, Ricky Maynard, Elaine Russell, Christian Thompson, Owen Yalandja and Gulumbu Yunupingu.

The opening in October was attended by many of the featured artists, as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art buffs.

Culture Warriors will close on 10 February.



Headline performer Kev Carmody.



Aurukun dancers Arthur Pambegan Jnr and grandson Mitchell Banditoocha.



Culture Warriors artists.



Christopher Pease with his work.



Aurukun dancers Arthur Pambegan Jnr and grandson Mitchell Banditoocha.



Tiwi Island dancers.



Artists Gordon Hookey, Vernon Ah Kee and Shane Pickett.



Badu Island Dancers at the NGA Open Day.

New position provides extra support for WA art



WESTERN Australian arts organisations seeking philanthropic support will be helped by the creation of a new Perth-based Artsupport Australia position.

Culture and Arts Minister Sheila McHale said the position would bring together WA arts organisations and potential donors and create a mentoring support scheme.

"This position is designed to help companies fundraise from individuals, as opposed to attracting corporate sponsorship," Ms McHale said.

"Artsupport Australia, which is the Australia Council's initiative to grow cultural philanthropy, has been mentoring several WA organisations including Magabala Books, Awesome Arts, Yirra Yaakin and Kulcha for the past two years.

"The State Government and the Australia Council agreed that a WA-based position dedicated to support arts companies was vital to help grow the arts sector.

"The State has matched the Australia Council's commitment of \$160,000 for an initial two years, and will also provide office accommodation for the successful applicant.

"The WA project is designed to help all organisations, including those in regional

WA and indigenous communities, but will have specific cash targets for small-to-medium organisations."

Australia Council acting chief executive Cathy Brown-Watt said the position had been modelled on a successful Australia Council program in the Northern Territory, where more than \$1 million was raised for Indigenous art projects in its first nine months.

WA films to screen



WESTERN Australian Indigenous short films will screen as part of the Perth International Arts Festival early next year, before the main program of the 07/08 Lotterywest Festival Films.

ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth said Perth audiences at the Somerville Auditorium would be treated to four Indigenous short films showcasing the diverse filmmaking talent in WA.

"ScreenWest is proud to be working together with the Perth Festival to develop new audiences for Western Australian productions," Mr Booth said.

Perth Festival Artistic Director Shelagh Magadza said: "It is great to be able to show the work of West Australians



From left, 'Done Dirt Cheap' Director of Photography Murray Lui, writer/director Debbie Carmody, actor Trevor Jamieson.

alongside some of the world's best filmmakers."

Traversing a range of genres from coming of age, to mystery-thriller and comedy, the WA-produced short films deal with universal themes as well as stories unique to Western Australians.

First-time film director Jub Clerc's short drama *Storytime* is a dark fable – an Indigenous thriller in the vein of *Picnic at Hanging Rock*. Writer/director Gary Cooper's film *Sugar Bag* tells a familiar yet still resonant story of one woman's experience as part of the Stolen Generations.

On a lighter note, writer/director Debbie Carmody's short comedy *Done Dirt Cheap* aims to provide more than a few laughs and the short documentary *Bollywood Dreaming* introduces an Aboriginal/Afro American girl with movie aspirations. Directed by Cornel Ozies, the producer and writer of *Bollywood Dreaming* have collaborated previously as writers on the highly acclaimed WA produced drama series *The Circuit*.

These films were all funded by ScreenWest and Lotterywest through the Deadly Yarns, Index and Bit of Black Business (BoBB) programs supporting the development of WA Indigenous filmmakers.

The Perth International Arts Festival will run from 8 February until 2 March.



WA Indigenous short film details

● *Bollywood Dreaming* is written by Mitch Torres, directed by Cornel Ozies, produced by Dot West. The film is about a 16-year-old Aboriginal/Afro American girl, Jedda Rae Hill, who skates and who dreams of one day going to Bollywood to star in a Bollywood movie. Her world is a mixture of real time and fantasy, but the question is how will she make her dreams come true? Screens 17-23 December at 8.30pm

● *Sugar Bag*, written and directed by Gary Cooper, and produced by Robyn Marais. *Sugar Bag* is about 70-year-old Laurel Cooper, who tells of her childhood experience when her parents resolved the dilemma of keeping their family together in the face of Australian Government policy of removing fair-skinned Indigenous children. Screens 28 January to 3 February from 8.30pm.

● *Done Dirt Cheap*, written and directed by Debbie Carmody, and produced by Kath Carmody. *Done Dirt Cheap* is about a character called Amos who enlists two lamkin miners into his ingenious way to make money from an unsuspecting tourist, who walks into the plot and gets less than what he bargained for. Screens 18-24 February, 8.30pm.

● *Storytime* is about two adventurous Kimberley kids who wander deep into the mangroves at sunset, only to find the terrifying campfire stories of the Goonyboon Woman may not be myth after all. Written and directed by Jub Clerc and produced by Belinda Kelsall. Screens 17-23 March.



Ceduna art centre the first to use anti-theft system



THE Ceduna Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre has become the first Aboriginal art centre and gallery in South Australia to authenticate Aboriginal artwork with new technology designed to safeguard art against counterfeiters and thieves.

IDENTEart authenticates Aboriginal art with a microdot tag, or Datadot DNA, and comes from an Australian-owned company of the same name that started two years ago.

Once artwork has been tagged, the details are loaded onto a database and then a website which in turn becomes a catalogue of Indigenous art throughout Australia.

The website allows people to browse an online

gallery. All of the Ceduna centre's art will eventually be posted on this site, providing a tracking database for years to come for buyers to validate the authenticity of their work.

Scott Wilson, from IDENTeart, was in Ceduna working with artists and staff to implement the new process.

The Ceduna Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre and the Kuju Arts Centre in Port Lincoln are striving to make improvements in sales standards and security for buyers – helping, in turn, to preserve Aboriginal heritage within the region.

The Ceduna centre welcomes the community and visitors to drop by and have a look at the new technology, with coordinator Pam Diment and staff happy to explain how it all works.



The first painting in South Australia to be authenticated by IDENTeart was Alan Gunter's painting *The Heart*. From left, are Kuju Arts Port Lincoln coordinator Cathy Veldhuyzen, tourists Lynn-Marie Lewis and Martin Barber (both from Wynnum, Qld), Amanda Franklin from Kuju Arts Port Lincoln, Ceduna Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre coordinator Pam Diment and Scott Wilson from IDENTeart.

Media internships to develop long-term careers



A NEW Indigenous Media Internship program sponsored by ScreenWest and the Film and Television Institute WA (FTI) starts in 2008.

The FTI Indigenous Media Internship offers two

Indigenous people the opportunity to study the 30-week FTI Advanced Diploma in Screen (Video Production) course, followed by a 12-week professional development work placement at FTI.

ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth said he hoped the internships would lead to

a transition to other production roles for the Indigenous filmmakers.

The aim of the internship program is to develop long-term career opportunities for Indigenous filmmakers in WA by providing comprehensive skills training and some real industry experience," said Mr Booth.

FTI chief Graeme Sward said there had been some fantastic Indigenous production initiatives to come out of WA in recent years, and the Internship would compliment these schemes.

"The award-winning *Deadly Yarns* series with ABC television, ScreenWest and FTI

has resulted in many new local Indigenous productions being made here in WA and screened nationally and internationally," Mr Sward said.

"This has had significant career benefits for the Indigenous filmmakers involved and we're looking to introduce some new talent into the industry through the internship scheme."

The full-time course is an intensive hands-on training program where participants gain experience in all the key crew roles in film production including camera, sound, lighting, editing, directing

and producing. It runs from March to October next year and the internship culminates in February 2009 with the internship providing course tuition costs and an income during the 12-week professional development period.

Applications for the Indigenous Media Internship are available online at www.fti.asn.au <<http://www.fti.asn.au>> or by calling FTI on (08) 9431 6700. This internship is open to Western Australian residents only.

The deadline for applications is 5pm Friday 11 January 2008.

Health awards announced



WINNERS of the inaugural 2007 National Excellence Awards in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health have been announced.

The awards highlight excellence, innovation and leadership in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector. They are designed to showcase and celebrate the achievements of individuals and organisations in bridging the gap between the health status of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians.

The awards are organised by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Winners in the six award categories were:

- Mary Martin – Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Matthew Cooke – Young Leader in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Bernadette Shields – Individual Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (Kimberley Satellite Dialysis Service) – Excellence and Innovation in Service Delivery
- Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service (Youth Diversion Program) – Excellence and Innovation in Community Health Outcomes
- Maari Ma (Lower Western Sector Agreement) – Working Together – Partnering for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

Nominations

A total of 77 individuals and organisations submitted nominations for the awards. An eight-member panel judged the nominations.

Department of Health and Ageing Deputy Secretary Philip Davies said the awards highlighted the contributions – past and present – of many individuals and organisations involved in Indigenous health.

"The number and quality of nominations are a clear indication of the growing strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health services across Australia, and augur well for the future," Mr Davies said.

"The awards also present a rare opportunity to bring together many of the people responsible for the work being done in Indigenous health so that they may share experiences, information, aspirations and outcomes. I congratulate all the finalists."



Geraldine Hogarth has been recognised for her work in preventing ear disease in her community.

Geraldine's story is worth hearing



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- Excellent planning skills with demonstrated experience in setting priorities, establishing goals and developing strategies.
- Demonstrated ability to work positively, both within a team environment and autonomously in a community setting.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritise a busy workload with strong organisational and time management skills.
- Knowledge of tertiary institutions that can facilitate or complement training and education.
- Computer literacy in most Microsoft Office programs.
- Demonstrated oral and written communication skills with the ability to prepare reports, facilitate meetings and represent the organisation.
- Demonstrated commitment to continuous quality improvement.
- Current NSW Driver's licence.

To apply for this position please contact Shannon Mack for an information pack on (02) 9701 3600 or via email to employment@rfsnw.org.au. This pack contains instructions on how to apply for the role, a full position description and list of essential and desirable qualifications.



ABORIGINAL health worker Geraldine Hogarth's story is one of dedication and commitment to reducing ear disease in the children of Leonora, WA.

And it is a story that has spread further than the small town where she has lived all her life 230km north-east of Kalgoorlie.

Ms Hogarth is known and respected throughout the Goldfields for the work she has done in ear health and as an Aboriginal health worker. Visiting specialists recognise her work, as do the community of Leonora, the school and all her co-workers.

She was a finalist in the inaugural 2007 National Excellence Awards in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, where she was nominated in the 'Individual contribution' category.

An Aboriginal health worker since 1983, Ms Hogarth work has focused on children suffering from chronic suppurative otitis media, or 'runny ears'.

Untreated, 'runny ears' can lead to hearing loss. It can affect a child's whole life. If they cannot hear they can't hear their parents and they can't hear their teacher. And the more remote the community, the greater the incidence of the disease.

When Ms Hogarth started working in health, one of her main responsibilities was to ensure that the community nurses provided culturally appropriate services to the Leonora community.

The nurses, in turn, trained her. Together, Ms Hogarth and the community nurse checked eyes, ears and skin at the school. The nurse showed Ms Hogarth how to syringe the pus out of the children's ears.

This became Ms Hogarth's program, and it is now part of daily practice in Leonora.

Spin-off

When Ms Hogarth began her program of cleaning ears, up to 50 children a year were being identified and treated with the disease. Now, she may see only between three and five children. The spin-off result of good hygiene practices implemented by Ms Hogarth has been a 75 per cent reduction in trachoma.

Humble, a tireless worker and committed, Ms Hogarth is a respected Elder recognised across the northern Goldfields.

She works with all the community of Leonora, including non-Indigenous people, and especially the mothers. She provides ear health and other services to all – ear checks, audiology and hearing tests.

Ms Hogarth also promotes women's health, encouraging women to be screened regularly. She is involved in the immunisation program, diabetes management and the child health program. She also works with the community and police to resolve youth issues and runs protective behaviour workshops at Leonora School with the Department of Child Protection.

But it is her work on 'runny ears' that has had the greatest impact.

"Seeing the results really makes it worth it," Ms Hogarth said.

"The most satisfying thing is to see happy, smiling hearing children, along with happy parents and happy teachers."

"But it hasn't just been about teaching kids and parents about hygiene and keeping the ears clean. It's also been about teaching my people self-esteem, responsibility, praising them and supporting them. That is what I have done. It has really made a difference and I would do it all over again."

Ms Hogarth said she was 'very honoured' to be a finalist in the awards and was keen to acknowledge the contribution of parents and the children themselves to her program, as well as each of the community nurses with whom she has worked over the years – 'all 53 of them who left their imprints in my heart and in my mind'.

Program helps people take control of diabetes



IN a Western Australian first, Aboriginal people with Type 2 diabetes can look forward to more support in improving their

lifestyle and health thanks to a new health education program.

WA Health Director General Dr Neale Fong said the program – Journey of Living with Diabetes – was developed to help Aboriginal people with Type 2 diabetes gain the knowledge and skills to take control of their own health.

"Research shows that Type 2 diabetes is between two and four times more prevalent among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people than the whole of the Australian population," Dr Fong said.

"Diabetes is also a major cause of chronic health problems and



Delma Balchin (Senior Aboriginal Health Officer, Chronic Disease Management Team, Bentley) and **Doreen Turvey** (Senior Aboriginal Health Officer, Chronic Disease Management Team, Fremantle) with the resources and artwork for the program.

the death rate from diabetes for Aboriginal people is up to 17 times higher than non-Aboriginal people, so it's crucial we work to address these inequalities."

The new program is the result of a three-year collaboration

between South Metropolitan Public Health Unit, non-government organisations and Aboriginal people themselves.

"The successful pilot program was developed to provide culturally appropriate health

information in the context of the Noongar 'Six Seasons'," Dr Fong said.

Eight Aboriginal health workers completed the six-day training course in March before facilitating the pilot program in their communities.

The pilot program was well received, with 88 Aboriginal people registering and 38 graduating so far. Four Aboriginal Health Workers have started additional programs due to community demand.

"The pilot program has undergone thorough evaluation to ensure the final resources and program are culturally appropriate and effective," Dr Fong said.

"We're excited about the potential this program has for improving the lives of Aboriginal people with diabetes in meaningful ways."

Fremantle Hospital Senior Aboriginal Health Officer Doreen Turvey said the program was written in clear, simple language with fewer words and more pictures.

"It's a program that is culturally appropriate for all Aboriginal people," she said.

"People are making changes in their lives. Choosing healthier foods, doing more exercise and losing weight. These are the good news stories."

"People have made huge changes in their lives in such a short time."

It is anticipated that the program will be rolled out throughout WA Health. The program is an adaptation of the Living with Diabetes program developed by Diabetes Australia (WA) and funded by Healthway.

Surviving cancer



A recent 'Pink Ribbon Picnic in the Park' day at Kings Park drew more than 100 women who wanted to support each other and learn more about breast cancer.



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander women in Western Australia have a one-in-17 risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer.

That shocking statistic is part of the motivation behind activities by BreastScreen WA to raise awareness of breast cancer in the Indigenous community in Perth, including a 'Pink Ribbon Picnic in the Park' day.

BreastScreen WA has invited women from community-based Indigenous service providers to join a working group in planning the day.

Indigenous women and women's groups from around Perth were invited to attend a recent fun day at Kings Park to learn more about breast cancer and BreastScreen WA's screening service.

Many activities

More than 100 women attended, with some coming from as far away as Moora to participate in a range of activities including craft, music and yarning. Craft activities included making butterflies for a 'Remembrance Healing Tree' and placing handprints on a banner for use at similar events.

Many of the women attending wore pink T-shirts to signify Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A free morning tea and barbecue lunch was provided, and several free raffles were held.

Winners were grinners, with prizes ranging from a framed and signed Eagles AFL football jumper to beauty bundles, 'Picnic in the Park' T-shirts, handcrafted ornaments and other great prizes.

Organisers say they received lots of positive feedback. Some women said they saw it as a great opportunity for Aboriginal women to get together and celebrate survival.

Health groups join forces to tackle kidney depression



TWO national health organisations have joined together to address mental health and kidney disease, with an estimated 50 per cent of Australians with

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) affected by depression.

SANE Australia, a national charity helping people with mental illness, and Kidney Health Australia have released the first-ever mental health guide – the SANE Guide to Good Mental Health for people affected by kidney disease.

Kidney Health Australia CEO Anne Wilson said many people had their world turned upside down when they were diagnosed with CKD.

"People can be placed under extreme emotional pressure in trying to cope with CKD, which in many instances triggers the

loss of a job or a breakdown in relationships," Ms Wilson said.

SANE Australia Executive Director Barbara Hocking said the guide would help people find ways to maintain good mental health when dealing with CKD.

"Having kidney disease affects many areas of someone's life. It's not surprising that can mean an increased vulnerability to depression and anxiety," she said.

"We know treating depression and anxiety helps people gain better control over their underlying kidney disease. This guide aims to help people with kidney disease and their families to understand mental health problems by providing practical information and support."

The guide looks at a range of mental health problems, treatment options and includes case studies of people who have experienced CKD first hand and

how it has affected their lives.

The SANE Guide to Good Mental Health is available for \$10 from Kidney Health Australia on 1800 682 531.

For more information on kidney disease, visit www.kidney.org.au

For more information about mental illness, visit www.sane.org.au

Kidney disease facts

- One in three people are at increased risk of developing Chronic Kidney Disease
- 34 per cent of people with a chronic illness rate their quality of life as fair or poor and 61 per cent experience depression
- Symptoms of depression are often unrecognised or confused with symptoms of other illnesses
- Mental illnesses are treatable and

the vast majority recover well

- People living with chronic illness who have effective treatment for associated depression can improve control of their illness
- About two million Australians may be affected by early-stage kidney disease and don't know it
- 11.3 per cent of all deaths in Australia are due to, or associated with, kidney failure
- Every day, five Australians start expensive dialysis or have a transplant to stay alive
- Three million Australians will experience a major depressive illness during their lifetime
- 17 per cent of Australians (more than 3.5 million) experience depression or anxiety each year.

Anangu health policy a winner

SA

A POLICY aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of Anangu people living on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

(APY) Lands by ensuring continuous access to nutritious and affordable food and essential health items has won this year's Heart Foundation Kellogg Local Government Awards 2007.

The Mai Wiru Regional Stores

Policy was named National Overall Winner in the Awards announced at the Pitjantjatjara Council in Alice Springs last Monday by the Heart Foundation and Kellogg (Aust) Pty Ltd.

The award carried a prize of \$10,000, a perpetual trophy and a commemorative plaque.

The policy was developed under the auspices of Nganampa Health Council in conjunction with Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council, following a request from Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara.

Judges declared it the overall winner because of its positive impact on the health of people living on the APY Lands, describing it as a fantastic example of Aboriginal communities taking control of their long-term health.

"The awards are important because they recognise the outstanding achievements of local governments in the continuing fight against cardiovascular disease - Australia's leading cause of death", said Heart Foundation National Director of Cardiovascular Health Programs Dr Peter Abernethy.

"Local governments play a pivotal role in introducing structural change, implementing policies and creating supportive environments which allow people

to be physically active, reduce smoking and improve their nutrition."

This year, awards were given to local governments who not only planned and implemented heart health programs in their community, but also achieved outstanding results.

Awards are presented across four national categories:

Provision and Use of Facilities to Improve Heart Health Category

● South Australia - District Council of Cleve for Cleve Community Fitness Gymnasium - 'Gym Works'

Programs that Improve Heart Health in Priority Groups Category

● Northern Territory - Kunbarlanjia Community Government Council for Remote Indigenous Stores and Takeaway (RIST)

Programs that Promote Healthy Weight Category

● Victoria - City of Greater Geelong for Healthy Beginnings Strategy

Implementation of Plans and Policies to Support Heart Health

● Mai Wiru Regional Stores Policy, Kunbarlanjia Community Government Council's Remote Indigenous Stores and Takeaway (RIST), which won the Programs that Improve Heart Health in Priority Groups category, also



Kids enjoy fruit at Fregon in SA's APY Lands.

aims improve the overall health of the community by focusing on the availability of healthy foods.

The program helps increase the volume of fresh fruit and vegetables sold, with greater shelf space for healthy foods and less visible space for other foods.

With funding from State, Territory and National Health Departments, six remote community stores and/or

takeaways across Australia have been chosen to implement and assess the project's effectiveness.

Half way into the six-month trial, it is envisaged that information gathered from the Kunbarlanjia Store will be used to develop a model for other stores.

Kunbarlanjia, also known as Oenpelli, is 320km east of Darwin.



Smiles at Fregon, where residents are benefiting from a community-driven strategy helping to ensure continuous access to nutritious and affordable food, and essential health items.



Shopping for healthy food at Amata community store

Peak bodies uniting to tackle Aboriginal health

TWO peak health bodies, NACCHO and Rural Health Workforce Australia, have joined forces to improve Aboriginal

health outcomes by addressing one of the key factors contributing to poorer Indigenous health status - health workforce shortages.

The level of chronic diseases such as diabetes, renal disease, heart disease, strokes and hypertension are much higher than in the rest of the population and contribute to the 17-year life-expectancy gap.

Many of these premature deaths could be prevented through timely access to comprehensive primary health-care services, including GPs.

Outgoing NACCHO Chairman Henry Councillor said on 19 November that the lack of access to health professionals for Aboriginal Australians was reflected in the statistics for the Medical Benefits Schedule (Medicare).

"For every dollar spent on non-Indigenous Australians under the MBS, only 39 cents is spent on Indigenous Australians," he said.

"These statistics mean that Aboriginal peoples have much lower levels of access to the primary health-care system - due in part to a shortage of health professionals."



Outgoing NACCHO Chairman Henry Councillor

Rural Health Workforce Australia Chairman Jim Birch said the issue was a priority area for his organisation because, while there was a shortage of health workers across Australia, the additional health needs of Aboriginal peoples meant that targeted strategies and campaigns needed to be developed to encourage health professionals to live and work in Aboriginal communities.

"In order to make any long-term impact on the health status of Aboriginal peoples, we must support health professionals to live and work in communities," Mr Birch said of the new partnership.

Online tool to assess breast cancer risks

A WEB-BASED calculator that assesses a woman's personal risk of

breast cancer has been launched at the NSW Breast Cancer Institute (BCI) at Sydney's Westmead Hospital. Seemyrisk.com predicts breast cancer risk using a mathematical formula based on worldwide studies.

The calculator was invented by BCI Executive Director Professor John Boyages (Sydney), Dr Nathan Coombs (United Kingdom) and Professor Richard Taylor (Queensland), and developed with assistance from Microsoft.

Professor Boyages said seemyrisk.com makes complex health information easy to access and understand, which would help women to be more engaged in their health.

"This is a great step forward for women anxious about developing breast cancer and want personalised, dependable information," he said.

Professor Boyages cares for thousands of women with breast cancer who have been diagnosed or treated every year.

He said public confidence in Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) plummeted after two studies, the Women's Health Initiative published in 2002 from America and the Million Women Study in 2003 from Oxford University.

"The risks were over-inflated and not conveyed simply by leading experts or the media," said Professor Boyages.

Media reports

HRT usage rates dropped by nearly 70 per cent after media reports said that HRT 'doubled' the risk of breast cancer.

"Information about HRT and breast cancer risk is often misunderstood and the media reports were misleading because they did not specify a baseline," Professor Boyages said.

"Many women were over-estimating their risk of breast cancer and unnecessarily

avoiding short-term HRT to deal with their menopausal symptoms."

He said the idea for the simple calculator came out of trying to balance the 'hysteria' and anxiety that was generated in women.

The calculator displays results as a percentage and also as a figure, such as one in 12.

The patient and her doctor may then decide that a small increase in risk is an acceptable trade-off for the other benefits of taking HRT, said Dr Coombs.

"For women who can't sleep at night because of hot flushes and night sweats, they might find this risk acceptable. The main thing is that the calculator can present what it means for a woman of a particular age who is considering taking HRT."

Seemyrisk.com calculates an individual's breast cancer risk for women of different ages from 19 countries and states, including Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. To access the new calculator visit www.seemyrisk.com

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities

Building a future



WHEN 16-year-old Georgia Levi was looking for a more rewarding career after working in a cafe for two years, she jumped at the chance to learn practical construction skills through a local employment project.

Georgia, from the Brisbane suburb of Zillmere, works with 11 young men as part of a Skilling Queenslanders for Work project, building the first development of a Lions Life Skills Centre in Lawnton.

The 12 trainees are all from the local Indigenous community and have already completed the theoretical and practical training for a Certificate I in General

Construction (Concreting and Steel Fixing).

Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations John Mickel said the initiative provided the Construction Training Centre with \$234,180 to fund the 20-week paid work placements in partnership with the Lions Youth Emergency Accommodation Centre to renovate a two-storey house into the Lions Life Skills Centre.

"The initiative funds these placements because they provide people with a fantastic opportunity to earn a recognised qualification and gain workplace experience," Mr Mickel said.

"They provide a great boost to participants' self-confidence and motivation to put their new skills and experience to good use."

The work placements are part of a \$1.16 million project that has received funding from the Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services, Pine Rivers Shire Council, Lions International, the Lions Youth Emergency Accommodation Centre, Building and Construction Industry Training Centre, the Construction Training Centre, Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund and the Community Gambling Benefit Fund.

The full development will extend to an additional six units to accommodate disadvantaged youth who will use the life skills centre as their core-training centre.

The Lions Youth Emergency Accommodation Centre, in partnership with Integrated Family Youth Services management, is developing the Lions Life Skills Centre to teach young people, including single mothers, life skills such as cooking, cleaning,



Zillmere's Georgia Levi will be rewarded with construction skills under the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

budgeting, hygiene and other basic skills in order to enhance their own self-worth, which will enable them to become better citizens.

Construction Training Centre hired Sidaway Project Services, which provides Indigenous project management, mentoring and support, to teach the group on site and supervise their work. Managing Director Mark Sidaway said good results were coming already.

"The crew are working well together and they've completed a few milestones on the project as well," he said.

Demolition work

"For the first three weeks of the project they had to prepare the house for the 1km move here. That involved some demolition work which gave the supervisor on this project John Buttini and I a chance to show everyone the standard of work required in the industry and explain how the different parts of a house all come together."

"As part of getting them ready for the work ahead we all spent six hours in a Bunnings warehouse explaining what all the different tools are for and what brands they should look for now and down the track when they are more proficient."

The house is now a hive of activity as the participants go about their work inside and out, climbing ladders, nailing up the weatherboards and sawing wood for the internal walls.

Georgia said she was enjoying the work

for a number of different reasons.

"When I was looking for something different from the cafe I really wanted to find a job where I could give something back to the community, and I also enjoy working outside," she said.

"In this job I'm doing both and knowing that this house will help the community helps keep me motivated."

"My friends were surprised when they first heard I was going to work on a construction site, but they've accepted it now and Mum is really proud."

"When I was a kid I never thought I'd be working on a building site, but it's been really good. None of the boys give me any trouble and Mark and John have been very supportive and I know I can ask them for help."

Mark Sidaway knows there are plenty of opportunities for the participants to find other work when the paid work placements end in mid-December.

"I'm looking to keep two of them on at this site to help build the duplexes for the clients who will come here and train them up to Certificate III level," he said.

"I've got building projects in Toowoomba, Roma, Acacia Ridge and elsewhere and I'd like to get a few more of these guys working for me and act as mentors for other young Indigenous people. I'm aiming for 100 per cent employment for this crew when they finish and I think they will have the skill, confidence and motivation to achieve that."



Back, from left, Georgia Levi, Adam Rutley, Joshua Georgetown, Jason Miles. Middle, from left, Josiah, John Buttini and Quentin Canning. Front, from left, Roland Roma, Gavin Goergetown, Dale Willis and Andrew Hill.

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Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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 These positions are re-advertised, previous applicants need not apply.

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TRAINEE - (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)

Job Reference No. 260125

Location - Cooma/Campas (Dareton)

Salary - Total remuneration package valued to \$27,925 pa, including salary (\$13,618 - \$25,306), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Duties - Provide a high level of administrative and clerical assistance to support the delivery of high quality education and training programs and customer service.

Note - Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977).

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday, 14th December 2007

All applicants must obtain an information package which includes an official job application form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION... Download the package from www.rti.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.

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**OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION
 PROFESSIONAL LEGAL PLACEMENTS**

Legal Officer Grade I
 Various Locations, Temporary Full-Time,
 Job Reference No EX07/145

Total remuneration package valued to \$61,213 p.a. (\$48,518-\$55,472).

We are looking for bright, hard working law graduates who are about to embark on the Practical Legal Training professional placement to join our Professional Legal Placement Program working in either our Criminal, Family and Civil law divisions.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. A sound academic record and good result in LLB, particularly in one of the following: criminal law, family law and/or care and protection law, civil law. Capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people. Excellent written and communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare correspondence, submissions and other written materials. Excellent analytical and research skills. Ability to meet deadlines and work within a team environment. Demonstrated computer skills. Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: These positions are temporary full-time appointment/employment opportunity under Sections 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act, 2002, for a period of up to nine months. The positions are identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Enquiries: Jodie Phuong or Bronwyn McCutcheon (02) 9219 5146. **Information Packages:** Kate Jolliffe on (02) 9219 5130.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Kate Jolliffe, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K247, Haymarket 1238, online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 21 December 2007

**Department of the Attorney General
 Government of Western Australia**

Office of the Director General

**Director
 Aboriginal Services**

Position No: 5880 (50D)

Level/Salary: 9 \$106,702 - \$114,723 (PSGA) plus annual leave loading, superannuation and access to a motor vehicle in accordance with the Government Vehicle Scheme.

We also offer access to a range of salary packaging options to reduce the tax you pay and offer the opportunity to purchase additional holidays.

This senior executive leadership role is instrumental in guiding the ground-breaking Aboriginal Justice Agreement, a unique State-wide partnership initiative to improve the lives of Aboriginal people across the State.

You will also lead a team providing dispute resolution processes for the Aboriginal community.

The position is available for up to 5 years and is identified under the EEO Act 1984, Section 50D.

For further job related information: Please contact Ms Cheryl Gwilliam, Director General on (08) 9264 1833.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the position number into the search box or telephone (08) 9478 0011.

Closing Date: 17 December 2007 at 4:30pm (WST).

**Queensland Government
 Queensland Health**

**For application kits and to apply online,
 visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus**

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker (Indigenous Client Care Coordinator) - Community Aged Care Services, Redland Health Services Centre, Cleveland, Southside Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$40 180 p.a., comprising salary rates: \$21.91 - \$24.10 p.h. (004), employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) or salary rates: \$21.58 - \$25.72 p.h. (T0) (Part time position, 56 hrs p.w.) JAR: H07BAY268. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide a client-focused screening and care coordinator service for the Indigenous Home and Community Care population within Southside Health Services District - Bayview. Have knowledge of local services to act as an advocate to ensure access to a range of services. Liaise with client, carer, community and other health professionals to ensure a collaborative approach to planning and coordinating of Indigenous clients. 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:** Loretta Allen (07) 2480 4366.

Application Kit: (07) 3121 1412 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 2007.

Advanced Health Worker - Diabetes and Nutrition Quality Lifestyle Program, Thursday Island Primary Health Care Centre, Torres Strait 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) (Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H07T0090. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide and supervise the provision of quality essential primary health care services throughout the Torres Strait Health Service District using approaches which are both culturally appropriate and culturally acceptable so as to ensure consistency in health care practice across the Health District and continuity of care to clients. 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:** Edna Sambo (07) 4069 0431.

Application Kit: (07) 4050 6753 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 24 December 2007.

Mental Health

Advanced Health Worker - Child and Youth Mental Health Service, Institute of Mental Health Services, Townsville, 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) (Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H07TV1155. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide co-case management services to Indigenous clients and sound advice on Indigenous issues relating to service provision within with Child and Youth Mental Health Service. 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. 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:** Amanda Gilmour (07) 4799 9004.

Application Kit: (07) 4796 1209 or (07) 4796 1216 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 17 December 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.

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Senior Legislative Publications Officer
**Clerk Grade 5/6, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time,
 Job Reference No DPC07/383**

Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Ensure quality control of legislative publications, including checking and publishing draft legislation, compiling publications and updating the Legislation Database. Assist with the training of staff and the administration of production processes.

Selection Criteria: Detailed knowledge of the legislative process and the structure of NSW legislation and related publications. Advanced editorial skills and a sound knowledge of publishing and printing processes and procedures. Highly developed communication skills. Demonstrated planning and organisational skills and an ability to meet strict deadlines. Ability to supervise, train and guide staff. Advanced computer skills, including knowledge of SGML and related applications. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Paid overtime will be necessary, especially at night during Parliamentary sessions. Applicants may be required to undertake an editorial skills test.

Inquiries: Ms Michelle Butler (02)9321 3333 Email: michelle.butler@pco.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** Mr Tom Thornton (02) 9321 3333.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: The Recruitment Consultant, Central Corporate Services Unit, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.

**Australian Government
 Great Barrier Reef
 Marine Park Authority**

Partnerships working together for the environment!

Manager, Indigenous Partnerships Liaison Unit

**Conservation Heritage and Indigenous Partnerships Group
 Townsville, QLD**

EL1 Salary range \$80,423 - \$86,526 pa plus super and benefits

We are seeking a manager with extensive experience working with Indigenous people. You will lead a professional team who are responsible for development of policies, strategies and plans relating to the Indigenous Partnerships in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Your knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures in relation to marine park management will be essential in this role. Your ability to communicate effectively at all levels within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Indigenous community and with relevant stakeholders, as well as be able to effectively problem solve and negotiate solutions is vital to the role. Tertiary qualifications in social science or natural resource management would be an advantage.

This is a truly diverse role that promotes a culture for working together for the sea country and will suit someone who is willing to be measured by the program's success and reputation.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Dr Kristin Dobbis on (07) 4750 0865.

Applicants should address selection criteria found on the website at www.gbrmpa.gov.au.

Applications close 9.00am (QLD time) - Monday 17 December 2007

Email applications to recruitment@gbrmpa.gov.au
 Or mail written applications to Human Resources Management Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
 PO Box 1379
 TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

For selection criteria and further information visit www.gbrmpa.gov.au/vacancies

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Correction

QBuild Apprenticeships/ Trainees

TMP would like to advise the following corrections to the advertisement published 16 November.

Normanton has Carpentry and Painting positions available to indigenous applicants only.

The following areas have positions open to all applicants:

Rockhampton	Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical Mechanical
Southport	Carpentry, Plumbing
St George	Carpentry
Thursday Island	Carpentry
Toowoomba	Carpentry, Painting
Townsville	Carpentry, Electrical Mechanical
Warwick	Carpentry

QBuild is an equal opportunity employer.

Female and male applicants are encouraged to apply, including people who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, people with disabilities and those from non-English speaking backgrounds.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Dorrigo, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-498. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,669 p.a. (\$35,658-\$47,572) Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

Undertake maintenance/improvements to facilities, grounds, buildings, roads, walking tracks & fences. Operate & maintain plant/equipment. Work within Department's statutory obligations, carry out fire fighting duties, able to demonstrate Aboriginality. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties. Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and an ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate. Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard; and ability to operate two-way radios. Effective communication and community relation skills are required; Ability to work independently and as part of a team; Administrative skills. Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft. Current Drivers licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months).

Inquiries: Sean Leathers or Mark Vagulans (02) 6657 2961 or 6657 2961 0429 918 288 or 0429 456 6414 Email: sean.leathers@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Mark Vagulans (02) 6657 2961 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 21 December 2007.

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NSW@HEALTH

Research Officers for the Antecedents of Renal Disease in Aboriginal Children (ARDAC) Second Phase Research Study

Position No. RR8013/0490/07, Closes 17/12/07.
Centre for Kidney Research, Temp FT, 12 mths (renewable).
20 to 38 hours (1 Temp FT or 2 Temp PT pos).
Elisabeth Hodson on 9845 3430, page 6402 via 9845 0000 or email elisah@chw.edu.au

Study Manager (Senior Research Officer) for the Antecedents of Renal Disease in Aboriginal Children (ARDAC) Second Phase Research Study

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Send applications to:
Staff Services Department,
Locked Bag 4001,
Westmead NSW 2145

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DRUG, ALCOHOL AND HIV/AIDS SERVICE

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Worker

Nowra, Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Perm Full Time Position No. 66171

• An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
Enq: David Hedger, 0421 617 888,
david.hedger@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 14 December 2007

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

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We can offer Registered Nurses from overseas temporary business sponsorships of up to four years under arrangements with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and NSW Health. We are committed to EEO, OHAS, Ethical Practices, and the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Salary and conditions (including pension employer superannuation and salary packaging) are paid in accordance with the relevant award/agreement. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record check. Fresh-titled Nurses, as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, are not eligible to apply for child-related employment. Eligibility lists will be kept for up to 12 months. Employment with NSW Health is subject to you having current infectious status that complies with the Assessment, Screening & Vaccination against Specified Infectious Diseases - Policy Directive. Appointment and ongoing employment will be subject to continued compliance with the policy directive.

NSW@HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3272.

ALLIED HEALTH

Family and Child Health Worker (Specialising in Sexual Assault)

Aboriginal Health, Population Health, Planning & Performance, Moree

Perm Full Time Position No. 57005

Provide information and counselling to children, young people and adults who reside in the towns of Toomelah, Boggabilla and Mungindi who have experienced sexual abuse and their non-offending family members/significant others. The position also works closely with the communities and key interagency stakeholders to develop strategies that increase community capacity and ensure community awareness, and participation in responding to child and family violence.

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role Exemption is claimed under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Applicants must be female. This is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Enquiries: Dana Cooper, (02) 6739 0100,
dana.cooper@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 21 December 2007

DENTAL

Aboriginal Dental Assistant Training Position Hunter New England Oral Health Service

Temp Full Time Position No. 56749

Designated as an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander vacancy under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

This position is a joint initiative of Hunter Oral Health Service and Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service as a demonstration of the Memorandum of Understanding between both services being actioned.

Provide clinical support to the Dental Clinicians, assist in the facilitation of efficient delivery of dental services and operations of the dental unit and perform reception duties as required.

Enquiries: Tammie Howell, (02) 4924 6060,
tammie.howell@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 21 December 2007

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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LEARNING SKILLS ADVISER (INDIGENOUS)

Albury-Wodonga

Position Number: W632827

Located in the Division of Student Services, the Learning Skills Adviser (Indigenous) will be part of a team providing academic skills development and support to students of CSU. With a focus on Indigenous students, the successful applicant will work with both internal and distance education students to aid in the development of their study skills, academic writing and learning abilities and liaise with other staff to ensure the most effective range of student learning is provided. Suitably qualified indigenous persons are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Conditions: Part time, 17.5 hours per week

Salary Range: \$26,827 - \$29,046 per annum

www.csu.edu.au/jobs

SUPERANNUATION: Compulsory superannuation arrangements, including a generous employer contribution, apply to most positions at Charles Sturt University.

APPLICATION DETAILS: Applicants are required to obtain the University's Application for Employment form, a Statement of Duties, and full Selection Criteria from the staff recruitment website at www.csu.edu.au/jobs or the Division of Human Resources, Wagga Wagga, telephone (02) 6933 2213, facsimile (02) 6933 2886 or email rechwa@csu.edu.au

Applications close at 9.00am 17 December 2007.

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3x Heavy Duty Plant Mechanics

Ngarda Civil & Mining Pty Limited is an Indigenous owned and operated civil and mining contractor. Winner of the Prime Minister's award for Excellence in community business partnerships, our Company is dedicated to providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians. We continue to experience exciting growth, and are now looking for three Heavy Duty Plant Mechanics to help achieve our vision.

Located in the Pilbara region of Port Hedland, the position of Plant Mechanic is to maintain and repair the mobile and ancillary equipment on site in a timely manner. The Plant Mechanic must be able to work in a team-based environment following all of Ngarda's safety policies and procedures. Working safely adhering to Ngarda's and the client's safety and environmental standards, whilst meeting equipment production targets is required. The plant mechanic will assist the Leading Hand to maintain and manage records and paperwork to site standards, and to assist and train apprentices and trainees in the servicing and maintenance of plant and equipment.

Qualifications:

- Must possess a current WA HR licence
- Must be able to provide documents showing trade qualifications within the mechanical trade industry
- Certificate 2 in mechanical servicing heavy vehicles
- Forklift certificate
- Fire aid certificate
- Fire fighting awareness training
- Must be able to complete and pass Pilbara Iron induction
- Must be able to complete and pass a pre-employment medical (including a drug/alcohol screening)

Skills/Knowledge/Experience:

- Excellent communication skills
- Work effectively with teamwork groups or those outside formal line of authority to accomplish organisational goals
- Knowledge of Mines Safety and Inspection Act
- Ability to diagnose faults and repair in a timely manner
- Possess a satisfactory level of technical skills/knowledge in job-related areas; keeping abreast of current developments and trends in area of expertise
- Proactively develop customer relationships by making efforts to listen to and understand the customer (both internal and external); anticipating and providing solutions to customer needs; give high priority to customer satisfaction
- 2+ years experience in the mining/construction industry
- Experience on various plant preferably Hitachi and CAT earthmoving equipment

If you require any further information, please contact HR Department on 6272 5022 or send your resume to: Human Resources Department, Ngarda Civil and Mining, P.O. Box 496, BELMONT WA 6154

Applications close on Wednesday, 12th December 2007

Aboriginal caseworker

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Positions available in regional NSW,
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Salary package up to \$78,951 p.a.

- Want to play a part in creating a better future for your mob?
- Have two years community services experience working with Aboriginal children and families?
- Want to work where you are supported with ongoing training and development?

Aboriginal caseworkers with the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) work with vulnerable children, with a specific focus on Aboriginal clients, helping keep a child safe and maintaining their connections with their family and culture.

Apply by 21 December to commence in early 2008

Applicants must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

Visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

or phone 1800 149 919

or email: indigenoucaseworker@community.nsw.gov.au



Department of
Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia
Offender Management and Professional Development

Prison Support Officer (50D)

Offender Services

Position No: 5874

Level/Salary: \$54,510 - \$57,609 pa

Location: Hakea Prison

If you like working in a close knit team and you like to work in a rewarding environment, then this is the opportunity that you have been looking for!

The Department of Corrective Services is looking to appoint an Indigenous Prison Support Officer to work at Hakea Prison on a permanent basis.

As a Prison Support Officer you will contribute to the overall suicide and self-harm intervention and prevention strategy within the Prison.

This will involve working in a team environment with the aim of early identification and support of prisoners at risk. You will also have the opportunity to be involved with the management of the performance and training of the Peer Support Team, which includes identifying the need for and delivering designated suicide prevention training programs, such as the Gatekeeper Program.

You may also be called upon to help deliver information sessions to relevant staff within the Prison.

Aboriginality is an occupational requirement for this position under Section (50D) of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1984.

For further job related information: Please contact Denise Mead on (08) 9066 6289/6302.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 17 December 2007 at 4:30pm.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

CareerStart SA Traineeships in South Australia Police

Temporary up to 12 months
(more than 1 position)

This position will be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as per section 56 (2) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984. Are you interested in a Traineeship within the South Australian Police? South Australia Police has a number of Clerical Traineeship opportunities available in metropolitan and country locations.

As a trainee you will be responsible for a variety of administrative tasks that will assist South Australia Police in meeting its operational needs.

To apply for a traineeship, all applicants must be a South Australian resident and must not have completed a South Australian Public Sector Traineeship previously. Applicants must be aged 17 - 26 years old (inclusive). These positions will be advertised on the Notice of Vacancies website, www.vacancies.sa.gov.au on Friday 30 November 2007. Applicants MUST apply and follow application instructions for these traineeships through the Notice of Vacancies. All applications are to be sent to CareerStart SA, GPO Box 320, Adelaide SA 5000 to be received by Friday 14 December 2007. Late applications will not be considered.

For information regarding the application process, please contact:
CareerStart SA on FREECALL
1800 683 534

For information regarding the clerical traineeships, please contact:
Lia Bigolin, Assistant HR Consultant,
SA Police on 8204 2272



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Here at the Department of Health we're launching an exciting new Lifestyle and Risk Factor program. It's aim? To actively change the health of communities across South Australia. And we need your help.

They say prevention is the best cure. Working as a Lifestyle Advisor or Lifestyle Support Officer, you'll assist those in the community at risk of developing chronic diseases. Designing a lifestyle intervention plan tailored to their particular needs, you'll ultimately work towards helping to create a healthy future for all South Australians.

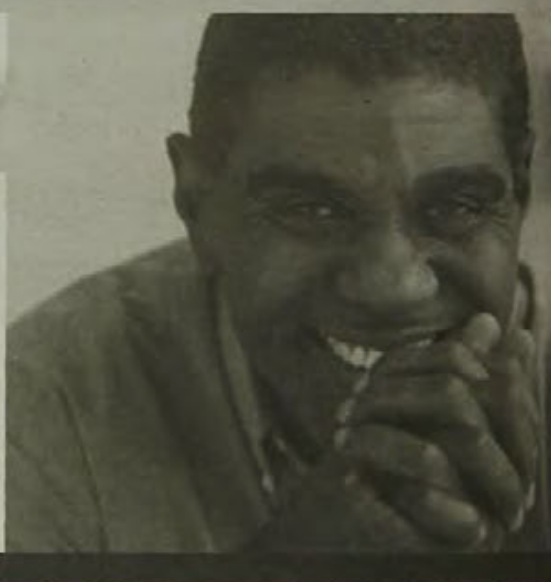
Working on the front-line, you'll act as a crucial link between the individual and a whole range of professional health services, from GPs to specialists and dietitians. And with comprehensive training coupled with existing health or lifestyle experience, you'll truly get to make a difference. Some people define job satisfaction as a company car. We define it as saving lives.

If you want to be part of a dynamic team, contact Lyn Davidson on 08 8226 6962 or apply online at www.health.sa.gov.au/careers and search Ref 9048/2007 and 9044/2007.

Some positions will be specifically working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



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Level 8: \$65,030 - \$77,222 per annum (pro rata), plus 17% employer superannuation contribution. This is a 0.7 fractional time, continuing appointment.

Ready for a chance to enter into a challenging, inspiring and dynamic degree program? Are you passionate about Indigenous Australia and able to inspire indigenous students?

You will deliver the Bachelor of Arts (Kyinandoo) program and support the ongoing development of Indigenous units and courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels offered by the Faculties. You will work in a co-teaching role with other academic staff in the delivery of Indigenous units and courses with a high degree of autonomy.

The position requires cultural sensitivity, specific indigenous knowledge as well as demonstrated creativity and skill in designing, planning and facilitating educational experiences for indigenous and non-indigenous students.

Please quote reference number A00056 when applying.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for this position close 4pm Friday 14 December 2007.

LECTURER (INDIGENOUS TEACHER EDUCATION)
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Level 8: \$65,030 - \$77,222 per annum, plus 17% employer superannuation contribution. This is a full-time, continuing appointment.

The School of Education, with the support of Moondani Balluk, Victoria University's Indigenous support unit is seeking to employ an Indigenous educator who can lead teaching and research programs in cultural and communication teacher education. This position expresses the School's commitment to the educational development of culturally and linguistically diverse communities like those in the Western region of Melbourne.

You will be required to work with young people who are experimenting with and applying new media and communication technologies in everyday life, leading to altered social practices with educationally significant implications. You will be qualified to teach in one or more education courses and curriculum fields.

Please quote reference number A00051 when applying.

Applications for this position close 4pm Friday 14 December 2007.

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Applicants should have qualifications as stated in the relevant position description.
Position descriptions and application information are available from:
Website: www.vu.edu.au/employment Phone: 03 9919 4957
Applicants should systematically address the selection criteria.



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THOUGHT.

CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST

Programs Unit, Position No: DJJ07/195. Total remuneration package valued up to \$109,600 pa including salary (\$99,320 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

The Chief Psychologist is the expert advisor to the Director Programs and the Department on matters requiring a psychologist's input. The position provides overall direction and guidance of clinical supervision for the Department's psychologists. **Selection Criteria:** A postgraduate degree of at least masters level in a specialist area deemed relevant by the Department including, but not limited to, Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, Counselling Psychology or Forensic Psychology. Full registration as a psychologist with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board, Minimum Class C Driver's Licence (travel across NSW is required). Extensive experience as a Senior Specialist Psychologist (or equivalent) with high-level expertise in conducting psychological and psychometric assessments and making high-level clinical judgments. Substantial experience in providing professional supervision. Experience in a programs-related work environment coordinating programs or services. Specialist knowledge of the special needs of adolescents and extensive knowledge and understanding of the evidence based literature on best practice in clinical interventions for young offenders. Extensive knowledge and understanding of issues and models of intervention relevant to specialist program areas e.g. AOD, Sex Offenders and Violent Offenders programs. Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultural issues. High-level oral and written communication, interpersonal and negotiating skills including experience in establishing and maintaining relationships with internal and external stakeholders. A knowledge and understanding of ethical work practices, EEO, OH&S and the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement.

Notes: The post graduate degree must include components of professional training and supervised experience and be of 2 years full time or equivalent or education, training or experience deemed by the Department to be equivalent. This is a 24-hour on call position (on a roster basis). Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Information Package: Catherine Brennan on (02) 9219 9584 or email catherine.brennan@dj.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Suellen Lembke, Director Programs on (02) 9219 9517, or email suellen.lembke@dj.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.

CLINICAL SUPERVISOR (ISP)

DPO Grade IV, Newcastle, Position No: DJJ07/196. Total remuneration package valued up to \$95,363 pa including salary (\$ 84,738 to \$ 86,419 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Implement, manage and lead a high quality Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) to serious repeat juvenile offenders and their families based on the Multisystemic Therapy (MST) model ensuring consistency and integrity services delivered across the state. **Selection Criteria:** Australian Psychological Society approved Masters or Doctorate Degree in clinical, Counselling, Forensic, Educational or Developmental Psychology or Masters degree in Social Work with a minimum of 24 months experience in therapeutic settings. Full registration as a psychologist with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board or eligible for registration with the relevant professional body. Current Class C NSW Driver's Licence. Demonstrated ability to coordinate the work of, lead and professionally supervise a multi-disciplinary team, monitoring professional standards and complex ethical issues. Significant demonstrated experience at a senior level in clinically supervising and training others in the application of a variety of evidence based assessment and intervention skills. Expertise in family/care giver systems theory and interventions, behavioural and cognitive behavioural therapies and their application. Knowledge of evidence-based literature on best practice in clinical interventions with young offenders. Demonstrated relevant experience in positively engaging with indigenous, minority, marginalised or difficult to engage young people and their families. Demonstrated experience in developing collaborative inter-agency partnerships. Demonstrated oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills. A knowledge and understanding of ethical work practices, EEO, OH&S and the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement. A knowledge and understanding of ethical work practices, EEO, OH&S and the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement.

Notes: This is a advertised position. Previous applicants will be brought forward. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

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ATSI COMMUNITY PROJECT WORKER



- Great career opportunity
- Build community partnerships
- Exceptional package

Parramatta City Council is a leader in the field of community capacity building with a reputation for delivering innovative and creative partnerships and solutions that provide practical and sustainable social outcomes. The Council is currently seeking an ATSI Community Project Worker to join the Community Capacity Building team.

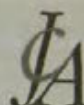
Working in partnership with the Service Manager and Community Capacity Building Officer to develop and deliver a number of specific projects to improve the capacity and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities in Parramatta, this role will be responsible for:

- The development of collaborative working relationships with community leaders and organisations to identify issues that will drive project delivery;
- Establishment of a shared understanding of local ATSI communities and communication that ensures Council and the Community Capacity Building team are aware of current and evolving needs and issues;
- Build links within ATSI communities and between them and other communities. Support and build on the work of ATSI community members to assist with strengthening their communities.

Successful candidates will have experience in ATSI service and program delivery, well-developed project management skills and an understanding of and commitment to the principles of community development. In addition you will be able to demonstrate excellent communication and time management combined with effective relationship building skills and the ability to work in a multidisciplinary team.

Applications are invited for this position from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (Authorised under Section 14d, NSW Discrimination Act 1977)

For an information package, please contact Celia Adamski on 02 9558 5102, or send your application in confidence to: resume@jassoc.com.au



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Queensland Centre of Excellence for Behaviour Support

Bringing together the world's best people

Disability Services Queensland is seeking leading experts in disability and mental health research and practice for the new **Centre of Excellence for Behaviour Support**.

The Centre of Excellence will lead and participate in local and international research in behaviour support to assist adults with a disability who exhibit severely challenging behaviours to participate in every day life. The Centre will draw on expertise from across the disability, health and mental health sectors to guide policy and practice, and deliver workforce training.

Director, Policy Research

You will lead policy research in prevention, early intervention, and positive lifestyle behaviour support for adults with intellectual or cognitive disabilities and challenging behaviours. The results of this policy research will guide practice to reduce or eliminate the use of restrictive practices. (Total package value \$120 077 - \$125 637)

Closing date is 11 February 2008.

Director, Research in Behaviour Support

You will lead research in behaviour support and practice, providing valuable evidence to inform the development of disability and mental health services. Your research outcomes will help shape the future of behaviour support and practice for adults with intellectual or cognitive disabilities and challenging behaviours. (Total package value \$120 077 - \$125 637)

Closing date is 11 February 2008.

Director, Learning and Development

You will lead the development and delivery of statewide learning and development activities for clinicians and direct support workers who support adults with intellectual or cognitive disabilities and challenging behaviours. Learning programs will focus on evidence-based practice and positive behaviour support. (Total package value \$98 621 - \$104 306)

Closing date is 28 January 2008.

Business Manager

You will manage the operations of the Centre including business planning, financial and human resource management. You will also oversee partnerships with other research bodies to promote the Centre's functions. (Total package value \$98 621 - \$104 306)

Closing date is 28 January 2008.

How to apply

Successful applicants will be offered an excellent remuneration and benefits package.

For an information pack email careers@disability.qld.gov.au or call (07) 3224 2813. To apply, visit www.disability.qld.gov.au/positive-futures

Lecturer - Sports and Recreation

Position No: SUPN

Fixed Term appointment commencing Jan 2008 to Dec 2010 - Alice Springs

Remuneration Academic Level A - \$46,070 - \$61,800.

The position requires preparation and delivery, including student assessment, administrative tasks, reporting and liaising with communities, industry and Indigenous organisations. Travel is an essential requirement for this position. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

Applications for this position close Friday 22nd December 2007.

For further information, the Selection Criteria's and the information for applicants sheet are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

NSW HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

ALLIED HEALTH

Dubbo

Mental Health Worker - Rehabilitation Options for Brief Outreach & Step-down (ROBO) Pilot Project

TFT for 12 months from commencement (2 vacancies). Salary: As per relevant qualifications & experience. Recruitment No: GW56169. Enquiries & Application Kit: Brenda Jump, (02) 6841 2951 or brenda.jump@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au, Close: 21/12/07

Application Kits are also available on our website www.gwahs.nsw.gov.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Equal Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a workplace environment where appropriate personal needs and child protection checks are conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.

Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport

The Northern Territory (NT) enjoys Australia's best outdoor lifestyle, with year round sunshine and a great environment right on the doorstep. So it's no wonder that it also enjoys one of Australia's highest participation rates in sport and recreation.

Sporting facilities are of an excellent standard throughout the NT. The Sporting season never ends and produces high achievers from a range of sports, many of whom are supported through the state of the art NT Institute of Sport. There are also enormous amounts of talent in remote communities waiting to be discovered.

We are looking for two talented people who can take on leadership positions in this challenging and rewarding environment.

Director Sports Development, Darwin

Administrative Officer 8 (\$76 423 - \$79 448)

Permanent Vacancy

Reporting directly to the Executive Director, Sport and Recreation, the Director of Sports Development is a newly created and instrumental position in the development of sport and recreation program delivery across the Northern Territory.

The successful person will be responsible for providing leadership in the development of sport and recreation across the Northern Territory through delivering high quality services and ensuring effective delivery of the Indigenous Sport Program.

Quote vacancy number: 23764

Manager Indigenous Sport Program, Alice Springs

Administrative Officer 6 (\$61 241 - \$68 461)

Temporary vacancy to 30/06/2009

The Indigenous Sport Program Manager is responsible to the Director of Sports Development for direction and management of the Indigenous Sport Program.

The successful person will ensure the provision of sport and recreation opportunities to Indigenous people in the Northern Territory. An integral part of this service delivery model is to manage the coordination of the activities of Community Sport and Recreation Officers across the Northern Territory.

Quote vacancy number: 4380

The People

The successful applicants will already have an understanding of the sporting community, with proven experience in the public or private sector. They will have a demonstrated record of achievement, exceptional communication skills, and an appreciation for Indigenous culture.

The Rewards

As employees of the Northern Territory Public Sector, the successful applicants will work in an environment that recognises and rewards commitment, service excellence, innovation and leadership. Personal and professional development is encouraged while benefits include generous superannuation benefits and six weeks annual leave.

To find out more about the positions contact Steve Rossingh, Executive Director Sport and Recreation on (08) 8982 2369 or: steve.rossingh@nt.gov.au

To find out more about living in the Northern Territory go to www.theterritory.com.au

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Closing date: 14 December 2007

Contact us now

Phone: 1300 659 247
Email: Recruitment@nt.gov.au
Visit: www.nt.gov.au/jobs



The University of Sydney

Business Administration Trainee (Identified)

University Venues

Reference No. 117544

The University of Sydney's main campus is situated in the heart of the Sydney CBD, and is made up of expansive grounds that offer a large spread of heritage and modern venues. Sydney Venues is a core unit that manages the hiring of all University venues to the University community and general public. There is a unique traineeship available for a highly motivated person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to join the Unit as a Business Administration Trainee. This is a rare opportunity to begin an exciting career whilst studying a relevant TAFE qualification.

This is a role where exceptional communication and interpersonal skills, good judgment and the capacity to take direction will be essential, as you will undergo thorough on-the-job training and build working relationships across the University. Equally important will be a high level of enthusiasm, strong teamwork skills and a willingness to work whilst completing your TAFE qualification. A high regard for confidentiality, and a mature, empathetic and flexible approach will be vital.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to gain invaluable skills and achieve a widely recognised TAFE qualification. Apply now and embark on an exciting administration career with Australia's most prestigious University.

Online electronic applications are preferred. Applications can be completed online by visiting <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and searching by reference number 117544. For more information about the role or to receive assistance with your application please contact Nichol Hildebrand on (02) 9036 7293 or Leona Oliver on (02) 9351 6298.

Closing Date: 17 December 2007

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Centre for Remote Health
A joint centre of Flinders University and Charles Darwin University

Director

NT PRIMARY HEALTH CARE RESEARCH EVALUATION & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

(Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor)

REF 07351 The successful applicant will provide leadership in research and research capacity building in order to meet the high health needs of remote communities in the Northern Territory and adjacent remote areas.

This position is available immediately for 3 years on a full-time basis.

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Remote Health

REF 07352 This position is key to the capacity of the Centre for Remote Health to attract Indigenous students to the Centre and will support students of the Remote Health Practice and other courses offered by Flinders and Charles Darwin Universities.

This position is available immediately for 2 years on a full-time basis.

Location: Alice Springs, Northern Territory

SALARY RANGE (WFE 5/1/08):

LEVEL B: \$66 269 TO \$78 811 PA

LEVEL C: \$81 299 TO \$93 743 PA

LEVEL D: \$97 892 TO \$107 845 PA

Applications must address the specified selection criteria. Detailed position information and essential information for intending applicants are available via the Jobs@Flinders website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment>. If you are unable to access this information, please contact Ms Jeanne Tahini, telephone (08) 8951 4700 or e-mail jeanne.tahini@flinders.edu.au

Applications must be lodged with the Executive Officer, Centre for Remote Health, PO Box 4066, Alice Springs, NT 0871 or e-mail jeanne.tahini@flinders.edu.au by 5.00pm, Monday 10 December 2007.

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Have you got the skills we need?
Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?
The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on:
www.nci.tafensw.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm



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principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate
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must comply with the relevant Safety Policies.



The University of Sydney

Research Clinician in Aboriginal Primary Health Care (part-time)

Northern Rivers University
Department of Rural Health
Reference No. 118050

Based in Lismore, the Northern Rivers University
Department of Rural Health (NRUDRH) is
seeking an Indigenous primary health practitioner
interested in working part-time, two days per
week (0.4FTE) to develop their research skills
and gain practical research experience through
the Primary Health Care Research and Evaluation
Development Program (PHORED).

For more information or to apply online, please
visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search
by reference number 118050. Specific enquiries
can be directed to Dr Megan Passey, PHORED
Program Coordinator, or Associate Professor
Jeffrey Fuller on (02) 6620 7570 or email:
megan.passey@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au or
jeffrey.fuller@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date:
17 December 2007

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Aboriginal Services Coordinator

Barwon - South Western Region
VPS 5 - \$69,584 - \$84,190 + Superannuation
Ongoing - Full Time

Based in the Barwon-South Western Region of Victoria this
position provides the key interface between the regional office
of the department and funded Aboriginal organisations. The
focus is on maintaining partnerships with Aboriginal and
non-Aboriginal organisations to strengthen the provision
of culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal people. The
role includes the management of service agreements with
Aboriginal organisations and support for the implementation
of Aboriginal service initiatives and planning processes.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to
discuss it with Grant Boyd on 5226 4690. Job Descriptions
and Application Forms available from the Recruitment
Officer on 5226 4901. To apply online and view the job
description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click
on vacancies.

Please quote reference no DHS/BSW/43032
Closing Date: Friday 14th December 2007.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to
all 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

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Department of
Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Offender Management & Professional Development

Resource Manager *(50D)

Aboriginal Visitor Scheme

Position No: 007873

Level/Salary: 6 PSGA \$70,564 - \$78,138 pa

Location: East Perth

The Aboriginal Visitor Scheme seeks (AVS) a Resource
Manager to coordinate key functions of the Directorate.

Aboriginal Visitors provide support for Aboriginal detainees
and prisoners in prison, juvenile detention centres and
police lock-ups throughout Western Australia.

The Resource Manager is an integral role ensuring that
financial and legislative requirements are complied with
whilst assisting management with strategic initiatives to
further the objectives of the AVS Directorate.

* Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position in
accordance with Section 50(d) of the
Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1984.

Re-advertised position.

For further job related information:

Please contact Laurel Sellers on (08) 9220 9400.

Job Application Packages To access information about
this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key
the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 10 Dec 2007 at 4.30pm.



Australian Government

Department of Families,
Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs



The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) is all about people. We are committed to
providing a meaningful and rewarding career in a supportive environment. We value respect, collaboration, professionalism,
results and innovation.

People working in FaCSIA provide support that touches on the lives of every Australian family and community in some way.
We are responsible for about a quarter of the government's budgetary outlays and we are the government's principal source of
advice on social policy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

Sydney Indigenous Coordination Centre

Ongoing Vacancies

APS Level 4 (Community Engagement & Agreements Support Officer)

PN 40000572 & 50015680

\$50,294 - \$54,127

The Sydney Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) is co located with the NSW/ACT office which has around 170 staff including 40 regional staff. The
work of the NSW/ACT office includes delivering Government programs, liaising with a wide range of Australian Government, state, territory and
non-government agencies, contributing to policy and program review and formulation, and working cooperatively with program areas within FaCSIA
to achieve the Department's strategic outcomes.

The Vacancy

FaCSIA is looking for energetic and motivated people for Community Engagement and Agreements Support Officer positions in the Sydney ICC.
Community Engagement and Agreement Support Officers will assist in the implementation of the Australian Government's collaborative approach to
Indigenous program management and service delivery. Community Engagement and Agreement Support Officers will be located in the Sydney ICC
working in a dynamic whole-of-government environment.

The positions will contribute to and support the effective delivery of whole-of-government initiatives and FaCSIA programs across the Sydney region.

A focus for the positions will be the collection and analysis of regional data, networking with relevant agencies and communities and developing
evidence based recommendations to address identified needs.

HOW TO APPLY

For further information visit 'Careers in FaCSIA' at www.facsia.gov.au or contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 8225 1153.

We welcome applications from Indigenous Australians, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability.

People with hearing or speech impairment may obtain selection documents via the department's TTY number on 1800 260 402.

To be eligible for engagement applicants must be Australian citizens or willing to apply for Australian citizenship.

Applications close 12 December 2007.

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



DEPUTY DIRECTOR - INDIGENOUS ISSUES UNIT

- VPS Grade 6, \$85,350 - \$114,216+superannuation
- Strong stakeholder engagement
- Pivotal leadership position

An outstanding opportunity exists to establish yourself in this newly created position
within our Indigenous Issues Unit.

Our unit is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal
Justice Agreement (AJA2) across the Victorian Government and justice system. We do
this by partnering with the Victorian Koori community and establishing and maintaining
extensive community networks such as the Aboriginal Justice Forum and the network of
Regional and Local Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committees.

The Deputy Director position requires a strategic leader who will take responsibility
and accountability for the operational functions of the business unit. This includes
representing the Department and promoting the Aboriginal Justice Agreement at high
level committees and forums across both Government and the Koori community.

This is a pivotal leadership position that supports the Director by providing strategic and
authoritative advice to various stakeholders on the direction of policy development.

Knowledge and experience in Indigenous issues and proven success in communicating
and liaising with members of the Indigenous community is considered essential.

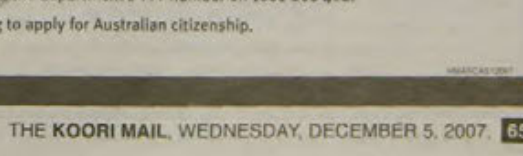
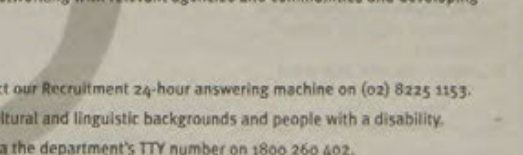
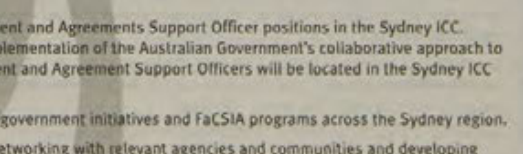
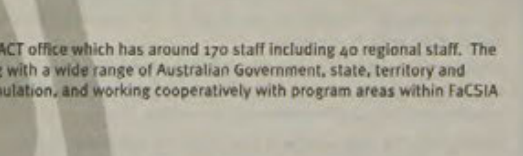
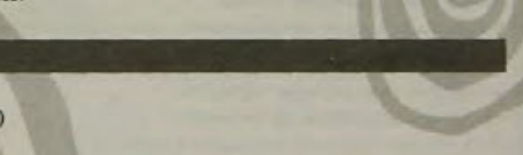
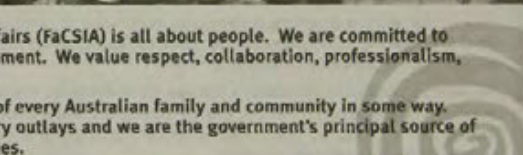
The team in the Indigenous Issues Unit epitomise the DOJ Values such as
'serving the community', 'working together' as a team, 'acting with integrity',
'respecting people' and 'making it happen'. If you'd like to work with us, please visit
www.careers.vic.gov.au and apply with your resume and covering letter outlining your
interest and experience.

Should you wish to discuss this position prior to applying, please contact Andrew
Jackomos on 8684 1755.

Closing date for applications is 5pm, Wednesday 19th December 2007.
Please quote position number DJ8558.

www.facsia.gov.au

Help us in improving the lives of Australians



**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE
TO THE LIVES OF ABORIGINAL MEN IN
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM?**

**WULGUNGGO NGALU LEARNING
PLACE IS OPENING IN MARCH 2008**

The Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place is a new live-in program for up to 20 Aboriginal men on community based orders. This culturally based program will help participants to successfully complete their orders, while learning skills that will reduce the likelihood of them offending again in the future.

Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place is an exciting new program that will begin operation in March 2008. Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place is 12 km from Yarram, a 45 minute drive from Sale, in East Gippsland.

A recruitment program is now beginning. All positions are to be 'identified' and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. The focus of the positions will be to:

- Oversee the case management and support of participants;
- Promote the development of life skills; and
- Work with Elder/s to ensure Aboriginal culture is woven into all aspects of the program.

Detailed advertisements and application time lines will appear in the next edition of the Koori Mail. For more information about Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place, please contact either:

Shaun Braybrook
Mobile: 0438 360 619
Phone: 8684 6529
Email: shaun.braybrook@justice.vic.gov.au

Or

Simon Lenten
Mobile: 0448 316 529
Phone: 8684 4653
Email: Simon.lenten@justice.vic.gov.au

02/04/08



**Australian Government
Torres Strait Regional Authority**



The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is a Commonwealth statutory body engaged in a wide range of service delivery functions to Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people living in the Torres Strait region. The TSRA is seeking a suitably qualified person to fill the following fulltime ongoing position of Manager, Gab Titui Cultural Centre & Cafe.

Manager Gab Titui Cultural Centre & Cafe
Position No. T00016
EL 1 (\$75,832 - \$81,867)

Are you looking for a rewarding professional challenge in an environment which offers great fishing, diving, spectacular views, abundant marine life and a relaxed and culturally diverse lifestyle?

This exciting position is expected to manage the operational, strategic and financial management of the award winning Gab Titui Cultural Centre and Cafe. The position is supported by a number of employees engaged in undertaking the majority of the transactional activities.

The successful applicant will be expected to enter into an Australian Workplace Agreement in line with the Torres Strait Regional Authority Remuneration Strategy, which includes an attractive remuneration package, including salary, performance-related bonus and allowances.

You are required to include two documents

- (1) "A document Addressing the Selection Criteria" and
- (2) Resume or CV detailing full qualifications and experience including the names of at least two referees.

TSRA accommodation is available for this position.

Note: - Applications which do not address the selection criteria will not be considered. - Response to each selection criteria should be no more than 1 page.

Closing date for applications is cob Friday, 21 December 2007.

For further information relating to this position please contact Wade Mullings on Tel: 07 40690700.

To obtain a copy of the Selection Criteria for this position email recruitment@tsra.gov.au or visit the TSRA website <http://www.tsra.gov.au> and click on the Employment link on our homepage.

Applications should be marked 'In Confidence' and forwarded to:

Human Resources - Recruitment
Torres Strait Regional Authority
PO Box 261
THURSDAY ISLAND QLD 4875

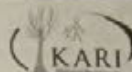
Or

Via e-mail: recruitment@tsra.gov.au

Enjoy the benefits of a career in the Australian Public Service.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply. The TSRA is an equal opportunity employer, and provides a smoke free work environment.

02/04/08



Founded in 1999, KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is a Not For Profit Indigenous community service based in Liverpool NSW. KARI is committed to providing quality, sustainable services to Indigenous people, especially in the areas of foster care support and youth initiatives.

KARI is currently seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal people or groups interested in sourcing a one off grant to help Indigenous people or youth within the Liverpool/Fairfield and Campbelltown areas.

For further information please call Larry Matthews on 02 98224922.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

SENIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER
(ABORIGINAL)
Clerk Grade 3/4
Metro West
Intensive Family Based Service (IFBS) - Mt Druitt
Permanent Full-Time
Vacancy No: DOCS-07-09174

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum
Salary: \$51,784 pa - \$56,701 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To support the provision of front line services to the community from IFBS. To be responsible for supervising and organising one or more key IFBS administrative functions on a day to day basis.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Well developed interpersonal and communication skills to provide quality client counter and switch service in a high volume office.
- Demonstrated experience in coordinating and delivering administrative services across a range of administrative, clerical and client service functions.
- Capacity to work well in a team with fluctuating workloads and changing priorities.
- Ability to set-up and operate office equipment such as photocopiers, fax machines, overhead projectors, computers and printers.
- Demonstrated capacity to understand and implement department policies and adhere to relevant legislative or regulatory requirements eg obligations under the State Records Act, 1988.
- Demonstrated computer application skills including Microsoft office, databases and the ability to use the department's data management systems.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Please ensure all information is attached as a single file when submitting your application.

Inquiries: Cheryl Jackson (02) 8887 7419 or 0437 678 158

Information Packages: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in the information Package

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.

04/12/07

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

POLICY OFFICER
Clerk Grade 7/8
Disability Action Planning
Strategic Policy & Planning
Central Office, Clarence St, Sydney
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DADHC-07-09183

Total remuneration package valued up to \$64,855 per annum
(Salary: \$59,468 pa - \$76,896 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Work as part of a team to develop, implement and evaluate guidelines, processes and systems for the development of government agency Disability Action Plans. Coordinate policy development with other government agencies in the development and delivery of plans and projects. Provide strategic advice to stakeholders.

Selection Criteria:

- Experience in project management, project reporting and contributing to strategic policy and planning initiatives.
- Knowledge and understanding of the issues facing the government and community sectors in relation to services for older people, people with disabilities and carers.
- Capacity to understand the machinery of Government and governmental processes.
- Analytical and problem solving skills.
- Capacity to develop and maintain partnerships and strategic alliances across government, non-government and community sectors.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills and interpersonal skills including the ability to liaise and consult with diverse stakeholders.
- Experience in working in multi-disciplinary teams.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position and is initially for up to 3 years under the terms of the PSEM Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Please ensure all information is attached as a single file when submitting your application.

Inquiries: Suzanne O'Neill (02) 9277 5647

Information Package: 1800 185 466 or email: Ann.Miller@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link given in information package or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.

04/12/07

Queensland Government
Education Queensland

Applications are called for the following position:
Community Education Counsellor
Level 1, 2 or 3
Up to 36.25 hrs per week
Temporary for 12 months with possibility for extension.

The successful applicant will be required to provide educational and social support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Laidley SHS, Rosewood SHS, Lowood SHS and Toogoolawah SHS. They will also coordinate development activities, broaden cultural understanding and provide information and advice to students, staff and parents.

A base location will be determined through negotiation following appointment.

Possession of a current 'A' class driver's licence and access to a personal motor vehicle are both required for this position.

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a "Working with Children Check" as part of the employment screening process.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

Application packages are available for collection from the following schools:

Laidley SHS, 98 Alfred Street, Laidley, Ph: 5468 8902
Rosewood SHS, Lanefield Road, Rosewood, Ph: 5481 9400
Lowood SHS, Prospect Street, Lowood, Ph: 5427 8333
Toogoolawah SHS, Old Mount Beppo Road, Toogoolawah Ph: 5423 4444

Or online at http://laidleyshs.eq.edu.au/wcms/Indigenous_CEC.html

Addressed Selection Criteria are to be returned by 2:00pm Friday, 11 January 2008 to:
The Principal, Laidley State High School
Alfred Street, LAIDLEY Q 4341

Please contact the Principal on 5468 8922 during school hours or on 0427 688 922 over the Christmas school holidays if you would like further information regarding this position.

04/12/07

ATSIWLAS • **COORDINATOR (Full-Time)**
• **SOLICITOR (Part-Time)**

ATSIWLAS is a community based organisation providing legal advice, information and referral services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Interested applicants apply by phoning 07 3392 3177. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Closing date - 7 December, 2007 at 5pm.

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

Kaiwun AICCA is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Care Agency located at Burleigh Heads on the beautiful Gold Coast. We are seeking to employ a full-time suitable applicant to perform the duties of this position.

The primary function of this position is to provide support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who come in contact with the Queensland Department of Child Safety.

Enquiries and Selection Criteria contact Vanessa Summers on 07 5520 8600.

Applications close: Wednesday 17 October 2007.

This is an identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Co-ordinator
Indigenous Family Homelessness Prevention Program
Full-time position
SACS Award (NAPSA) Level 5
• Salary Packaging and Car available •

Centacare
A child safe organisation

Centacare is a quality accredited organisation and one of South Australia's most progressive and vibrant agencies.

The Indigenous Family Homelessness Prevention Program (HOME) aims to identify the risk factors associated with Indigenous homelessness and to develop holistic preventative strategies to assist those families at risk.

We are seeking a dynamic and creative person to foster collaborative partnerships with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous stakeholders.

Applicants will have proven experience in collaborative work practices and a thorough knowledge of and experience in issues that impact on homelessness and disengagement of Indigenous people from employment and training.

Applications are invited from individuals with a sound academic record and/or extensive experience in working therapeutically with Indigenous communities and families.

Applicants from Indigenous backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

A Police Check Clearance and Driver's Licence are essential.

A copy of the position description can be obtained from Careers@Centacare - www.centacare.org.au or by contacting Reception on (08) 8250 3694. Further information regarding the position can be obtained from Graeme Kerkin on (08) 8210 8150.

Written applications addressing the Key Performance Indicators in the position description and listing contact details for three referees to be addressed to: Elizabeth O'Connor, Executive Manager, Family Relationship Services Unit, Centacare Catholic Family Services, 33 Wakefield Street Adelaide SA 5000.

Applications to be received by 5:00 pm on Friday 14th December 2007.

Centacare - Meeting the Challenge
Centacare Catholic Family Services is an equal opportunity employer.

Queensland Government
Education Queensland

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NSW HEALTH GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

From the country to the coast and the snow fields within...
If how you live is as important as how you work, then you
should consider a career with GSAHS.

Get your HECS paid and earn a salary whilst studying and
working towards a Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health)
with Greater Southern Area Health Service

ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH TRAINEE

Deniliquin Community Mental Health

Position No: 51009

Salary: \$38,878-\$57,266 pa

For further information please contact: Alison Thorne on
(03) 5882 2940 or email alison.thorne@gsaahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: Thursday, 20 December 2007.

For further information regarding the above and other vacancies
within the GSAHS, please visit our website:

www.gsaahs.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Psychologist, Mental Health, Community and Dental Branch

- 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.

Your role will be part of a multi-disciplinary team, delivering high
quality mental health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander people in accordance with the National Mental Health
Standards, QLD Minimum Mental Health Standards, Agency
policy, legal requirements and relevant professional
competencies.

This position is classified in accordance with the DHSE Award
P03 Level. Salary scale of \$2,055.80 to a maximum of
\$2,232.20 fortnightly. AICHS Brisbane is a non profit
organisation which offers access to Salary Sacrifice Fringe
Benefits Tax Entitlements of \$308.00 per week.

Please contact Jenny Smith if you have specific queries about
the vacancy (07) 3393 0055 or for a Position Description,
please email vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact Sarah Bird on
(07) 3393 0055.

Closing Date and Submission Details: The closing date for
applications is Friday 14th December at 4.30pm

Please submit your Resume and a brief application
addressing the selection criteria to: Confidential, Kym
Hearn, HR & OD Advisor, PO Box 8112, Woolloongabba
4102.

We are a smoke free organisation. We do have designated
smoking areas.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE BOTANIC GARDENS TRUST

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and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are
Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic
Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as
they relate to the job.

ABORIGINAL TRAINEE FIELD OFFICER

Traineeship Level C, Mount Annan, Temporary Full-Time,
Vacancy Number DECC07-506. Total remuneration package
valued to: \$23,378 p.a. (\$10,905-\$21,185) The remuneration
package quoted includes annual salary, employer's
contributions to superannuation scheme and annual leave
loading.

The trainee will be required to enter into a formal traineeship
agreement and undertake a Conservation & Land Management
(Lands, Parks & Wildlife) Traineeship (Certificate II) for 12
months. It involves a combination of work and structured
learning. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, Willingness and
Ability to undertake a Conservation and Land Management
(Lands, Parks & Wildlife) Traineeship (Certificate II) through a
formal traineeship agreement, Capacity & willingness to
maintain buildings, essential services, roads, walking
tracks, fences & general facilities; to carry out Horticultural
maintenance & nursery work; to carry out cleaning duties; & to
use & maintain small plant & equipment. Good communication
skills, an ability to relate to the public and work as part of a team.
Willingness to carry out duties associated with pest control
programs. Current manual driver's licence or willingness and
Ability to obtain a manual driver's licence within the first six
months of appointment. Ability to meet the requirements of a
specific medical clearance. Common selection criteria also
apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under the DECC Equity and
Diversity Framework, in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti
Discrimination Act 1997. Aboriginality is an essential criterion.
his is a temporary position for a period of up to 12 months.
Applicants must obtain the information package to apply.
Trainee Field Officers must meet the requirements of a specific
medical clearance. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003
compatible.

Enquiries: Daniel Bishop, telephone: (02) 4634 7911 or Email:
daniel.bishop@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Telephone (02) 4648 2477. Website:
www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer,
Department of Environment and Climate Change, Personnel
Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02)
585 8116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.
Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16408	Part 1: Approx. 36 km SW from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°18'S Long.146°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 1: 266 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 89 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 169 g, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y 240 d, e, j, k, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 241 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 312 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 313 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 314 a, b, c 364 a, b, c, d, e 385 a	Liontown Resources Limited 118 153 825
	Part 2: Approx. 42 km SSW from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°26'S Long.146°07'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 2: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 386 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j	
	Part 3: Approx. 39 km S from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°25'S Long.146°11'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 3: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 387 a, b	
EPM16412	Part 1: Approx. 39 km SE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°20'S Long.146°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 1: 205 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 64 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 173 z 174 o, t, v, w, x, y 245 c, p 246 c, d, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, w, x, y 247 s, t, u, x, y, z 248 q, r, v, w 318 b, c, d, e, h, j, k 319 a, b, c, f, g, k, p, u, z 320 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 392 d, j	Liontown Resources Limited 118 153 825
	Part 2: Approx. 55 km SE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°28'S Long.146°36'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 2: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 391 t, u 392 n, q, r, s	
EPM16485	Approx. 12 km E from Pentland Centred at approximate Lat.20°31'S Long.145°31'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area: 302 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 94 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 378 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 379 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 380 q, r, s, v, w, x 449 u, y, z 450 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 451 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 452 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x	Bridge Mines Pty Ltd 125 263 676

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1,000,000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

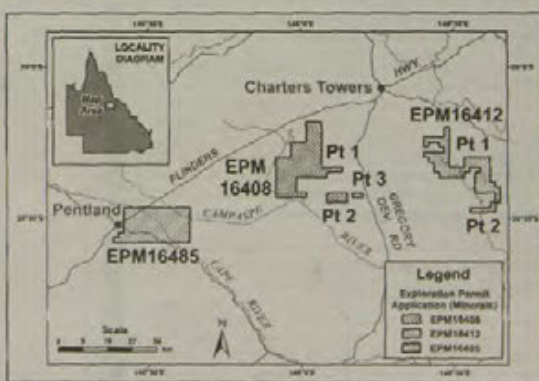
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 02 January 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

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ABORIGINAL DISCOVERY RANGER

Clerk Grade 1/2, Katoomba, Temporary Part-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-487. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,568 p.a. (\$45,320-\$50,356) Salary package includes base salary on a pro rata basis (\$25.36 - \$27.57 per hour), annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Provision of front-line Discovery educational activities, Walks, Talks & Tours fostering an appreciation & understanding for conserving natural and cultural heritage & the role of the Dept. of Environment & Climate Change. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job. Experience in the planning, delivery and evaluation of educational and interpretive activities. Understanding of the role of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, and a broad knowledge of the natural values and cultural history of the local area. Practical experience in leading groups, conducting nature based or cultural education activities. Sound understanding of Minimal Impact and Bush Safety principles. Superior oral communication skills and sound written communication skills. Experience in Customer Relations and Service. Current Drivers Licence and Current Senior First Aid Certificate or willingness to gain a Senior First Aid Certificate prior to commencement of employment. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a part-time position working two 5 hour shifts per week. This is a temporary position until the end of June 2008 with the possibility of extension dependent on available funding. An eligibility list will be created for up to 2 casual positions. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. 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. Relevant forms are attached for your signature and return if you have not already done so. Appointment and employment is dependent on meeting the requirements of relevant legislation. This position may involve regular evening and weekend work. This is a shift-based position, under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Reviewed Award 2006.

Inquiries: Naomi Goosen (02) 4784 7301 Email: bluemtns.discovery@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 4784 7301 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.

SA1190779

NEW DEPARTMENT OF Juvenile Justice

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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Senior Specialist Psychologist, Haymarket, Position No: DJJ07194. Total remuneration package valued up to \$104,543 pa including salary (\$89,475 to \$94,738 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

The Professional Development Officer provides clinical supervision, support and advice to psychologists and specialist counsellors in the Department to ensure that services provided to juveniles are delivered to the required standard and support the achievement of program objectives. Provides specialist input into the design and delivery of a range of programs emanating from the Programs Branch. **Selection Criteria:** A postgraduate degree at the masters level or higher in a specialist area deemed relevant by the Department including, but not limited to, Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, Counselling Psychology or Forensic Psychology. Full registration as a psychologist with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board. Minimum class C Drivers' Licence (travel across NSW is required). Extensive experience in clinical practice, including specialist knowledge of the special needs of adolescents. Knowledge and expertise in the evidence based literature on best practice in clinical interventions for offenders. Knowledge and understanding of adult learning methods and training development and delivery skills. Expert ability in relation to assessing for psychological disorder and the ability to make high-level clinical judgements. High-level oral and written communication skills, interpersonal and negotiating skills. Proven experience in providing clinical supervision. A knowledge and understanding of ethical work practices, EEO, OH&S and the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement.

Notes: The postgraduate degree must include components of professional training and supervised experience and must be of at least two years full time, or equivalent or education, training or experience deemed by the Department to be equivalent. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Information Package: Catherine Brennan on (02) 9219 9584 or email catherine.brennan@dj.jns.gov.au

Inquiries: Suellen Lembke, Director Programs on (02) 9219 9517, or email suellen.lembke@dj.jns.gov.au

Applications marked 'Confidential' To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.

SA1190800

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACH
MDL202	Approx. 11 km South South East of Proserpine Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Whitsunday and Mackay	Current Land Tenures Lot 50 on plan CR820 - Freehold Lot 58 on plan CP888113 - Freehold Lot 72 on plan CP908069 - FL 0/210447 Lot 73 on plan CP908011 - Freehold Lot 476 on plan H12411 - Freehold Lot 54 on plan HR1010 - Gravel Reserve Lot 52 on plan HR1011 - Unallocated State Land Lot 61 on plan HR1301 - TO 0/211986 Lot 62 on plan HR1301 - TL 0/212345 Lot 64 on plan HR1331 - Water Reserve Lot 78 on plan HR1331 - Recreation Reserve Lot 38 on plan HR1332 - SL 5/50253 Lot 46 on plan HR1342 - Freehold Lot 39 on plan HR1351 - TL 0/221512 Lot 206 on plan HR1411 - Freehold Lot 63 on plan HR1482 - Water Reserve Lot 49 on plan HR1489 - Unallocated State Land Lot 74 on plan HR1520 - Freehold Lot 25 on plan HR1521 - Freehold Lot 77 on plan HR1593 - Freehold Lot 56 on plan HR1663 - GHPL 5/2108 Lot 379 on plan HR1905 - Freehold Lots 10 and 174 on plan HR372 - Freehold Lot 2 on plan HR403 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lot 2 on plan HR404 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lot 2 on plan HR408 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lot 12 on plan HR690 - TL 0/221596 Lot 50 on plan HR808298 - Landing Ground for Aircraft Reserve Lots 31 and 32 on plan K124267 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan RL204494 - RL 0/204494 Lot 1 on plan RL2959 - RL 5/2959 Lot 1 on plan RL3195 - RL 5/3195 Lot 1 on plan RL3226 - RL 5/3226 Lot 1 on plan RL3501 - RL 5/3501 Lot 1 on plan RL4131 - RL 5/4131 Lot 1 on plan RL4466 - RL 5/4466 Lot 1 on plan RL4823 - RL 5/4823 Lot 1 on plan RL5982 - RL 5/5982 Lot 1 on plan RL8039 - RL 5/8039 Lot 1 on plan RL8814 - RL 30/8814 Lots 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 32 on plan RP703075 - Freehold Lot 38 on plan RP703076 - Freehold Lots 33, 35 and 38 on plan RP703077 - Freehold Lots 36 and 37 on plan RP703077 - TL 0/212370 Lot 2 on plan RP707396 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan RP708092 - Freehold Lots 1 and 2 on plan RP709813 - Freehold Lots 1 and 2 on plan RP714173 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan RP726006 - Freehold Lots 3 and 4 on plan RP727475 - Freehold Lot 9 on plan RP729808 - Freehold Lot 10 on plan RP735930 - Freehold Lots 1, 6 and 8 on plan RP735938 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan RP736975 - Freehold Lot 15 on plan RP737083 - Freehold Lots 1 and 2 on plan RP743323 - Freehold Lots 1, 2 and 3 on plan RP749795 - Freehold Lots 72 and 73 on plan RP808571 - Freehold Lots 1, 2 and 3 on plan RP837387 - Freehold Lots 26, 28, 29 and 30 on plan RP840156 - Freehold Lots 57 and 58 on plan RP846415 - Freehold Lots 3 and 4 on plan RP846422 - Freehold Lot 18 on plan RP850177 - Freehold Lots 9 and 10 on plan RP866550 - Freehold Lot 217 on plan RP893171 - Freehold Lots 3 and 4 on plan RP893172 - Freehold Lot 75 on plan RP893173 - Freehold Lot 34 on plan RP907382 - Freehold Lot 74 on plan RP910213 - Freehold Lot 902 on plan SP107874 - Beach Protection Reserve Lots 31 and 32 on plan SP112951 - Freehold Lot 3 on plan SP117882 - Freehold Lots 1, 2 and 3 on plan SP121691 - Freehold Lots 61 and 62 on plan SP130046 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lots 81 and 82 on plan SP130047 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lots 16, 33 and 34 on plan SP138964 - Freehold Lot 33 on plan SP138981 - Freehold Lots 19 and 21 on plan SP138982 - Freehold Lot 16 on plan SP138983 - Freehold Lots 51 and 52 on plan SP142551 - Freehold Lot 70 on plan SP149521 - Freehold Lots 19 and 70 on plan SP153775 - Freehold Lot 68 on plan SP167784 - Freehold Lot 34 on plan SP167806 - Freehold Lots 56 and 57 on plan SP178756 - Freehold Lots 17 and 18 on plan SP185950 - Freehold Lots 6 and 7 on plan SP191157 - Freehold Lots 69 and 71 on plan SP204624 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan USL33573 - Unallocated State Land Lots 1 and 6 on plan USL33601 - Unallocated State Land Lot 22 on plan USL33602 - Unallocated State Land Lot 1 on plan USL33611 - Unallocated State Land O'Connell River, Deadman Creek, Goorganga Creek, Lagoon Creek, Thompson Creek and Goose Lagoon - Unallocated State Land Road Reserves (The area seaward of Mean High Water Mark is excluded from MDL202)	Central Pacific Minerals NL 008 460 651 (50%) Southern Pacific Petroleum NL 008 460 366 (50%)

Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 18253.6974 ha

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(h), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, 4820, Telephone: (07) 4761 5763.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

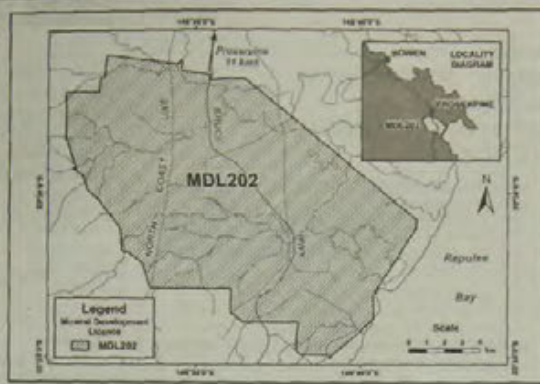
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedures.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 2 January 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

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
EPM15699	Approx. 53 km S from Boulia Centred at Lat.23°22'S Long.139°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 314 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1 lat x 1 long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2828 a, y, z 2829 v, w, x, y, z 2830 v, w, x, y, z 2831 v, w, x 2900 d, e, j, k, p, u 2901 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, y, z 2902 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 2903 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 2904 a, b, f, g, l, m	Mojo Mining Pty Ltd 120 213 005

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

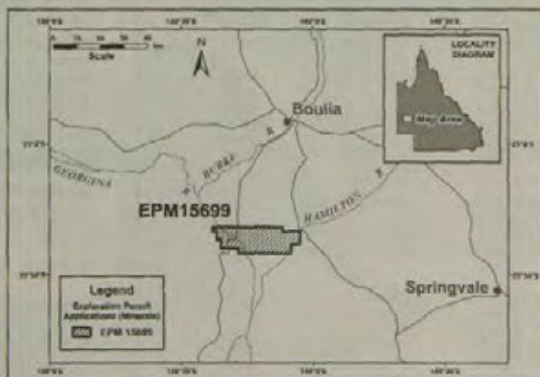
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Notification Day: 02 January 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

INDIGENOUS ARTISTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Arts Northern Rivers Inc. and the Indigenous Artists Advisory Group, seek this Officer, to support Indigenous visual artists in the Northern Rivers region of NSW.

5 days/wk - 12 month contract starting January 2008.
Salary Range: \$45,000 to \$53,000 per annum + vehicle.

Applications close COB 20 December 2007. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria which can be obtained by email to info@artsnorthernrivers.com.au or phone 02 66 288 120.

Essential Criteria include: Aboriginality, experience in the visual arts industry, business and project management.

Position funded by DCITA, DEWR, and NSW DSRD.

For info go to www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

COMMUNITY WORKER



Community Access
Western Region
Cowan/Orange

Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DADHC-07-06615

Total remuneration package valued up to \$64,202 per annum (salary \$42,633 pa - \$58,180 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Responsible for the delivery of case management and intervention services to persons with an intellectual disability as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Ability to work effectively with people with a disability who have a range of functional abilities and complex needs.
- Minimum of Associate Diploma or Degree qualification or higher acceptable to the Department requiring two years full-time study or equivalent part-time study.
- Ability to apply legal, ethical, policy and procedural guidelines within the context of service provision to persons with a disability.
- Ability to facilitate the implementation of augmentative communication systems for people with disabilities.
- Skills in the short term management of disruptions and risks that occur within Community Support Teams.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills - both oral and written.
- Current First Aid certificate and current Drivers 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: This position is based primarily in Cowra however there is provision for the successful applicant to work out of both Orange (2 days per week) and Cowra. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Please ensure all information is attached as a single file when submitting your application.

Inquiries: Kerry Stevenson (02) 6363 8655.

Information package: Available on line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link in Information Package or email to: hrwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE



SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Clerk Grade 9/10
Behaviour Support Unit
Office of the Senior Practitioner
Parramatta

Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DADHC-07-09099

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,186 pa - \$87,263 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Office of the Senior Practitioner provides policy advice to guide the delivery of behaviour support services across the Department and sector. This position will be required to undertake projects and provide executive support to the Office.

Selection Criteria:

- A solid working knowledge and contemporary understanding of key issues that reflect the needs of clients with a disability who have complex needs and patterns of challenging and/or offending behaviour.
- Ability to develop effective human services policies which meet contemporary needs of stakeholders and departmental clients.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the relevant legislation (eg. Disability Services Act 1993, Guardianship Act, 1997).
- Highly developed written and oral communication skills including effective conflict resolution, mediation and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated conceptual and analytical skills and the ability to interpret issues from different perspectives.
- High level of interpersonal skills to consult with a range of internal and external stakeholders.
- Experience in policy development and practical application of policy initiatives within a government framework.
- Tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience in Public Policy, Management, Social Sciences or Health.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 12 months, in terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Please ensure all information is attached as a single file when submitting your application.

Inquiries: Peter Goslett (02) 9895 8929.

Information Package: 1800 185 466 or email: Ann.Miller@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.

**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, Alanah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan, 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

PARCEL OF LAND: LAND DESCRIPTION:

1. Whole Lot 377 on Deposited Plan 192875 Volume 3118 Folio 157, area: 34407 square metres, being unallocated Crown land.
2. Whole Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 57601, area: 8044 square metres, being unallocated Crown land.

DEPOSITED PLAN: 192875, 216452, 57601 **LAND SITUATED IN:** On Hill Road in the locality of Binduli, west of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. **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 the Mining Act 1987 are also excluded. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Disposal of land. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Sale for amalgamation into contiguous freehold Lot 271 on Deposited Plan 192049 under Section 87 of the Land Administration Act 1997. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** The additional land will allow for the expansion of the existing Boarding Kennels on Lot 271. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 13 March 2008. **DPI FILE:** 00861-1996-04RO DPI REF: 053988

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ian Adam, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6036 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5043. **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 6036 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than: 12 March 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(5) 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 12 December 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 12 March 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 3 November 2007

ALANNAH MACTIERNAN MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

**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, CI- 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
12/25-30	Tyran Christopher Massara Men Massara	131.02ha	8km S/E of Colie	Lat 33°25' Long 116°10'	Colie
15/1148 & 15/1177	Tyran Christopher Massara Mining Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	1437.58ha	42km S/E of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°47' Long 121°31'	Coolgardie
16/323	Scooper Mining Pty Ltd	10.91ha	25km N/E of Coolgardie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
20/351	Big Gold Operations Pty Ltd	40.33ha	31km N/E of Cue	Lat 27°11' Long 117°43'	Cue
20/438	Big Gold Operations Pty Ltd	22.58ha	29km W/E of Cue	Lat 27°21' Long 117°38'	Cue
24/802	Norfolk Nickel Caves Pty Ltd	227.08ha	63km S/E of Menzies	Lat 30°15' Long 120°59'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/809	Norfolk Nickel Caves Pty Ltd	44.52ha	65km N/W of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°16' Long 121°04'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/236	Integra Mining Ltd	994.51ha	50km E of Kambalda	Lat 31°04' Long 122°10'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/164	Integra Mining Ltd	143.89ha	119km E of Kambalda	Lat 30°50' Long 122°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/307	Great Gold Mines NL	888.4ha	129km N/E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°14' Long 122°38'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/309	Great Gold Mines NL	988.96ha	130km N/E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°11' Long 122°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/208	John Robert Venn Money	241.90ha	10km S/E of Menzies	Lat 29°44' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/209	Hill Resources Ltd	1199.11ha	24km S/E of Menzies	Lat 29°51' Long 121°10'	Menzies
29/252	Shant Leslie Hooper Devale Pty Ltd	11.91ha	78km N/W of Menzies	Lat 29°07' Long 120°32'	Menzies
29/253	GME Resources Ltd	30.02ha	78km N/W of Menzies	Lat 29°07' Long 120°30'	Menzies
29/256	Julia Gold Pty Ltd	68.11ha	6km E of Menzies	Lat 29°40' Long 121°05'	Menzies
29/279	Lutrope Magnesium Ltd	11.42ha	13km S/E of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°05'	Menzies
29/282	Peter Vassallo	49.69ha	8km N/W of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 120°55'	Menzies
29/286	Julia Gold Pty Ltd	100.18ha	8km W/E of Menzies	Lat 29°40' Long 120°55'	Menzies
29/287	Julia Gold Pty Ltd	180.03ha	13km N/W of Menzies	Lat 29°37' Long 120°55'	Menzies
29/300-2	John Robert Venn Money	1538.87ha	8km N/E of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 121°06'	Menzies
37/1014	Tanya Marie Dedman Paula Deanne Dedman Mark Crane-White	27.75ha	42km N/E of Leonora	Lat 28°36' Long 121°39'	Leonora
37/1037	Peter Vassallo	7.29ha	8km N/E of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°22'	Leonora
37/1089-90	Arrow Resources Management Pty Ltd	1054.90ha	44km S/E of Leonora	Lat 28°16' Long 120°38'	Leonora
37/1144	Philip Gerard Costello	29.06ha	17km E of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°30'	Leonora
38/1058	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 861)	300.54ha	32km E of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°42'	Laverton
39/486	CIA Exploration Pty Ltd	861.3ha	53km S/E of Leonora	Lat 28°12' Long 121°48'	Menzies
39/549	Tudy Marie Potter	141.86ha	54km E of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°52'	Leonora
39/752	Rodney Morris Potter	18.4ha	53km E of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°51'	Leonora
39/756	Tudy Marie Potter	200ha	53km E of Leonora	Lat 28°55' Long 121°52'	Leonora
39/767	Tony Roy Hall	24.8ha	60km E of Leonora	Lat 29°00' Long 121°55'	Leonora
39/771	Rodney Morris Potter	196.07ha	54km E of Leonora	Lat 28°55' Long 121°53'	Leonora
47/1263-5	Hamerley Exploration Pty Ltd	2547.12ha	91km N/W of Tom Price	Lat 22°19' Long 117°00'	Ashburton
47/1286	Hamerley Iron Pty Ltd	657.42ha	94km N/W of Tom Price	Lat 22°21' Long 116°52'	Ashburton
47/1287-8	Hamerley Iron Pty Ltd	1697.46ha	90km N/W of Tom Price	Lat 22°18' Long 116°59'	Ashburton
47/1289-96	Hamerley Exploration Pty Ltd	7544.07ha	93km S/E of Panamint	Lat 22°20' Long 116°48'	Ashburton
58/347	Gary Warren Woods	100.43ha	59km E of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°03' Long 118°24'	Mount Magnet
59/505	Michael Terence Layland Ian George Couriel	9.99ha	49km S/E of Yalgoo	Lat 28°42' Long 116°58'	Yalgoo
59/527	Rolf Meyer	11.02ha	45km S/E of Yalgoo	Lat 28°40' Long 116°57'	Yalgoo
59/662	Douglas Ernest Taylor	36.19ha	1km S/E of Paynes Find	Lat 29°16' Long 117°41'	Yalgoo
59/663	Douglas Ernest Taylor	13.95ha	28km N/E of Paynes Find	Lat 29°14' Long 117°41'	Yalgoo
70/1272	Philip John Byers Craig Anthony Byers	187.75ha	45km N/E of Doodlakine	Lat 29°57' Long 116°52'	Doodlakine

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: 5 December 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 5 March 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. 5 April 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 3825.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FACILITATORS REQUIRED FOR INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE PROJECT

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) working with Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is seeking to recruit facilitators to deliver customised governance education programs to the boards and directors of indigenous corporations.

Expression of Interest

Expressions of interest are invited from directors of indigenous businesses (board, trust or council) or those with experience in facilitating change and developing community relations in indigenous communities.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their resume/curriculum vitae (c.v.) with a covering letter giving reasons for their interest in the position and including details of any education in governance, business qualifications or teaching/training qualifications.

The project will contract facilitators on a casual basis to deliver half day programs as required. Applicants are required from all states in Australia. Training will be provided to successful applicants.

Expressions of interest should be sent to: The Project Manager, Director and Board Development, AICD, Level 2, 255 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

The closing date for submission of an Expression of Interest is Monday 7th January 2008. Selected applicants will be sent further information.

Important note: The act of inviting Expressions of Interest does not commit AICD or IBA to any further recruitment action.



ABC

Are you interested in working at the ABC?

The ABC has a range of positions around Australia and, as the national broadcaster, is committed to increasing Indigenous representation throughout the Corporation. Our goal is to reflect the cultural diversity of the Australian community in our programs and workforce and we see Indigenous employment as a key component towards achieving this goal. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with drive, determination and a will to succeed.

Jobs Available

Please check our website at abc.net.au/jobs

It is important to check the website on a weekly basis to ensure that you don't miss out on any job opportunities.

For more information contact Paul Brant - Indigenous Employment Coordinator on (02) 8333 1089.

The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for positions. The Corporation is committed to Indigenous employment outcomes and values the Indigenous culture.



Australian Government
Medicare Australia

medicare

Come and join us at Medicare Australia!

Medicare Australia is heavily involved in developing cutting edge technologies to enable us to do business with the Australian public more effectively and conveniently on-line, and we take pride in providing friendly, timely and accurate service. Our promise is that we will deliver great service to all Australians. Medicare Australia delivers vital health and payment services to all Australians including Medicare, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Family Assistance Office (FAO) services, the Australian Organ Donor Register, the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register as well as aged care payments for approved aged care providers.

Medicare Liaison Officer for Indigenous Access

Identified Position

(PN Ref: PVR 118/07)

APS 5

\$57,139 - \$58,748

Medicare Australia is currently recruiting for ongoing Medicare Liaison Officers (MLO's) to be based in our various Indigenous Access sections; possible locations include Cairns, Mt Isa, Rockhampton and Mackay. MLO's are responsible for the provision of support to improve access to the programs administered by Medicare Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their service providers.

Contact: For further information about these positions, please contact Kathy Horsfall on (07) 4015 1707.

Applications close on **Thursday, 20 December 2007.**

Key information on this and other excellent job opportunities can be accessed on our website: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers

Eligibility: Applicants must be Australian citizens.

General information about Medicare Australia can be obtained from www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Candidates should forward their applications to the contact officer (quoting the PN Ref) by email or by post (see website).

Note: Medicare Australia has introduced a simplified application process for all vacancies - refer to the applicant information kit for details.



Heritage Office

The Heritage Office of the Department of Planning provides leadership and co-ordination of policy and strategies involving State and local government and the community to improve heritage conservation across the State.

Senior Heritage Officer (Aboriginal)

Professional Officer Level 2, Parramatta

Permanent Full-Time,

Job Reference No HER07/375.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$100,086 p.a. (\$84,738-\$90,699) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

To provide the Heritage Office with advice on liaison with Aboriginal communities and on the identification and management of Aboriginal heritage. The position also manages a funding program.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. University qualification or equivalent experience in history, planning, architecture, archaeology, science, heritage conservation or similar discipline. Demonstrated skills and experience in consultation and engagement with Aboriginal communities, including an understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures. Demonstrated understanding and experience in the protection and management of Aboriginal heritage. Sound knowledge of NSW and Commonwealth legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection and environmental impact assessment. Demonstrated project management and financial management experience. Demonstrated ability to develop and implement heritage policies, guidelines and corporate objectives. Demonstrated liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills and experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues. Computer literacy and current Drivers Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Inquiries: Cameron White (02) 9873 8570/0402 439 033 Email: cameron.white@heritage.nsw.gov.au.

Information Packages: Perpetual Fernandes 02 9873 8579.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: The Recruitment Consultant, Central Corporate Services Unit, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.



New South Wales Government
Department of Premier and Cabinet

The Office provides the Government with a range of high quality services for the drafting and publishing of legislation.

Legislative Publications Officer

Clerk Grade 1-4, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time,

Job Reference No DPC07/382.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$46,320-\$56,701) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Wide-ranging editorial and publishing functions including compiling draft legislation for introduction to Parliament, compiling legislative publications and updating the NSW Legislation Database.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated editorial and proofreading skills and an eye for detail. Advanced computer skills. Proven ability to meet strict deadlines and maintain high standards of accuracy under pressure. Demonstrated ability to manage competing priorities. Well-developed interpersonal skills. Ability to use initiative and work with minimal supervision. Willingness to undertake paid overtime during times of peak workloads. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applicants will be required to undertake an aptitude test in editorial skills. A program of individual training will be provided on in-house editorial style and the use of specialist publishing and workflow systems.

Inquiries: Ms Colleen Godfrey (02) 9321 3333 Email: colleen.godfrey@pco.nsw.gov.au.

Information Packages: Mr Tom Thornton.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: (02) 9321 3333.

Closing Date: Friday 14 December 2007.



Kimberley Land Council

THE KIMBERLEY LAND COUNCIL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (KLC) IS A NATIVE TITLE REPRESENTATIVE BODY UNDER S203AD OF THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993. THE KLC IS A PEAK KIMBERLEY COMMUNITY ORGANISATION ESTABLISHED IN 1978 TO REPRESENT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF TRADITIONAL LANDOWNERS IN THE KIMBERLEY.

NATIVE TITLE SERVICES UNIT MANAGER - BROOME

The Native Title Services Unit Manager (NTSUM) is responsible for the management of the Native Title Services Unit which co-ordinates a range of activities to strategically progress native title throughout the Kimberley. The NTSUM is required to manage and coordinate the resources of the section, including the supervision of staff. In conjunction with the Principal Legal Officer the successful applicant will take a leading role in the management of priority claims to achieve determination of Native Title and also assist the establishment of corporate structures for Native Title holders. They will also manage on-ground activities associated with mining and other agreements in the Kimberley. The NTSUM is responsible for assisting Traditional Owners to achieve their aspirations in relation to land, culture and economic development.

The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate their ability to manage complex projects and staff, in a cross cultural and remote environment, while meeting organisation's strategic objectives. The applicant must be able to demonstrate leadership qualities and be able to work under pressure.

An attractive salary package will be offered to the successful applicant.

For further information or to obtain the selection criteria, please phone Christine Robinson on 08 9193 6199 or by email on christine.robinson@kic.org.au

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Monday, 10th December 2007.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
57/627	Goldcrest Mines Pty Ltd Snowpail Nominees Pty Ltd	276860	55.83ha	101km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°45' Long 118°47'	Sandstone
58/1252	Marinus Resources Ltd	276267 276269	56.53ha 69.83ha	78km SE of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°40' Long 118°18' Lat 28°40' Long 118°20'	Mount Magnet

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 5 December 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 5 March 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 amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 5 April 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 act 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.

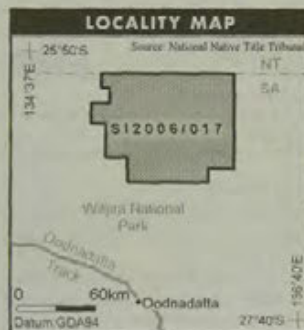
Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of South Australia

Notification day: 19 December 2007



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 2689km² and is located approximately 90km north of Oodnadatta and covers the whole of Wilpara National Park as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the unincorporated government area.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

The Attorney General for the State of South Australia and the Minister for Environment and Conservation for the State of South Australia, for and on behalf of the State of South Australia, C/- Neal Bertram, Crown Solicitor's Office, Native Title Section, Level 3, 45 Pirie Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000

Edie King, Ruth McKenzie, Howard Doolan, Emily Churchill, Dean Ah Chee and Marilyn Hull for and on behalf of the native title claimants in Eriinga (SAD6010/96); Edie King, Ruth McKenzie, Howard Doolan, Emily Churchill, Dean Ah Chee and Marilyn Hull for and on behalf of the native title claimants in Eriinga No 2 (SAD6002/99); David Doolan, Valerie Naylon Fuschter, Christine Lennon and Arthur Ah Chee for and on behalf of the native title claimants in Irvanyere Mt Dare (SAD66/05); and Linda Crombie, Brenda Shields, Sharon Lucas, Haydyn Bromley and Arthur Ah Chee for and on behalf of the native title claimants in Wangkangurru/Vatlayandi (SAD606/98)

AND

Irvanyere Aboriginal Corporation, C/- Richard Bradshaw, Johnston Withers Solicitors, 17 Sturt Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000.

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

24.1 The parties agree to the validation of all future acts (if any) done in violation by the State within the ILUA Area prior to the date of execution of this ILUA.

24.2 The non-extinguishment principle applies to future acts

validated in accordance with this clause.

25.1 Following the registration of this ILUA, the future act provisions of the NTA [Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)] do not apply over the ILUA Area in relation to acts and activities of a kind referred to in clauses 28.2 and 28.5 (subject to clause 28.7). The non-extinguishment principle will apply to these acts and activities.

[Clause 28 provides consent to and

validation of activities upon the ILUA Area by the State and co-management board consistent with the operation of the Area as a National Park, subject to any relevant legislation, the terms of a Management Plan and s. 38 of the NPWA. The clause also provides consent to and validation of the adoption of a Management Plan for the Park. The clause does not apply to future acts where the Right to Negotiate applies and does not allow for compulsory acquisition of any part of the ILUA Area.]

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 Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, ADELAIDE SA 5001 by 19 March 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 Environment and Heritage (SA). 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, contact Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

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
EPM16013 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 40 km ESE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.20°08'S Long.138°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 2: Approx. 53 km ESE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.20°06'S Long.138°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 1: 303 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 94 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 6 r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 7 i, m, n, o, p, q, r, v 77 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 78 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 79 v, w 149 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 150 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 151 a, f, i, q Area of Part 2: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 8 v 79 k, p 80 a, f, i	Superior Resources Limited 112 844 407
EPM16027	Approx. 61 km SSW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.20°07'S Long.138°59'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area: 322 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 12 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 13 a, f, p, t, u, y, z 14 i, q, v 83 s, t, u, x, y, z 84 d, e, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 85 d, e, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 86 a, f, i 155 d, e, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 156 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 157 l, m, q, s, z, v, w, x	Superior Resources Limited 112 844 407
EPM16028	Approx. 80 km NW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°15'S Long.138°48'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area: 294 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 91 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2745 n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2746 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2747 a, f, i, q, r, s, v, w 2817 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2818 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 2819 a, q, v 2889 c, d, e 2890 a, b, c, d, e 2891 a	Superior Resources Limited 112 844 407

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongahba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

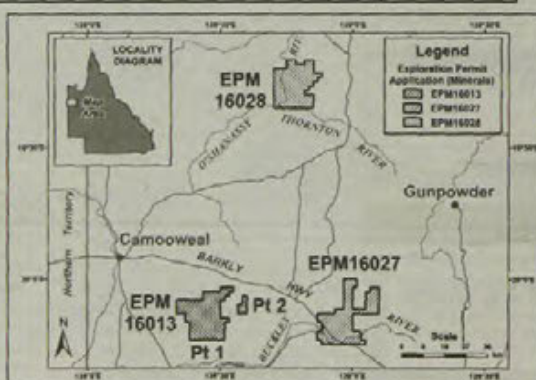
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 02 January 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Community Worker Homelessness Outreach and Support

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Want a career start in Homelessness services area? Here is your chance to join a dynamic team! Paying \$20.54 per hour, Full Time.

This position may be right for you. This team is a pro-active and supportive one. The basis of the position is to locate and support the homeless in the community. Your support via your information, pro-active case management is there to meet the needs of the clients with mental health issues/illnesses with low support needs.

The criteria is simple, you must have:

- A Diploma of Community Services or better also in related field
- High level of interpersonal skills
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Ability to work within a team environment
- Current, valid drivers licence
- Computer skills especially in MS Office/Windows
- Case management experience
- Good report and documentation written skills

If this position sounds like the right one for you then contact Darryn on 02 9218 2383 or send a e-mail to recruit5@barnardos.org.au and request a application pack, in order to apply.

Every applicant must address the selection criteria in order to apply. This must be done via a letter of application. You must supply this letter addressing the selection criteria and your CV/Resume and send to the above e-mail address by no later than the 14th of December 2007, which is the close date for applicants.

Please NOTE: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island persons are encouraged to apply.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

(Aboriginal Identified)

The Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council (KLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated Aboriginal 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 KLALC'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 to demonstrate 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.

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 Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council on 0447628688.

Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 540
KEMPSEY NSW 2440

Applications close 14th December 2007.

Position was advertised under s.14(d) of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council is seeking applications from suitably qualified and dedicated persons for the position of Community Development Director. This challenging position is based in Lockhart River which is located approximately 750k north of Cairns on the eastern side of Cape York Peninsula and is a remote Aboriginal community of approximately 750 people. There are daily air services flights and weekly sea freight from Cairns.

The community has a vision to develop a community where people feel valued, safe and proud and the Community Development Director will be expected to work with residents to build on the work already achieved from community consultations to identify and fund innovative services and infrastructure designed to further the community's vision for the future.

This position requires a person capable of managing a team leading actively by example and demonstrating a hands-on approach that builds capability and commitment in the community. Leadership skill in the area of community change is required as the position requires implementation of an extensive activities program. The successful candidate will need to manage council relationships, organisation and operations management, financial management, human resource management and public relations management.

Council is willing to negotiate an attractive salary package in accordance with qualifications and experience. Selection documentation can be obtained by telephoning Bev Wentington on 07 4060 7144 (press #7) or 0428 795577 or email: ceo@lockhart.qld.gov.au

Written applications, marked "Confidential", should be addressed to: The Chairperson, Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council, c/- Post Office Lockhart River Qld 4871 and may be submitted by post, email as above or faxed to 07 4060 7136. Applications close at 4pm local time Monday 17 December 2007.



Redfern Aboriginal Corporation

Redfern Aboriginal Corporation (RAC) has been in operation for 15 years, delivering vital employment, education, training, cultural, health and well being services to the Aboriginal community living in metropolitan Sydney.

RAC began as a Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) and has grown to a delivery of services to the Aboriginal community over a period of time. Initially set up to service families living on 'the block' we can proudly say that we have assisted with training and placing many Aboriginal people who come from other Aboriginal communities outside our region, into real jobs. Our purpose is to identify and deliver the most appropriate programs that result in improved employment, education, self esteem and independence for Aboriginal people.

As a recent transitioning STEPPERS provider we have undertaken a review of our organisational structure and service delivery model. As a result, we are seeking applications from experienced Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples for a 12 month fixed term opportunity in the following positions:

Employment Consultant

Manages the attraction strategy and the coordination and registration of all new and existing clients, liaising with Centrelink, Job Network Members and Corporates, coordinator role for all service streams i.e. placement, pre-employment and mentoring, placing clients into direct employment opportunities, managing those relationships and reviewing effective placements. This role reports to and is accountable to the Executive Officer.

Training & Mentoring Program Coordinator

Coordinates the design and delivery of all pre-employment, work preparation and mentoring training programs, resources and tools, matching staff with appropriate mentors (within and external to the corporate) and supporting mentors and mentees in the first three to six months of their partnership. This role reports to and is accountable to the Executive Officer.

These positions are based in Chippendale, Sydney.

Please call (02) 93181496 or email admin@yarrn.com.au for a detailed job description and selection criteria.

Applications should be sent to Redfern Aboriginal Corporation, 276-278 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale NSW 2008 by Friday 11 January, 2008.

Calendar

To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Free Aboriginal Karate Classes. The Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council and Seido Karate Kazoku Dojo. Bus leaves The Settlement at 5pm sharp every Monday and will return after class from Strathfield Girls High at 7pm. All participants should be home before 8pm. Ages 5-18 with uniform supplied. All welcome. Details call Linda Crawford on (02) 9228 8106 or Strathfield Girls High School on (0401) 988 409 or (02) 9629 6538.

Until 6 December: Raelene Kerinaua 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

Until 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 Assets and more. Details call (02) 6273 0022 or email ailc@indigenousleadership.org.au or visit www.indigenousleadership.org.au

Until 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

Until 8 December: Alick Tipoti Malungu (from the sea) Art Exhibition. The works on show range from small to heroic in size reconfirms Tipoti as one of Queensland and Australia's most exciting young artists. Details call

Andrew Baker on (07) 3252 2292 or (0412) 990 356 or email info@andrew-baker.com or visit www.andrew-baker.com

Until 11 December: Koori Toastmasters Workshops. Improve communication skills in a relaxed environment with other Kooris. Learn how to run meetings, to motivate others, think on your feet, speak in front of a crowd, stage craft and giving constructive feedback. Held at the Redfern Community Centre, Hugo Street, Redfern. Start 6.30pm every second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Details call Julie Welsh on (02) 9550 9964 or email julie.welsh@worldvision.com.au or visit www.worldvision.com.au/birring

Until 14 December: 2008 Statewide Senior Football Netball Carnival Expression of Interest. Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreational Co-op would like to commence the planning and development of the

carnival as early as possible to ensure that all communities are given adequate time to prepare their teams to participate. Details call Richard Young on (03) 9484 5351 or email vaysr@bigpond.com

Until 16 December: Mamana Mamanta (Gradual Friendship). This exhibition is the result of a collaboration between Jock Puautimi, artist at Tiwi Design and Luna Ryan, a glass artist in Canberra. Together the artists have created some very unique pukamani poles. Details call (02) 6262 9333 or call Tiwi Art Network on (08) 8941 3593 or visit www.tiwiart.com/exhibitions or www.craftculture.org/Review

Until 16 December: 2007 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award. Held at 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton from 10am-4pm. Details call (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.au

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Department of Health and Ageing

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GENERAL PRACTICE AND MEDICAL WORKFORCE SECTION

APS 6

PROGRAM MANAGER

\$62,428- \$70,429

Reference Number: 07-1232

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The Program Manager manages the implementation and day to day activities of the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program and the Multi Purpose Centre Program, monitoring workloads and progress against targets, and contributing to the professional development of other team members to achieve the sections work plan.

Duties of the position include representing the Department on relevant committees and in negotiation and consultation with professional, community and special interest groups.

Establishing, fostering and maintaining linkages with primary health care delivery agencies; providing timely advice on the programs to the Branch Manager; preparing high level briefing notices and other correspondence; and contributing to the implementation and review of programs, the development of policy and administrative procedures.

Contact officer: Jenny Norris on 08 8946 3435 or jenny.norris@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Rachel Turvey on 08 8946 3423 (rachel.turvey@health.gov.au)

Positions close 20 December 2007, 7pm EDT

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online (www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or by phoning the contact person for the job.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents from the Department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

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We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
63/1157	National Uranium Ltd	61.18km ²	90km SW of Wingenool	Lat 31°56' Long 120°43'	Dundas
63/1158	National Uranium Ltd	128.02km ²	101km W of Norseman	Lat 32°04' Long 120°43'	Dundas
63/1159	National Uranium Ltd	153.1km ²	72km SW of Wingenool	Lat 31°56' Long 121°02'	Dundas
63/1160	National Uranium Ltd	26.18km ²	43km NW of Norseman	Lat 32°00' Long 121°23'	Dundas

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: 5 December 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 5 March 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. 5 April 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.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 19 December 2007

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 18 March 2008. After 18 March 2008, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 18 March 2008, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Warwick, McLaren & Angus Gordon

Non-native title interest: Access Licence (LI 393511)

Federal Court File No: NSD2083/2007

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 1.48 hectares and is located approximately 29km north-west of Bathurst. The application is located between the Macquarie River and The Bridle Track within Lot 7002 on Deposited Plan 1109577 as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Bathurst Regional Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



NSW Government
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

Water Act 1912

An APPLICATION for a license under Part 5 of the Water Act, 1912, as amended, has been received as follows:

Murrumbidgee Valley
PHILLIP HAINSWORTH COCK, PETA MAREE COCK & GRAHAM COCK PTY LTD have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 174/756457 in the Parish of YAMMA, County of URANA or at/adjacent to Lot 195/756457 in the Parish of YAMMA, County of URANA for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lots 174, 195 & 196/756457 in the Parish of YAMMA, County of URANA.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 02/01/2008. Please quote the application number 40WA405023 on all correspondence.

FRANKS ESTATE PTY LTD has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE SHALLOW GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 147/751745 in the Parish of YARANGERY, County of COOPER

for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 147/751745 in the Parish of YARANGERY, County of COOPER

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 02/01/2008. Please quote the application number 40WA405022 on all correspondence.

GEORGE NARDI and ANTONIETTA NARDI have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 6/751703 in the Parish of TUCKERBIL, County of COOPER

for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 6/751703 in the Parish of TUCKERBIL, County of COOPER

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 02/01/2008. Please quote the application number 40WA405024 on all correspondence.

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager, Licensing South
Department of Water and Energy
PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 05/12/2007. Closing Date: 02/01/2008. (40/10/08)

An application under Part 8 of the Water Act, 1912, being within a proclaimed (declared) local area under section 5(4) of the Water Act, 1912.

An application for approval of controlled works under section 167 of the Water Act, 1912 within the proclaimed local area described hereunder has been received as follows:

Lower Macintyre River Valley
RML PTY LTD for controlled works consisting of levees on the Lower Macintyre Floodplain on Lot 15, DP 756021, Parish Trinkeby, County Stuytton, on the property known as "Enderdale" for prevention of inundation of land by floodwater and feedlot development on the floodplain. (Ref 90CW810958).

Written objections to the application specifying the grounds thereof, may be made by any statutory authority or local occupier within the proclaimed local area whose interests may be affected and must be lodged with the Department of Water & Energy, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460, within 28 days of the date of publication. (40/08/07)

Dennis Milling, Manager Licensing

Water Management Act 2000

JIM VINCENT CALLIPARI, MEREDITH ROSE CALLIPARI and JAMES ANTHONY ALEXANDER CALLIPARI have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 2/806768 in the Parish of WARBURN, County of STURT

for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 2/806768 in the Parish of WARBURN, County of STURT

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 02/01/2008. Please quote the application number 40WA405028 on all correspondence.

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager,
Department of Water and Energy,
PO BOX 156, LEETON, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 05/12/2007. Closing Date: 02/01/2008. (40/10/08)

MURRAY VALLEY

Ian Lachlan BRUNT & Mary Kathleen BRUNT 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 78 or 92 DP756391 or 1 DP1017541, Parish Booroolan, County Urana

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 02/01/2008. Please quote the Application No. 1508 on all correspondence. (40/10/08)

RICH RIVER GOLF CLUB 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 1/793207 or 49/751159 or 82/751159 or 1/376588, Parish Tatala, County Cadell

Purpose: Recreation

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 02/01/2008. Please quote the Application No. 1509 on all correspondence. (40/10/08)

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer,
Department of Water & Energy,
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

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 ACN
EPM11499	Approx. 29 km North West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°30'30"S Long.143°03'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 3.1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2149 y	B R Senior & Associates Pty. Limited 008 564 663
EPM12487	Approx. 38 km South West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°46'30"S Long.142°54'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 6.1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2435 j, k	William Anthony Welford PEGLER (50%) Elizabeth Jean TOWNS (50%)
EPM12721	Approx. 28 km North West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°28'30"S Long.143°03'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 3.1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2150 q	Brian Roy SENIOR (60%) Anthony Brian SENIOR (40%)
EPM12808	Approx. 45 km West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°36'30"S Long.142°49'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 6.1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2290 t, u	Allan Leslie JOHNSTONE
EPM13047	Approx. 41 km West North West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°39'S Long.142°51'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 12.3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2291 g, i, m, n	Frank FAZZARI
EPM13082	Approx. 69 km South West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.27°09'S Long.142°49'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bulloo	Area: 18.3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2722 t, u, y, z 2723 q, v	Isabella RIGNEY
EPM13104	Approx. 43 km West South West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°45'S Long.142°50'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 12.2 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2363 v, w 2434 c 2435 a	Joseph FAZZARI
EPM13130	Approx. 47 km West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°35'30"S Long.142°48'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 12.3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2218 y 2290 c, d, j	Patricia FAZZARI
EPM14065	Approx. 37 km North West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°31'S Long.142°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 12.3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2220 a, b, f, g	Helmsgold Pty. Ltd. 010 909 476
EPM14067	Approx. 33 km North West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°33'S Long.142°58'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 12.3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2220 h, o, s, t	Helmsgold Pty. Ltd. 010 909 476
EPM14199	Approx. 71 km South West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.27°09'S Long.142°47'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie and Bulloo	Area: 107 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 35 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2722 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, s, v, w, x 2794 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	Christopher Bradley Grzegorz Rigney HOPKINS
EPM14431	Approx. 31 km North West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°27'S Long.143°04'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 12.3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2149 j, k 2150 f, i	Rodger Zigmund KORZENIEWSKI
EPM14898	Approx. 48 km West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°36'30"S Long.142°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 6.1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2290 g, h	Dieter ROSENKRANZ (50%) Simon Dieter ROSENKRANZ (50%)
EPM15122	Approx. 52 km West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°40'30"S Long.142°44'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 3.1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2361 e	Ashley Peter ROBINSON

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that, **MENNINIE METALS LIMITED** (ACN 113 342 180) of Level 22, Westpac House, 91 King William Street, Adelaide South Australia 5000 (and its successors or assigns) as registered holder and mining operator propose to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence 3640 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with such Exploration Licence 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 such Exploration Licence) on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA EXPLORATION LICENCE 3640

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 50 km north of Kimba, bounded as follows:
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°36'S and longitude 136°22'E, thence east to longitude 136°27'E, south to latitude 32°43'S, west to longitude 136°22'E and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1986 (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 Licence 3640 of which MENNINIE METALS LIMITED is the registered holder and mining operator.

MENNINIE METALS LIMITED (and their successors or assigns) seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B 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 required under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, MENNINIE METALS LIMITED (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.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent MENNINIE METALS LIMITED as follows:

MENNINIE METALS LIMITED

c/- KELLY & CO. LAWYERS

Level 17, Westpac House, 91 King William Street,
Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8205 0800 Facsimile: (08) 8205 0805
Contact: Mr Andrew Corletto

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
EPM15303	Approx. 44 km West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°46'30"S Long.142°48'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 12.2 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2434 k 2435 f, l, m	Frank FAZZARI
EPM15679	Approx. 48 km South South East from Eromanga Centred at Lat.27°01'30"S Long.143°33'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 15.3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2659 c, d, h, n, o	Vera June RACH
EPM16014	Approx. 46 km South East from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°59'30"S Long.143°33'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 3.1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2587 y	Kym Maree TULLY
EPM16266	Approx. 44 km West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°36'30"S Long.142°49'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 3.1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2290 k	Ashleigh THEUERKAUF

* 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 1:5 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2002.

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: 2 January 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Calendar

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Until 16 December: Jock Puautjimis spectacular collaborative work with glass artist with Luna Ryan will be displayed in Mamanta Mamanta. Held at the Craft ACT Centre. Details call (02) 6262 9333 or email craftact@craftact.org.au or visit www.craftact.org.au/exhibitions/upcoming

Until 20 December: Aboriginal Parents Creative Circle. Come along and join in the fun 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.

Until 23 December: Book Sale. The University of Queensland is having a massive book sale, 50% off selected museum art publications. Details call (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au or visit www.maynecentre.uq.edu.au

Until 27 December: Koori Line Dancing Classes. Come and join in the fun, have a laugh and get fit all at the same time. Held at Redfern Town Hall from 5.30 - 6.30pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Details call Laurel on (02) 9319 5823 or visit www.julietalbot.com

Until 31 December: Men and Family Centre. Dads and Kids Playgroup is a child friendly and fun environment providing a unique opportunity for Dads to play with their children and connect with other dads or male carers. Held at the YWCA, Goonellabah, Mondays and Thursdays from 10am-12.30pm. All welcome. Details call Michael Webb on (02) 6622 6116 or email

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MEETING NOTICE

To Native Title Holders:

An Authorisation Meeting is being held for the Girramay People Native Title Claim being claim No QJLD 6240/98 in the Federal Court of Australia on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th December 2007 commencing 10.30am - on Thursday 13th and then each day at 10.00am till 5.00pm at the JUMBUN Community Centre, Upper Murray.

Note: Four days have been set aside if necessary, but it is reasonably expected that the Meeting will end on Friday 14th.

The Central Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation invites you to attend the above Meeting to discuss, resolve to, authorise, endorse and do, all of the following:

General Business:

• TO: Authorise for and on behalf of the Girramay People of the following agreements:

1. Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Girramay People, the Girramay People Aboriginal Corporation, the State of Queensland and Cardwell Shire Council;
2. Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Girramay People Aboriginal Corporation, the State of Queensland and Ronald Ernest BRAZIER and Angela BRAZIER;
3. Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Girramay People Aboriginal Corporation, the Girramay People Land Trust and Cardwell Shire Council;
4. Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Girramay People Aboriginal Corporation, the Girramay People Land Trust and Ergon Energy;
5. A "Conservation Agreement" between the Girramay People Aboriginal Corporation, the Girramay People Land Trust and the State of Queensland;
6. An "Agreement for Easement and Easement Schedule B and Form 9" between the Girramay People, the Girramay People Land Trust and the State of Queensland;
7. A "Joint Trusteeship Agreement" between the Girramay People, the Girramay People Aboriginal Corporation, the Girramay People Land Trust and Cardwell Shire Council;
8. The Girramay People Land Trust Rules Deed;
9. The Girramay People Charitable Trust Deed.

• TO: Authorise the Applicant to submit the draft Girramay People Land Trust Rules to the State for approval.

• TO: Authorise a reduction in size of the original Claim Area and the filing of a Further Amended Application.

• TO: Authorise the establishment of a Girramay People Charitable Trust with the Girramay People Aboriginal Corporation as Trustee.

• TO: Authorise the vesting of the grant or transfer of the freehold land under the Land Act 1993 (Qld) to the Girramay People Aboriginal Corporation as Trustee for the Girramay People as beneficiaries under a Trust called the Girramay People Charitable Trust.

• TO: Authorise the Applicant to attend to any necessary formalities.

Date: Thursday 13th, Friday 14th, Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th, December 2007.

Time: 10.30am - 5.00pm on Thursday 13th and 10.00 am to 5.00 pm all other days.

Venue: JUMBUN COMMUNITY CENTRE, Upper Murray, Via Cardwell.

If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact: Lisa Raikaki on free call 1800 508 538 or 4940 0800 to register your interest. QJLAC can assist you to attend, however, no travel allowance or cash payments will be made and funding is limited. Please register by 7th December 2007 so that your travel and accommodation can be arranged.

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Until 11 January 2008: Spinifex Artists - 10 Years On. Paintings from the Spinifex people played a central role as ethnographic documentation to establish their historical links over a 55,000 sq. km tract of desert country. Held at Freemantle, Western Australia. Details call (08) 9335 8265 or email info@japingka.com.au or visit www.japingka.com.au

Until 11 January 2008: Indigenous Glassworks. Japingka Gallery presents an exciting new group of indigenous artists working in kiln-fired glass at the Glassmob studios. Held at Freemantle, Western Australia. Details call (08) 9335 8265 or email info@japingka.com.au or visit www.japingka.com.au

Until 10 February 2008: The University of Queensland National Artists self-Portrait Prize. This prestigious \$40,000 prize highlights the University's commitment to developing a National Collection of Artists' Self Portraits. Details call (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au or visit www.maynecentre.uq.edu.au

Until 17 February 2008: Leonard Brown - 'Earthly Reflections of Heavenly Things' Art Exhibition. This exhibition brings together three senior Australian artists from different cultural, religious and artistic traditions. Held at The University of Melbourne, Swanston St, Parkville, Victoria. Details call Andrew Baker on (07) 3252 2292 or (0412) 990 356 or email info@andrew-baker.com or visit www.andrew-baker.com

Until 2 March 2008: Paddy Bedford Art Exhibition. Paddy Bedford's paintings are a combination of modern materials and traditional pictorial conventions, contemporary experience and ancient belief systems. Details call (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au or visit www.maynecentre.uq.edu.au

Until 10 March 2008: Fiona Foley and Samantha Hobson - Power and Beauty Art Exhibition. Held at Heide Museum of Modern Art, Bulleen, Victoria. Details call Andrew Baker on (07) 3252 2292 or (0412) 990 356 or email info@andrew-baker.com or visit www.andrew-baker.com

Until 30 June 2008: 2008 Statewide Senior Football Netball Carnival Expression of Interest. Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreational Co-op would like to commence the planning and development of the carnival as early as possible to ensure that all communities are given adequate time to prepare their teams to participate. Details call Richard Young on (03) 9484 5351 or email vaysr@bigpond.com

5 December: Marumali 'Caring for you Health' Launch. This launch is to significantly improve and sustain the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by creating an opportunity to access culturally appropriate health services and health resources confidently without a fear of being discriminated against for economic or cultural reasons. Held at the Liverpool Catholic Club, Hoxton Park from 10am-1pm. Details call Jennifer or Dorothy on (02) 4620 5846.

5-6 December: Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre Short Courses - 12 Steps of Conflict Management. The AILC conflict management program examines how stressful contexts can create cycles of conflict and will teach practical ways of managing and resolving conflict disputes. All welcome. Costs involved. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided daily. Held in Sydney from 8am-5.30pm. Details call (02) 6273 0022 or email aile@indigenousleadership.org.au or visit www.indigenousleadership.org.au

6 December: The University of Queensland Art Museum. Please join us for drinks at our end of year celebration for 2007. Held at The University of Queensland, St Lucia Qld from 6pm onwards. Details call (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au or visit www.maynecentre.uq.edu.au

6 December: Public Meeting - Remembering Che Guevara 40 years after his death. A look beyond the icon to the man whose galvanising ideas still propel the world toward a socialist

future. Held at Solidarity Salon, Brunswick, Victoria from 6.30am onwards. Details call (03) 9388 0062 or visit www.socialism.com

7 December - 2 January 2008: 'In The Mean Time' Art Exhibition. This exhibition is responding to the government refusal to sign the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which was recently considered by the United Nations General Assembly. Held at Raw Space

Galleries, Brisbane from 6pm onwards. Details call (07) 3844 8852 or visit www.rawspace.org or email gallery@rawspace.org

9 December: The Pastor Sir Douglas and Lady Gladys Nicholls Memorial. The Memorial commemorates their life and work and is the first in Melbourne dedicated to two Aboriginal community leaders. Light morning tea provided. Held at the Parliament Gardens, Melbourne

from 11am onwards. Details call Lisa Fletcher on (03) 9658 9131 or email listle@melbourne.vic.gov.au

10 December: Human Rights Day. Celebrates the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

10-14 December: Indigenous Hip Hop Projects, Deadly Style. The Project celebrates the fusion of traditional

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Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16245	Approx. 38 km SSW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°52'S Long.147°43'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Area: 301 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 94 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 692 c, k, p, u, z 693 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 694 a, f, l, q, v 764 c, k 765 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 766 a, f, l, q, v 837 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 838 a, f, l, q, v	Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953
EPM16246	Approx. 78 km SSW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.21°14'S Long.147°37'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Bowen and Nebo	Area: 320 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1050 c, k, p, u, y, z 1051 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 1052 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z 1053 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 1054 a, f, l, q, v 1122 d, e, k, p 1123 a, b, f 1125 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p	Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953
EPM16247	Approx. 67 km SSW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.21°07'S Long.147°36'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Area: 301 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 94 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 978 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, u, z 979 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 980 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 981 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 982 a, f, l, q, v	Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953
EPM16248	Part 1: Approx. 49 km WNW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°25'S Long.147°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen Part 2: Approx. 39 km W from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°31'S Long.147°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Area of Part 1: 61 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 329 m, t, w 401 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, p 402 l, m, n, q, r, s Area of Part 2: 48 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 402 y, z 474 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o 475 a, f	Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953
EPM16249	Approx. 60 km SSW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.21°02'S Long.147°36'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Area: 304 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 95 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 906 c, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 907 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 908 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 909 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 910 a, f, l, q, v	Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953
EPM16250	Approx. 52 km SW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°55'S Long.147°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Area: 294 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 92 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 761 d, e 762 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 763 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 834 b, c, d, e, u, z 835 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 836 k, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals.

specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

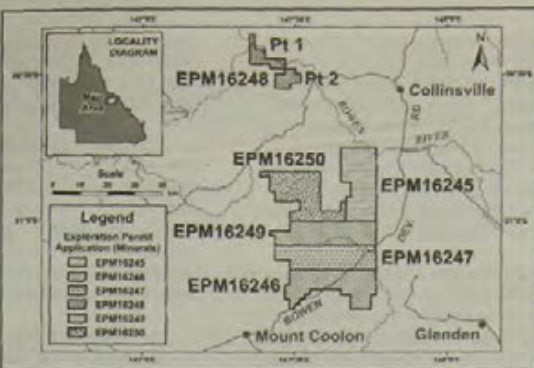
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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Indigenous culture and hip-hop, facilitating workshops and providing performance skills, leading up to events with performance, community strengthening and community mental health outcomes. Held in Kempsey. Details call Dion Brownfield on (0429) 924 727 or Allan Lockwood on (02) 6562 4919 or Glen Barton on (0438) 810 233.

11 December: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander human resource and industrial relations workshops. This course will explain basic rights and obligations under NSW employment laws and the interaction with federal employment laws to help you understand how they apply in your workplace. Held at Travelodge, Cnr King and Steel Street, Newcastle from 9am. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au

13 December: Babies Proms; Santa Babies. Come and sing your favourite carols and help decorate our very own Babies Prom Christmas tree. Ages 2-5. Tickets \$5. Held at the Sydney Opera House in the Utzon Room. Details call Eva Kaufman on (02) 9698 3775 or (02) 9698 9569 or call Sveta Gilerman on (02) 9250 7812 or email openhouse@sydneyoperahouse.com

13-14 December: Opportunity to act in new Torres Strait TV Series 'Ti Taxi'. We are looking for men and women between the ages of 17-45 to act in our new TV series that's being developed by the people who made the award winning mini-series RAN: Remote Area Nurse. Held at 4K1G Radio Station, Townsville. Details call Velma Gara on (0408) 982 362.

13-14 December: Money Minded Financial Education Course, an adult financial education program designed to help community workers/educators build confidence around everyday money matters. Details: Susan Allen (02) 4627 2792 or go to susana@bensoc.org.au or www.docepp.wa.gov.au

15-16 December: Opportunity to act in new Torres Strait TV Series 'T.I. Taxi'. We are looking for men and women between the ages of 17-45 to act in our new TV series that's being developed by the people who made the award winning mini-series RAN: Remote Area Nurse. Held in Cairns. Details call Norah Bagiri on (0409) 578 676.

15 December 2007 – 24 February 2008. Shepparton Gallery Indigenous Ceramic Art Exhibition. Shepparton Art Gallery offers these awards to encourage and stimulate excellence in Indigenous ceramic arts, and provide cultural exchange opportunities for Indigenous artists from around Australia and regional Victoria. All welcome. Details call (03) 5832 9861 or email art.gallery@shepparton.vic.gov.au or visit www.sheppartonartgallery.com.au

16-18 January 2008: Youth School Holiday Program in Filmmaking. This school holidays make a short film and learn to be a filmmaker in one of two intensive, hands-on digital video workshops for 14 to 16yr olds. Held at Metro Screen, Town Hall, Paddington from 10am-5pm. Costs \$250. Details call Katrina Beck on (02) 9361 5318 or email metro@metroscreen.org.au or visit www.metroscreen.org.au

17-23 December: Short Film Screening – Bollywood Dreaming. Jedda Rae Hill is a 16 year old Aboriginal Afro American girl who skates and who dreams of one day going to Bollywood to star in a Bollywood movie. Her world is a mixture of real time and fantasy but how will she make her dreams come true! Held in Perth. Details call Loanna Hos on (08) 9224 7424 or (0412) 385 034 or email jo@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

18 December: World Youth Day Ceremony. Leaving from Mt Carmel Catholic School and walked through the suburbs of Waterloo and Redfern to The Block for the ceremony. Featuring The Cross, Sacred Icon and Message Stick. Refreshments to follow. All welcome. Held at The Block in Redfern from 10.30am-12noon. Details call Ali Golding on (0413) 328 245 or Brenda on (02) 9698 4265.

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Party
EPM16136	Approx. 68 km SSW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°26'S Long.139°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 292 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 93 (each 5'lat x 5'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2899 e, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2900 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2971 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 2972 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, t, v, w 3043 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 3044 a, b, f, g, i, m	Conarco Minerals Pty Ltd 102 750 890

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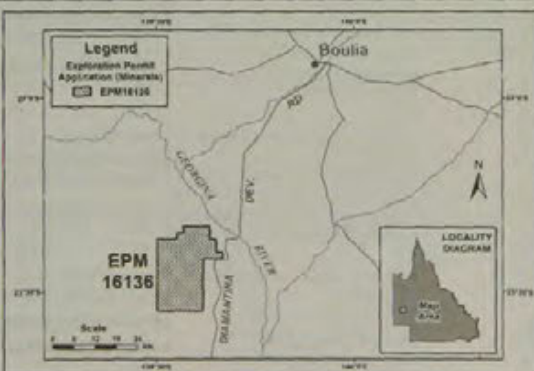
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for men and women between the ages of 17-45 to act in our new TV series that's being developed by the people who made the award winning mini-series RAN: Remote Area Nurse. Held at Anglican Church Hall, Thursday Island. Details call Charles Passi on (0428) 362 793.

21 December: Opportunity to act in new Torres Strait TV Series 'T.I. Taxi'. We are looking for men and women between the ages of 17-45 to act in our new TV series that's being developed by the people who made the award winning mini-series RAN: Remote Area Nurse. Held at Bamaga. Details call Stephen Christen on (0428) 320 257.

23-25 January 2008: Youth School Holiday Program in Filmmaking. This school holidays make a short film and learn to be a filmmaker in one of two intensive, hands-on digital video workshops for 11 to 13yr olds. Held at Metro Screen, Town Hall, Paddington from 10am-5pm. Costs \$250. Details call Katrina Beck on (02) 9361 5318 or email metro@metroscreen.org.au or visit www.metroscreen.org.au

28 January - 3 February 2008: Short Film Screening - Sugar Bag. 70 year old Laurel Cooper tells of her childhood experience when her parents resolved the dilemma of keeping their family together in the face of Australian Government policy of removing fair-skinned Indigenous children. Held in Perth. Details call Loanna Hos on (08) 9224 7424 or (0412) 385 034 or email jo@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

31 January 2008: Work Opportunities for Women from Diverse Cultural and Linguistic Backgrounds Information Session. This course is for women from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds who wish to gain English language, literacy, computer and communication skills to enter the workforce or further study. Held at Lismore TAFE Campus from 11am onwards. Details call Jenny Walt on (02) 6623 0272.

1 February 2008: Correctional Facilities Work Skills Information Session. This course will develop employability skills and help you gain employment as Correctional Centre Officers at the new facility being built at Ewing and also provides a pathway for you to access further training. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. Details call Kerry Walker at Casino TAFE Campus on (02) 6661 2087.

6 February 2008: Computer Skills for Learners from Diverse Cultural and Linguistic Backgrounds Information Session. This course is designed for people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds who wish to gain practical skills in computing such as keyboarding, word processing and using the internet. Held at Lismore TAFE Campus from 10am onwards. Details call Therese Murphy or Sharyn Lane on (02) 6674 7267 or (0400) 882 422.

11 February 2008: Resuscitation Course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of 'mouth-to-mouth' resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park from 5.30-7.30pm. Details call 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

18-24 February 2008: Short Film Screening - Done Dirt Cheap. Amos enlists two larrikin miners into his ingenious way to make money from an unsuspecting tourist, who walks into the plot and gets less than what he bargained for. Held in Perth. Details call Loanna Hos on (08) 9224 7424 or (0412) 385 034 or email jo@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

22 February - 16 March 2008: Adelaide Fringe Festival. One of the worlds largest and most vibrant open-access arts festivals with a diverse program of theatre, dance, circus, comedy, cabaret, new media, music, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, film and the visual arts. Details call Christine Anthony on (08) 8100 2000 or email buzz@adelaidefringe.com.au or visit www.adelaidefringe.com.au

Performing Arts Market. APAM brings together more than 400 of the most important performing arts presenters and producers from around Australia and overseas. It is the prime destination for promotion, networking and gaining an insight into Australia's performing arts. Details call (08) 8271 1468 or email apadmin@artsprojects.com.au or visit www.performingartsmarket.com.au

28-29 February 2008: The 2nd Annual Negotiating Native Title Forum. This Forum takes head of the domestic and international landscape, concerning the economic and cultural determination of Australian traditional land owners. Guest speakers. Held at Novotel, Brisbane.

Details call Katy Henson on (02) 9080 4322 or (02) 9080 4334 or email kathy.henson@informa.com.au or visit www.informa.com.au/native title

29 February - 16 March 2008: Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts. Australia's leading international multi-arts festival, featuring the performing, visual and literary arts. Details call Brett Sheehy on (08) 8216 4444 or email afa@adelaidefestival.com.au or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

11-14 March 2008: Good Tucker - Good Health - National Nutrition Networks Conference 08. Provide an environment that enables Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people to share thoughts, knowledge and experiences in food and nutrition. Held at Alice Springs Convention Centre, Barrett Drive, NT. Details call (02) 6285 4660 or email conference@ruralhealth.org.au or visit www.ruralhealth.org.au

17 - 23 March 2008: Short Film Screening - Storytime. Two adventurous Kimberley kids wander deep into the mangroves at sunset, only to find the terrifying campfire stories of the Goonyboon Woman may not be myth after-all. Held in Perth. Details call Loanna Hos on (08) 9224 7424 or (0412) 385 034

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16479 This Application consists of five separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 67 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°10'S Long.140°48'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 62 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°13'S Long.140°49'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 61 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°11'S Long.140°44'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 67 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°07'S Long.140°42'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 5: Approx. 71 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°06'S Long.140°45'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 106 r, s, x 178 c, h, j 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 178 t Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 177 j Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 105 m Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 105 k	Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd 108 925 284
EPM16509 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 69 km N from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°05'S Long.140°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 68 km N from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°06'S Long.140°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 60 km N from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°10'S Long.140°30'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 66 km N from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°07'S Long.140°33'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 30 v, w 102 a, b, f Area of Part 2: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 30 y 102 d, e, k, p Area of Part 3: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 102 z 103 q, v 174 e, k Area of Part 4: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 103 h, n	Southern Uranium Limited 115 338 979
EPM16519	Approx. 51 km NE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°25'S Long.140°54'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 106 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 33 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 322 z 323 n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 324 l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 395 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, n 396 a, b, c	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684

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Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

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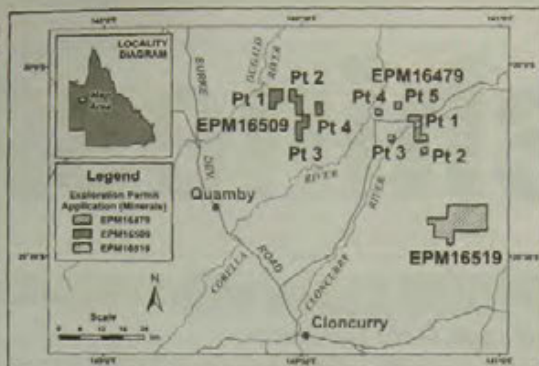
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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Party
EPM16278	Approx. 56 km SSE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat. 18°41'S Long. 142°27'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon	Area: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 5' lat x 5' long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2215 W, X 2286 B, D, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z 2287 A, B, C, F, G, H, I, M, N, Q, R, S, V, W, X 2357 C, D, E, H, J, K, N, O, P, S, T, U, X, Y, Z 2358 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 2359 A, B, C, F, G, H, I, M, N, Q, V 2429 C, D, E, G, H, J, K 2430 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K 2431 A	Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095

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Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

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) 3218 3814.

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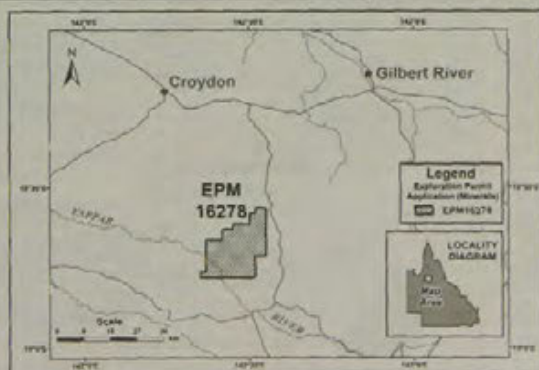
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or email jo@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

20 March 2008: Indigenous Story Telling Information Session. This course is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders that will develop skills in multi-media. Using websites and computer applications for storytelling. Held at Kingscliff TAFE Campus from 10am onwards. Details call Julie Board on (02) 6674 7251.

26-28 March 2008: Inaugural World Indigenous Television Broadcasting Conference. Be there to participate in, contribute to, and witness the launch of the World Indigenous Television Broadcasters Network led by indigenous television leaders. The purpose of the Network is to promote indigenous broadcasting at the highest levels internationally and to foster closer relationships between broadcasters. Held in Auckland. Details call Hone Paul on (0495) 397 108 or email hone.paul@maoritvtelevision.com

5-13 April 2008: Youth Week in NSW. Youth Week provides young people throughout the state, no matter where they live, with an opportunity to participate. It is organised by young people, for young people in local communities across the state. Details call (02) 9716 2872 or email youthweek@community.nsw.gov.au or visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au

8 April 2008: Resuscitation Course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of 'mouth-to-mouth' resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park from 5.30-7.30pm. Details call 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

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14-15 June 2008: Australia's largest Education Expo 2008. Everything educational will be on display for teachers, parents and students at the Rosehill Exhibition Centre in Sydney. Details call Linda Vining on (02) 9683 6725 or email office@edexpo.info

20 July - 2 August 2008: 10th Festival of Pacific Arts. Arts Queensland and the Australia Council are offering Indigenous artists and groups in Queensland the chance to be part of this festival. The event attracts artists and delegates from 27 Pacific nations and features performances, presentations, forums and advocacy events during its 10 day program. Details call Raelene Baker on (07) 3224 4896 or visit www.arts.qld.gov.au or visit www.festival-pacific-arts.org

RAP bid fails

THE Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has declined to appoint Maar Aboriginal Heritage Council as a registered Aboriginal party (RAP) in south-west Victoria.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Chairman Ricky Mullett said the Council 'has given Maar very careful consideration and has declined their application'.

Mr Mullett said that in making decisions to appoint RAPs, the Council took into account a number of factors such as native title matters, links to country and the capacity of the organisation to meet their responsibilities under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

"We also give priority consideration to groups representing traditional owners," Mr Mullett said.

"Maar does not represent any one distinct groups of traditional owners and did not demonstrate its own organisational expertise in cultural heritage management."

Mills shines in USA

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EPM16231 This Application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 7 km NW from Herberton Centred at approximate Lat.17°20'S Long.145°20'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mareeba and Herberton	Area of Part 1: 62 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1096 w, x, y, z 1097 v, w, x 1168 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 1169 a, b, c, d	North Queensland Metals Limited 115 279 653
	Part 2: Approx. 12 km SSW from Herberton Centred at approximate Lat.17°28'S Long.145°20'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Herberton	Area of Part 2: 46 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1240 j, k, o, p, s, t, u, z 1241 f, g, l, q, v 1313 a	
	Part 3: Approx. 11 km W from Herberton Centred at approximate Lat.17°21'S Long.145°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area of Part 3: 7 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1168 r, s	
EPM16395	Approx. 48 km W from Mareeba Centred at approximate Lat.17°04'S Long.144°59'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 875 s, t, u, z	Wolfram Camp Mining Pty Ltd 108 254 315
EPM16426	Approx. 76 km W from Mareeba Centred at approximate Lat.16°54'S Long.144°41'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 232 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 71 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 728 k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 729 f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 730 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 800 a, b, c, d, e, f, k 801 s, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 802 a, b, c, d, e 803 a, f	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd 122 727 342

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JUST five games into his rookie American college season, Australia's Indigenous basketball star Patrick Mills has already been labelled an NBA prospect after setting a new scoring record for St

Mary's. Mills' 37-point effort in a victory over 12th-ranked Oregon headlined a great 24 hours for Australian basketball, with Andrew Bogut's Milwaukee Bucks earning a fourth straight win, trumping Kobe Bryant's LA Lakers 110-103.

The following week, Mills was named West Coast Conference Player of the Week as he helped his team stretch their unbeaten season start to five matches, their best start in 14 years.

Mills tallied 48 points, 10 assists and four turnovers in victories over Oregon and Nicholls State, including 37 points against Oregon, a college record for a first-year player.

Mills and Bogut, along with Greek-based NBA draft pick Brad Newley and Melbourne Tiger David Barlow, represent the future of the national team and, judging by their recent deeds, the future appears bright.

Record-setter

Mills, who burst from obscurity to help an undrafted Boomers team qualify for Beijing in the recent 2-1 series victory over New Zealand, set records for the most points by a freshman in St Mary's history and the school's sixth-best total overall in the 99-07 victory.

The Gaels are off to a 5-0 start, their best start to a season since starting the 1993 campaign with five consecutive wins.

"If (Mills) plays that way every night, he's a pro," said Oregon Coach Ernie Kent, before comparing him to Spurs star Tony Parker.

It's a fair comment, as fellow point guard Parker earned Finals MVP honours last season after guiding San Antonio to the NBA title.

Damon Simpson, a team-mate of Mills at St Mary's, knew the Australian was capable of the sort of performance he showed against Oregon.

"We've been waiting for big moments like this, so it's no surprise to me," he said.

"This is definitely my first time seeing Patty go crazy like that. He was on fire."

Mills is hopeful of eventually ending up in the NBA. - AAP



Patrick Mills

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● LEFT: Assistant coach Sharon Finnan (centre) with Trinidad and Tobago players Donna Elise Charles (left) and Sonia Jack at the World Netball Titles in Auckland, New Zealand.

Picture: Steve Gordon

Finnan keen to coach closer to home, family

By STEVE GORDON



A WORLD-CLASS coaching career beckons for former Australian netballer Sharon Finnan.

The Anaiwan (northern NSW) woman has just spent six months in the Caribbean as technical director with the world-ranked Trinidad and Tobago team.

Speaking with *The Koori Mail* at the World Netball Titles in New Zealand, Finnan said she was considering an offer of another six months coaching in the Caribbean.

But the 40-year-old mother of one said she had missed her family terribly and was also considering a move closer to home.

"This year has been a great experience and being Trinidad's assistant coach at the World Titles was amazing," she said.

"But I miss my family and there may be other opportunities in Australia."

"Trinidad has been a real experience and working with what are a fantastic group of athletes

has been a privilege.

"I've learned so much and I've developed a taste for coaching which I hope can be my new career direction."

"However, I've seen my son just twice in the past six months and spent a fortune on phone calls. Hopefully something will come up closer to home."

That something might well include a coaching role with one of the teams in the new ANZ Championship trans-Tasman netball competition, which features five Australian and five New Zealand teams and the cream of the world's netballers.

Finnan played for Australia over many years, was a member of the World Title-winning national sides in 1991 and 1999 and captained the Queensland Firebirds team. She received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her work in sport.

Trinidad finished 11th at the World Titles, lower down the table than Finnan had hoped.

The Australian team, which beat arch-rivals New Zealand 42-38 in a thrilling title decider, did not include any Indigenous players.

players who were involved in Australia's dramatic Plate Final win at the recent inaugural Adelaide Sevens and will provide an experienced nucleus for the squad.

Kacey Mitchell has been a regular in the Australian Sevens for some time.

With the majority of the players benefiting from a tough inaugural Mazda Australian Rugby Championship from August to October, coach Bill Millard said the opening rounds of the World Series would provide the squad an opportunity to press their claims for further selection.

Cornforth and Mitchell are fringe players for the 15-man Super 14 competition.

Two Indigenous players in touring rugby sevens



TWO Aboriginal rugby union players are in the Australian Sevens rugby union team now on a tour of

Dubai and South Africa.

They are Timothy Cornforth, from the ACT, and north Queenslander Kacey Mitchell, from Cairns.

The 12-man squad is contesting the opening rounds of the IRB Sevens World Series. The series began in Dubai on 30 November.

The squad now is in George, South Africa, for the second round. George is on the coast between Cape Town and Durban.

Cornforth is one of four

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, CI-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	SIRE
09/1033	Cataly Iron Pty Ltd	57.25km ²	48km Ely of Onslow	Lat 21°40' Long 115°32'	Ashburton
09/1471	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	175.58km ²	161km SEly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°57' Long 116°29'	Marathon
09/1476	West Coast Potash Pty Ltd	190.94km ²	90km Ely of Dunham	Lat 26°06' Long 114°24'	Shark Bay
15/911	Hannans Reward Ltd	50.65km ²	40km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°17' Long 120°53'	Coolgardie
15/1005	Heron Resources Ltd	78.37km ²	35km Ely of Wodgina	Lat 31°29' Long 121°56'	Coolgardie
26/127	Banyan Pty Ltd	41.28km ²	11km Wly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°21'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Inverim Resources Ltd				
26/1050	Heron Resources Ltd	11.85km ²	115km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°09' Long 122°27'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/1793	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	205.63km ²	125km Ely of Kalbar	Lat 31°02' Long 122°57'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/668	Vedo Energy Pty Ltd	36.79km ²	20km NEly of Menzies	Lat 29°35' Long 121°13'	Menzies
29/669	Heron Resources Ltd	8.58km ²	20km NEly of Menzies	Lat 29°31' Long 121°07'	Menzies
30/297	Swancom Resources Pty Ltd	65.37km ²	93km NEly of Kooljanabobbing	Lat 30°06' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie/Menzies
30/320	Dailygold Gold Pty Ltd	32.77km ²	48km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 120°32'	Menzies
30/345	Devonport Pty Ltd	23.85km ²	117km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 119°49'	Menzies
30/346	Vedo Energy Pty Ltd	206.49km ²	91km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°30' Long 120°07'	Menzies
31/372	Heron Resources Ltd	5.96km ²	85km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°30' Long 121°53'	Menzies
31/628	Heron Resources Ltd	29.84km ²	85km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°29' Long 121°53'	Menzies
31/708	Alplex Ltd	26.88km ²	71km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°23' Long 121°48'	Menzies
31/730	Alplex Ltd	68.41km ²	130km Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 122°25'	Menzies
31/740	Peter Romeo Gann	53.62km ²	113km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°39' Long 122°12'	Menzies
31/750	Dusigale Pty Ltd	44.57km ²	119km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°56' Long 122°15'	Menzies
31/754	Mark Ganneth Crisley	17.79km ²	142km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°07' Long 122°45'	Menzies
	Get Resources Pty Ltd				
31/755	Get Resources Pty Ltd	2.99km ²	144km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°58' Long 122°40'	Menzies
31/756	Get Resources Pty Ltd	2.99km ²	142km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°01' Long 122°41'	Menzies
31/761	Avoca Resources Ltd	14.9km ²	109km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°34' Long 122°19'	Menzies
31/762	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.99km ²	109km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°36' Long 122°21'	Menzies
31/764	Avoca Resources Ltd	5.94km ²	113km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°36' Long 122°04'	Menzies
31/765	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.97km ²	118km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°41' Long 122°26'	Menzies
31/767	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.97km ²	143km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°53' Long 122°41'	Menzies
31/784	Heron Resources Ltd	209.19km ²	69km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°23' Long 121°40'	Menzies
31/787	Avoca Resources Ltd	36.76km ²	119km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°42' Long 122°25'	Menzies
31/801	Heron Resources Ltd	127.82km ²	107km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°32' Long 122°04'	Menzies
31/802	Heron Resources Ltd	23.78km ²	110km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°50' Long 122°09'	Menzies
31/806	Alan Paul Rudd	71.10km ²	82km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°06' Long 121°57'	Menzies
31/803	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	6.07km ²	35km NEly of Leonora	Lat 27°42' Long 121°11'	Leonora
31/835	South Boulder Mines Ltd	138.05km ²	52km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 29°04' Long 122°22'	Laverton
31/836	South Boulder Mines Ltd	170.05km ²	78km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°37' Long 122°17'	Laverton
31/837	Crescent Gold Ltd	21.12km ²	44km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°00' Long 122°16'	Laverton
31/838	Anthony Robert Frederick Martin	3.03km ²	98km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°35' Long 122°00'	Laverton
31/839	Anthony Robert Frederick Martin	75.91km ²	83km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°36' Long 122°10'	Laverton
31/840	Anthony Robert Frederick Martin	3.03km ²	89km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°32' Long 122°06'	Laverton
31/841	Gralla Resources NL	51.18km ²	24km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°34' Long 122°36'	Laverton
31/842	Tech Comco Australia Pty Ltd	843.49km ²	162km Nly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°37' Long 122°18'	Wiluna
31/843	South Boulder Mines Ltd	18.17km ²	81km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°53' Long 122°17'	Laverton
31/844	Blacka Metals Ltd	10.08km ²	140km SEly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°54' Long 123°56'	Laverton/Menzies
31/845	Blacka Metals Ltd	484.86km ²	126km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°00' Long 123°33'	Laverton/Menzies
31/846	Blacka Metals Ltd	60.67km ²	78km Nly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°20' Long 122°55'	Laverton
31/847	Blacka Metals Ltd	175.17km ²	211km Wly of Warburton Mission	Lat 26°16' Long 124°26'	Wiluna
31/848	Blacka Metals Ltd	90.04km ²	63km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°53' Long 122°56'	Laverton
31/849	Blacka Metals Ltd	192.25km ²	55km Nly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°31' Long 122°43'	Laverton
31/850	Blacka Metals Ltd	205.61km ²	51km Nly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°32' Long 122°53'	Laverton
31/851	Blacka Metals Ltd	237.46km ²	75km Nly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°20' Long 122°42'	Laverton
31/852	Blacka Metals Ltd	631.39km ²	49km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°47' Long 122°46'	Laverton
31/853	Heron Resources Ltd	33.13km ²	19km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°33' Long 122°32'	Laverton
31/854	KEC Exploration Pty Ltd	93.04km ²	115km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°52' Long 122°32'	Laverton
31/855	Apoll Mining Pty Ltd	14.95km ²	62km SEly of Leonora	Lat 27°46' Long 122°46'	Menzies
31/856	Golden Cattle NL	21.98km ²	75km Sly of Laverton	Lat 28°10' Long 122°29'	Leonora
31/857	Meltek Resources Ltd	11.97km ²	59km Sly of Laverton	Lat 28°10' Long 122°17'	Leonora
31/858	Heron Resources Ltd	5.97km ²	81km Sly of Laverton	Lat 28°20' Long 122°13'	Leonora
31/859	Suphite Resources Pty Ltd	89.96km ²	222km Nly of RAAF Base	Lat 28°02' Long 124°16'	Leonora/Menzies
31/860	Stuart Little Hooper	8.35km ²	99km Sly of Laverton	Lat 28°28' Long 122°20'	Menzies
31/861	Heron Resources Ltd	107.74km ²	68km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°11' Long 121°56'	Leonora
31/862	Athena Resources Ltd	108.97km ²	157km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°51' Long 123°11'	Menzies
31/863	Lightwave Investments Pty Ltd	17.86km ²	68km SWly of Laverton	Lat 29°08' Long 122°02'	Leonora
31/864	Caruoco Pty Ltd	430.58km ²	128km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°15' Long 122°29'	Menzies
31/865	Heron Resources Ltd	208.42km ²	123km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°42' Long 122°39'	Menzies
31/866	United Mining Resources Pty Ltd	205.27km ²	136km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°47' Long 122°52'	Menzies
31/867	Nasvet Ltd	113.84km ²	69km Ely of Leonora	Lat 29°06' Long 121°57'	Leonora
31/868	Dusigale Pty Ltd	17.97km ²	49km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°04' Long 121°44'	Leonora
31/869	Golden Cattle NL	184.88km ²	104km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°32' Long 122°30'	Menzies
31/870	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	2.97km ²	17km NWly of RAAF Base	Lat 29°55' Long 123°59'	Menzies
40/229	Heron Resources Ltd	155.31km ²	30km NEly of Menzies	Lat 29°26' Long 121°16'	Menzies
51/1250	Chalice Gold Mines Ltd	85.82km ²	8km Ely of Mookan	Lat 26°35' Long 119°35'	Mineshead
53/1360	Interstar Resources Pty Ltd	186.84km ²	62km Wly of Wiluna	Lat 26°48' Long 119°38'	Wiluna
63/1150	Meltek Resources Ltd	127.13km ²	39km Nly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°08' Long 121°30'	Dundas/Esperance
63/1171	Geotech International Pty Ltd	55.09km ²	129km Wly of Norseman	Lat 32°24' Long 120°29'	Dundas
63/1173	Heron Resources Ltd	52.41km ²	89km NEly of Norseman	Lat 31°52' Long 122°38'	Dundas
63/1174	Heron Resources Ltd	101.66km ²	54km Wly of Norseman	Lat 32°10' Long 121°12'	Dundas
63/1176	JML Resources Pty Ltd	183.26km ²	133km Wly of Norseman	Lat 32°09' Long 120°23'	Dundas
66/2189	Tech Comco Australia Pty Ltd	155.78km ²	207km Nly of RAAF Base	Lat 29°10' Long 125°07'	Menzies
66/2191	Tech Comco Australia Pty Ltd	104.99km ²	222km Nly of RAAF Base	Lat 29°02' Long 125°09'	Laverton/Menzies
68/2337	Clinton Dean Hood	71.79km ²	189km Nly of RAAF Base	Lat 29°03' Long 125°10'	Menzies
70/2959	Rennell Holdings Pty Ltd	587.03km ²	22km NEly of Coorabelling	Lat 31°07' Long 116°55'	Dowling/Coorabelling
70/2960	Rennell Holdings Pty Ltd	579.54km ²	20km Wly of Brodribb	Lat 32°19' Long 116°47'	Wongan/Galdu
70/2969	Clarian Richard Mann	63.29km ²	29km Wly of Lake Grace	Lat 33°00' Long 116°10'	Beverly/Brookton
70/3041	Kingstree Pty Ltd	85.05km ²	15km NWly of Gingin	Lat 31°13' Long 116°50'	Gingin
77/1409	St Barbara Ltd	43.89km ²	48km SWly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°29' Long 118°57'	Yalgam
77/1418	Polars Metals NL	79.99km ²	64km NEly of Kooljanabobbing	Lat 30°22' Long 119°56'	Yalgam
77/1422	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	8.91km ²	97km Nly of Kooljanabobbing	Lat 29°58' Long 119°12'	Yalgam
80/3765	Alloy Resources Ltd	188.66km ²	97km Nly of Wyndham	Lat 14°38' Long 127°52'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3786	Alloy Resources Ltd	39.73km ²	102km Nly of Wyndham	Lat 14°32' Long 127°52'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3818, 80/3838	Clinton Dean Hood	381km ²	130km NWly of Wyndham	Lat 14°34' Long 127°22'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3860					
80/3843	Danny Smith	19.89km ²	122km NWly of Wyndham	Lat 14°31' Long 127°25'	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 day: 5 December 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 5 March 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 1 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) 9228 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. 5 April 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, 253 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9228 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.

Garbutt Magpies – 25 years on



This photo was taken at the recent luncheon to launch the 'Boys to Men – Garbutt Magpies 25 Years On' project. Front row, from left, Duane Stanley, Calvin Stanley and Brian McCoy (coach); back row, Alec Illin Jr, George Akee, Dennis Saylor, Randal Ross and Craig Jehn.

By ALF WILSON



THE Indigenous Health Unit of James Cook University launched the 'Boys to Men – Garbutt Magpies 25 Years On' project on 18

November.

The launch took place at Melrose Park, in the Townsville suburb of Garbutt, which was where the famous and now defunct Garbutt Magpies AFL Club, which consisted of mainly Indigenous players, trained.

"This project is seeking to improve our understanding of the experiences of a group of young Townsville men who formed the Garbutt Magpies Under 17s Australian Rules touring side which went to Melbourne in 1983," said Randal Ross, project officer in the Indigenous Health Unit of JCU's Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences.

"The project also aims to examine the experiences of their contemporaries, their families and the wider north Queensland Indigenous and non-Indigenous community at that time."

Mr Ross, who was a member of the original touring side, said the project team was interested in tracing the lives of the men over the past 25 years.

"By learning from their stories and experiences, we hope to be

able to help the lives of young Indigenous men today," he said.

The project will also support the men in their plans to reunite in September next year to celebrate the 25th anniversary in Melbourne.

The project team consists of Mr Ross, one of the original touring side members, Dr Brian McCoy, of La Trobe University, who was coach, and Associate Professor Jacinta Elston, Assistant Dean, Indigenous Health at JCU.

Garbutt Magpies was born in the Townsville suburb of Garbutt, where many Aboriginal families lived and the team was one which instilled pride in the Indigenous community.

The club has a park in Garbutt dedicated to it where sketches of star players, officials and family members hold pride of place.

Magpies wore the colours of AFL club Collingwood and the players were genuine entertainers who possessed wonderful skills... skills which are still talked about today.

For years supporters came to the Townsville Australian Football League's Centenary Oval during the season to see their Garbutt Magpies play, and the club won many premierships.

Centenary Oval no longer exists and is now the site of an upmarket suburb of houses, shops and offices near the Lakes Project.

● For more information, contact Randal Ross on (07) 4781 6113 or mobile 0407 739 685.

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
08/556	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	48.07ha	123km NW of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°45' Long 110°35'	Ashburton
09/557	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	22.58ha	125km S of Onslow	Lat 22°44' Long 115°20'	Ashburton
15/4544-9	Kunawing Resources Pty Ltd	302.13ha	7km NE of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°12'	Coolgardie
15/4551-2	Kunawing Resources Pty Ltd	230.15ha	7km NE of Coolgardie	Lat 30°55' Long 121°13'	Coolgardie
15/5305	Andrew Donald Kay	4.88ha	5km S of Coolgardie	Lat 30°59' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/5215	Kelina Dobbie	9.82ha	9km S of Coolgardie	Lat 30°59' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
16/2390-96, 16/2401-2 & 16/2410	Berra Resources Ltd	842.33ha	47km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°34' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
16/2407	Berra Resources Ltd	114.48ha	44km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°36' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie
16/2409	Berra Resources Ltd	112.17ha	41km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°36' Long 120°58'	Coolgardie
16/2550-1	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	273.79ha	70km SW of Menzies	Lat 30°11' Long 120°35'	Coolgardie
24/4259-7	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	236.70ha	27km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°01' Long 121°19'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4259-8	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	22.53ha	30km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4259-9	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	178.89ha	55km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°00'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4303 & 24/4305	Richard Lockhart	272.37ha	88km S of Menzies	Lat 30°16' Long 120°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4304	Richard Lockhart	66.8ha	70km S of Menzies	Lat 30°18' Long 120°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1384-5	St. Barbara Ltd	200.67ha	21km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1384-6	St. Barbara Ltd	596.76ha	18km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°43' Long 121°37'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3601-6	St. Barbara Ltd	748.63ha	12km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°35'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3600	Banyan Pty Ltd	26.09ha	8km W of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°23'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1829	Interim Resources Ltd	8.09ha	18km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1830-42 & 27/1867	Perilya Ltd	1727.44ha	10km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°34' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1923	Cove Mining Pty Ltd	7.88ha	49km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°30' Long 121°01'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1930	Empire Resources Ltd	10.21ha	20km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1914	Donald Alfred Sackell	43ha	10km S of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°04'	Menzies
28/1915-7	Hale Resources Ltd	580.37ha	8km SE of Menzies	Lat 29°45' Long 121°04'	Menzies
29/1918	Hale Resources Ltd	200ha	7km SE of Menzies	Lat 29°44' Long 121°04'	Menzies
29/2035	Michael Duffy	114.51ha	7km SE of Menzies	Lat 29°44' Long 121°04'	Menzies
30/1000	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	19.29ha	47km W of Menzies	Lat 29°48' Long 120°33'	Menzies
30/1010	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	46.17ha	49km W of Menzies	Lat 29°44' Long 120°32'	Menzies
31/1790	Heon Resources Ltd	111.34ha	100km E of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 122°22'	Menzies
31/1791	Heon Resources Ltd	19.42ha	126km E of Laverton	Lat 29°48' Long 122°22'	Menzies
31/1792-4	Heon Resources Ltd	469.53ha	123km E of Laverton	Lat 29°43' Long 122°21'	Menzies
31/1799	Heon Resources Ltd	119.93ha	102km E of Menzies	Lat 29°41' Long 122°07'	Menzies
31/1798	Heon Resources Ltd	24.97ha	87km E of Menzies	Lat 29°29' Long 121°54'	Menzies
31/1815	Rubicon Resources Ltd	33.95ha	109km E of Menzies	Lat 29°14' Long 122°09'	Menzies
31/1875	Heon Resources Ltd	154.14ha	130km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°07' Long 122°42'	Menzies
31/1876	Heon Resources Ltd	142.36ha	139km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°07' Long 122°49'	Menzies
38/19161	Estor Pty Ltd	90.35ha	67km NW of Cooma	Lat 27°44' Long 122°16'	Laverton
38/3163	Estor Pty Ltd	3.27ha	67km W of Cooma	Lat 27°47' Long 122°15'	Laverton
39/1164	Estor Pty Ltd	179.77ha	50km NW of Cooma	Lat 27°33' Long 122°07'	Laverton
49/1620	Mark James Thompson	75.43ha	60km E of Mulga	Lat 21°48' Long 120°41'	East Pilbara
47/1384	Image Resources NL	49.32ha	116km S of Pannamona	Lat 22°42' Long 119°23'	Ashburton
47/1385	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	47.30ha	113km S of Pannamona	Lat 22°38' Long 119°28'	Ashburton
51/2551	Alcon Emily Rickman	200ha	52km SW of Meekatharra	Lat 28°51' Long 118°10'	Meekatharra
53/1453-5	Zalek Resources Pty Ltd	700.97ha	63km SE of Warrup	Lat 27°05' Long 120°31'	Warrup
59/1800	Ferret Ltd	47.58ha	12km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°20' Long 119°49'	Nagambie
63/1536-9	Australian Gold Investments Pty Ltd	873.38ha	21km S of Norseman	Lat 32°22' Long 121°45'	Dundas
70/1551	Gary John Robinson	1.52ha	3km N of Norseman	Lat 34°58' Long 116°43'	Marjup
77/2976	Victor Terry Grotzke	196.62ha	40km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°25' Long 119°40'	Yegem
80/1650	Zilek Resources Pty Ltd	9.99ha	10km W of Kununurra	Lat 15°46' Long 128°34'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/1651	Shangri Lai Metals Pty Ltd	9.99ha	10km W of Kununurra	Lat 15°46' Long 128°34'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/1651	Pannamona Diamonds Pty Ltd	159.53ha	59km SW of Kununurra	Lat 16°22' Long 128°04'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 5 December 2007

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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 3525.

Far North Coast dominates team bound for Moree



FAR North Coast players dominate the NSW North Coast Aboriginal cricket team to

meet Central North at Moree this weekend.

The match will be part of a three-day camp on 7, 8, 9 December.

The North Coast Aboriginal XI was chosen after Far North Coast beat Lower North Coast in a selection trial at Sawtell in late November.

The North Coast Aboriginal XI is: Rob Roberts (FNC – Cabbage Tree Island), Andrew Fair (FNC – Lismore), TJ Smith (LNC – Kempsey), Daniel Donovan (LNC – Stuarts Point), Ritchie Heywood (FNC – Kyogle), Tane Morgan (FNC – Casino), Aaron Smith (LNC – Kempsey), Des Anderson (FNC – Cabbage Tree Island), Brian King (FNC – Terranora), Ronald Torrens (FNC – Casino), Bill Walker (FNC – Kyogle), Anthony Donovan (LNC – Coffs Harbour).

The coach is Andrew Gordon (FNC – Ballina) and the team manager is Reese Roma (FNC – Lismore).

Kyogle all-rounder Ritchie Heywood was the star for Far North Coast against Lower North Coast. He took three wickets and

scored a handy 34 runs.

Lower North Coast won the toss and scored 30 runs before Heywood and Tane Morgan came on first change.

The medium pace duo delivered a spell which slowed the scoring and made inroads into the batting line-up.

Heywood finished with 3-23 while Morgan picked up 2-15.

Far North Coast captain Andrew Gordon said the team's fielding in the first 20 overs was a highlight of the match.

"They started off well with a cruisy 30-run partnership, then we got stuck into it," Gordon told *The Northern Star*.

"We took some sharp catches and put the pressure on."

Lower North Coast scored 151 runs.

Far North Coast opening batsman Rob Roberts, of Cabbage Tree Island, made his intentions clear early on when he hit the third ball of the innings for a six.

Roberts batted through the innings for an undefeated 52. Heywood notched up 34 before retiring as FNC cruised to 8-170.

The dominant performance was rewarded with eight members of the FNC team winning spots in the North Coast team to travel to Moree.

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that GOLD FIELDS AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD (ACN 087 624 600) (or its successors or assigns) of Level 5, 50 Colin Street, West Perth, Western Australia 6005, registered licence holder, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA EXPLORATION LICENCE 3735

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 180 km northeast of Adelaide, referred to as **Canegrass Area** and is the land bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°25'S and longitude 139°47'E, thence east to longitude 140°00'E, south to a northern boundary of Blk 1220 OH (Chowilla), thence generally westerly, southerly and easterly along the boundary of the said Blk 1220 to the northwest corner of Blk 1066 OH (Chowilla), thence generally southerly along the boundary of the said Blk 1066 to latitude 33°54'S, west to longitude 139°47'E and north to the point of commencement. Area of the land: approximately 962 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA EXPLORATION LICENCE 3736

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 170 km northeast of Adelaide, known as **Koomooloo area** and is the land bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°25'S and longitude 139°30'E, thence east to longitude 139°47'E, south to latitude 33°44'S, west to longitude 139°33'E, north to latitude 33°43'S, east to longitude 139°34'E, north to latitude 33°38'S, west to longitude 139°29'E, north to latitude 33°34'S, west to longitude 139°22'E, north to latitude 33°28'S, east to longitude 139°23'E, south to latitude 33°31'S, east to longitude 139°30'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area of the land: approximately 946 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA EXPLORATION LICENCE 3737

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 140 km northeast of Adelaide, referred to as **Morgan Area** and is the land bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°44'S and longitude 139°33'E, thence east to longitude 139°47'E, south to latitude 33°54'S, west to longitude 139°41'E, south to latitude 33°55'S, east to longitude 139°44'E, south to latitude 34°00'S, west to longitude 139°43'E, south to latitude 34°01'S, west to longitude 139°41'E, south to a northern boundary of Morgan Conservation Park, thence generally southwesterly and easterly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to longitude 139°41'E, south to latitude 34°04'S, west to longitude 139°40'E, south to latitude 34°09'S, west to longitude 139°39'E, south to latitude 34°13'S, west to longitude 139°38'E, south to latitude 34°15'S, west to longitude 139°37'E, south to latitude 34°18'S, west to longitude 139°32'E, north to latitude 34°04'S, east to longitude 139°35'E, north to latitude 33°59'S, west to longitude 139°31'E, north to a southern boundary of Whites Dam Conservation Park, thence generally southeasterly and northwesterly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to longitude 139°31'E, north to latitude 33°55'S, west to longitude 139°30'E, north to latitude 33°50'S, east to longitude 139°32'E, north to latitude 33°47'S, east to longitude 139°33'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area of the land: approximately 982 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA EXPLORATION LICENCE 3970

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 220 km northeast of Adelaide, referred to as **Braemar Area** and is the land bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°06'S and longitude 139°52'E, thence east to longitude 140°00'E, south to latitude 33°25'S, west to longitude 139°36'E, north to latitude 33°15'S, east to longitude 139°42'E, north to latitude 33°13'S, east to longitude 139°47'E, north to latitude 33°10'S, east to longitude 139°52'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area of the land: approximately 996 square kilometres.

Excluding all the land, in respect of each such area, that is subject to a valid grant of freehold, or a perpetual leasehold, or any area in relation to which all native title rights and interests have otherwise been extinguished in accordance with the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) and the *Native Title (South Australia) Act 1994* (SA); as well as specifically in relation to land the subject of Exploration Licence 3735, excluding all the land that falls within the boundaries of Pastoral Lease 2248, known as "Oakview".

All those 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 presence of economical mineralisation which (without limiting that general description) may include: reconnaissance activities such as mapping; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; trenching; drilling including rotary mud and diamond core; minor clearing for drill rig access; and construction of temporary camp sites.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authority under the Mining Act 1971 (SA):

Exploration Licences 3735, 3736, 3737 and 3970 of which GOLD FIELDS AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD (or its successors or assigns) is the registered holder.

GOLD FIELDS AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD (or its successors or assigns) seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

IF, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, GOLD FIELDS AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD (or its successors or assigns) may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. On such an application, that Court must make a determination authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent as follows:

GOLD FIELDS AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD
c/- FINLAYSONS
81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8235 7437
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944
Contact: Mr Ross Boyd



Department for Planning and Infrastructure
Government of Western Australia

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 authorized by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: LAND DESCRIPTION: Part of Lot 416 on Deposited Plan 235011 shown as Lot 3000 on Deposited Plan 52557, being part of Pastoral Lease 3114/1230 (Boothiana Station). Volume 3061 Folio 14 Area: 4188.6113 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plan 52557. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Camarvon. **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. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Lease of land. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Construction of a processing plant, ponds, premises and infrastructure as required for the continuous operation of an aquaculture commercial business limited to the cultivation of algae for the production of beta carotene and other carotenoids. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** The land is presently subject to a Pastoral Diversification Permit and it is intended to access the land from the Pastoral Lease to enable formal tenure to be granted. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 August 2007. **DPI FILE:** 01619-2001-03RD DPI REF: 041476

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT: Cathy Pumphrey, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6056 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5008. **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 6056 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than **19 March 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 **19 December 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 **19 March 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 4 August 2007.

ALANNAH MacTERNAN, MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED (ACN 008 675 018) of Level 23, 140 St Georges Terrace, Perth Western Australia 6000 (and its successors or assigns) is the holder of four (4), and the joint holder of six (6), contiguous mineral claims and proposes to apply in the name of ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED and in the joint names of ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED and ADELAIDE EXPLORATION LIMITED, respectively for two (2) mining leases for the recovery of extractive minerals in respect of the land the subject of those claims (*mining leases*), and to carry out mining operations under those mining leases (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with such mining leases), such mining operations to be carried out on the following land:

Section: Block 406
Hundred: H834300 (Out of Hundreds FOWLER)
Pastoral Block: Crown lease perpetual 1602/27
Section: Block 1006
Hundred: H834300 (Out of Hundreds FOWLER)
Pastoral Block: Chundaria Crown lease pastoral 1184/9
Other: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°31'S and longitude 132°46'E, thence east to longitude 132°49'E, south to latitude 31°34'S, east to longitude 132°46'E, and north to the point of commencement. All within latitudes and longitudes are GD94 Geographical Coordinates.

AREA of the mining leases: approximately 2,320 hectares.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Topsoil and overburden stripping and stockpiling; installation, maintenance and movement of various forms of operational infrastructure; digging borrow pit to extract material for general construction purposes including roads and airstrips.

The proposed operations will be authorised by the mining leases when granted under the Mining Act 1971 (SA) for which ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED (as to the land the subject of the four (4) mineral claims of which it is the holder) and ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED and ADELAIDE EXPLORATION LIMITED, jointly (as to the land the subject of the six (6) mineral claims of which they are the joint holders) propose to apply.

ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED (and its successors or assigns) seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER THAT IF, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED (or its 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 such land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED as follows:

ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED
c/- FINLAYSONS
81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8235 7452
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944
Contact: Mr George McKenzie

Focus is on sport at TSI gathering



A THREE-DAY Torres Strait Islands school sports symposium and school sports expo ends today on Thursday Island.

Torres Strait Islanders Regional Education Council Chairman Ned David said the symposium and expo was designed to assist towards the development of a school sports excellence program in

schools throughout Torres Strait and the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA).

The program will involve Tagai State College, Northern Peninsula Area College (Barnaga) and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic School (Thursday Island). Tagai State College has campuses throughout Torres Strait.

Mr David said the aim of the initiative was to utilise sports and related activities to contribute towards

improving student attendance and retention rates in all grades, with a particular focus on improving completion rates of Grade 12 students in Torres Strait and the NPA.

"Sport is very popular in Torres Strait and the NPA," he said.

"However, opportunities for children and young people to engage in sports and be exposed to a wide range of sports are limited."

"There is good evidence to suggest

that fostering an interest in sport and having opportunities to develop sporting talent are strong influencing factors in school attendance, retention and transition.

"Students in remote areas have limited opportunities to engage in the specialised sporting programs. Compared with the mainstream, students in Torres Strait and the NPA are exposed to a narrow range of sporting opportunities."

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, CI-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.

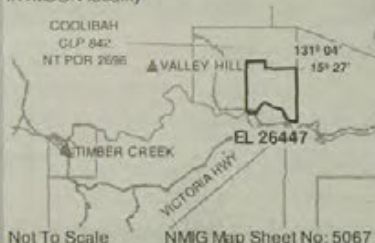
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26479 sought by ACACIA MINERALS PTY LIMITED, ACN 127 419 729 over an area of 176 Blocks (561 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LUGY locality.



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Exploration Licence 26447 sought by ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES N.L., ACN 009 159 077 over an area of 58 Blocks (173 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the IKYMBON locality.



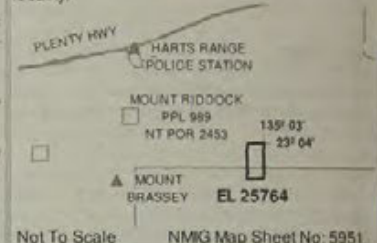
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Exploration Licence 26458 sought by ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES N.L., ACN 009 159 077 over an area of 117 Blocks (383 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MOUNT BARTON locality.



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Exploration Licence 25764 sought by BARFUS CORPORATION PTY. LTD., ACN 006 917 666 over an area of 6 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



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Exploration Licence 26419 sought by CASTLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 124 314 085 over an area of 26 Blocks (86 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality.



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Exploration Licence 26404 sought by GRAVITY DIAMONDS LIMITED, ACN 009 178 689 over an area of 89 Blocks (294 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.



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Exploration Licence 26501 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 500 Blocks (1544 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SENTINEL BORE locality.



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Exploration Licence 26502 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 500 Blocks (1535 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MULGA PARK locality.



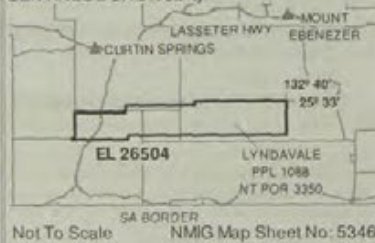
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Exploration Licence 26503 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 500 Blocks (1551 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ANGAS locality.



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Exploration Licence 26504 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 500 Blocks (1531 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SENTINEL BORE locality.



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Exploration Licence 25794 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT PTY LTD, ACN 122 645 103 over an area of 450 Blocks (1215 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NARWIETOOMA locality.



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Exploration Licence 26406 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ACN 120 855 352 over an area of 25 Blocks (81 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



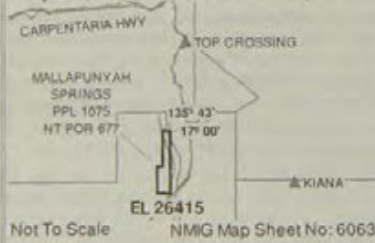
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Exploration Licence 26449 sought by NICHOLSON IRON PTY LTD, ACN 117 019 904 over an area of 500 Blocks (1548 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BARROW locality.



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Exploration Licence 26415 sought by SOUTHWESTERN MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED, ACN 104 649 774 over an area of 13 Blocks (43 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality.



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Exploration Licence 26478 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 173 Blocks (527 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TURNERS DOME locality.



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Exploration Licence 25300 sought by DAVID ALAN ZOHAR over an area of 9 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KOOLPINYAH locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 5 December 2007

First steps to stardom

By PETER ARGENT



OF the 64 new players added to Australian Football League (AFL) lists at the 2007 NAB National Draft, four have strong Aboriginal links.

First round selection, at number 12 overall, **Cyril Rioli**, has a huge heritage in the code, having both Norm Smith medallists Michael Long and Maurice Rioli as uncles.

He is classy goal-kicking forward cum midfielder with clean hands, good vision and smartness at the stoppages and is also a noted strong tackler.

He won All-Australian honours at the National Under 18s Titles this year playing for the Northern Territory and is also an AIS/AFL Academy graduate.

He is expected to be a perfect foil for key Aboriginal forwards Lance Franklin and the returning Mark Williams in the Hawks side.

With a strong pre-season, expect Rioli to get plenty of game time in 2008.

"There is no doubt his fitness base needs work, but because of his ability and understanding of the game, he is capable of playing AFL football without putting extra pressure on himself," Chris Pelchen, General Manager Player Personnel and Strategy at the Hawthorn Football Club, said.

"It's great to see a new generation of the Rioli family coming into AFL football.

"One other special talent which we noted is on nearly all the occasions he received the ball, he was creative - finding a team-mate in a better position.

"His repeat speed and 20-metre test were good at the draft camp, but his endurance levels were moderate."

Like many punters (myself included), the Hawthorn club believed Rioli would be a top five or six draft selection and

they are delighted with their choice.

From Wanderers Football Club in Darwin, **Marlon Motlop** joins his cousin Daniel at Port Adelaide Powers' home base at Alberton, in South Australia.

He will become the third member of the Motlop clan to experience AFL, as another cousin Shannon (Daniel's brother) played in the Kangaroos' 1999 premiership.

Selection number 28, Motlop is noted as a well-balanced and skilful midfielder-forward. He won the 2006 Allan McLean Medal for the best and fairest for Division II player in Under 16s Nationals.

Power recruiting manager Blair Hartley said Marlon Motlop was expected to become a polished mid-fielder which superb skills at under-age setting him apart from the others.

"He's exciting, quick, skilful and only 17," Hartley said.

At 174.5cm tall and weighing just 74.5kg, **Jarrhan Jacky** is from the Subiaco Football Club (WA) and was taken by the Crows as their third pick at number 30.

He is an agile and quick player with natural intuitiveness around goals.

He impressed many recruiting people with his performances for the title-winning West Australians at the NAB AFL Under 18 Championships this year, and also displayed strong leadership credentials while at college in Perth.

Perhaps the surprise packet of the 2007 Draft was Adelaide's selection of NSW-ACT Rams utility **Tony Armstrong**, who did his schooling in Victoria.

He is an agile, quick and neat-kicking medium-sized player who also impressive for the Allies at under 18s level in victory over Victoria during September.

Armstrong was No 58 in the round four selections.



Cyril Rioli decked out in the colours of his new club - Hawthorn.

McLeod's greatest captaincy honour

By PETER ARGENT



AFTER having captained his country in the hybrid game against Ireland and having led the

Aboriginal All-Stars in the bi-annual match at Darwin, along with being selected as captain of the 2007 All-Australia team, Andrew McLeod has another captaincy honour.

In a year which has been dedicated across all Australian rules football to celebrate the 150th birthday of the first ever game between Melbourne Grammar and Scotch College, played in August 1858, 50 best current players in the game will come together next May at the home of the national football code, the Melbourne Cricket Ground, to honour the greats of the past.

AFL CEO Andrew Demetriou announced in a press conference on 26 November that McLeod would captain the appropriately named 'Dream Team'.

"Victoria will be coached by Mark Thompson and captained by Jonathon Brown, playing the Dream Team, to be coached by Power's Mark Williams and captained by Adelaide Crows champion Andrew McLeod," he said.

"The current AFL lists split approximately half of our players as Victorian-origin with the remainder coming from the other states and territories and overseas.

"Selection will not be restricted in any form, enabling us to select the best 50 players in the game for the two teams, with 18 per side and seven interchange," he said.

"We've got a fantastic vehicle next year for our 150th anniversary

celebration; it will be a one-off opportunity to see the 50 best players playing in our competition on the MCG for the first and last time."

Demetriou said McLeod and Brown were confirmed as the two captains on the basis of their selections as the All-Australian captain and vice-captain in 2007, while Thompson and Williams were approached after leading their respective sides into the 2007 grand final.

McLeod, the game's current longest-serving Aboriginal footballer, has collected nearly every possible accolade in the game, except for the Brownlow Medal, where he was runner-up.

The match will also be used as a key fundraiser for charity, with a significant component being directed towards the AFLPA health hardship fund to assist former players.



Andrew McLeod

Boxing team back from triumphant tour of Fiji



THE Australian Indigenous amateur boxing team won 19 of their 20 bouts during a tour of Fiji. The only defeat was that of Timacoy Williams, the youngest member of the Australian team.

Team spokesman Michael Connolly said the tour was an outstanding success.

But the tour almost did not happen.

For a while it looked as if organisers would not raise enough money to pay for the trip.

But in the end, the money was forthcoming, thanks to a wave of public support which resulted in more than \$24,000 being raised.

Connolly said the Australian High Commission also played a big part, organising travel and accommodation in Fiji.

He said he could not have been prouder of the way the 'young warriors' conducted themselves in and out of the ring.

"They were true Indigenous ambassadors for our people and country," he said.

"As Aboriginal men, they looked after each other and especially Timacoy, our youngest. I was impressed by the respect they had for each other and the trainers and coaches and the way they portrayed their culture and respected the culture of the Fijians."

Tour head coach Don Abnett was pleased with the tour results. Abnett is the head coach from the AIS National Talent Indigenous Development Program.

Connolly said that in the only losing fight of the tour, Timacoy Williams was up against an opponent seven years his senior and much taller, but lost in a split points decision.

Williams won his second fight of the tour.

Six of the tourists now are preparing for the Australian Amateur Boxing Titles in Brisbane from 7-10 December. They are Stephen Pitt, Tyler Johns, Timacoy Williams, Cameron Hammond, Nathan Carroll and Luke Jackson.

Another member of the touring team, Adrian Andrews, announced his retirement from boxing at the conclusion of the tour.

Andrews has just finished his Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University and is hoping to join the Australian Federal Police in Canberra.

Recognition for Gilbert

Lasting headstone for Aboriginal sporting hero who bowled The Don



QUEENSLAND Cricket last month went some way towards correcting a great wrong done to one of Australia's finest bowlers.

Eddie Gilbert dismissed the world's greatest batsman, Don Bradman, for a duck on 6 November 1931, but instead of accolades, he was accused of cheating.

Last 20 November, a headstone marking Gilbert's life and career was unveiled in his home town of Cherbourg by his son Eddie Barney.

Seventy-six years ago Gilbert was the most famous athlete in Queensland.

A quiet, slightly built Aborigine, Gilbert did the unimaginable. After a spell of bowling that Bradman acknowledged as the fastest he ever faced, he dismissed the mighty Don for a duck.

It would prove to be the best and worst moment of Gilbert's career.

Disbelieving that a relative unknown, coming off a run of only a few paces, could so unsettle the world's greatest batsman, Gilbert's critics labelled him a chucker.

He passed every test asked of him and went on to play a total of 23 matches for Queensland, taking 67 wickets at an average of 28.98 runs, but died in obscurity in 1978 after almost 30 years in Wolston Park Hospital, Goodna.

All but forgotten

He was returned to Cherbourg and buried in plot number 217 under a simple white grave, forgotten by all but his family and Cherbourg locals – until last month, when Queensland Cricket, with the assistance of the Department of Sport and Recreation, set the record straight.

In a simple but moving ceremony befitting the man responsible for one of the greatest moments in the history of Queensland and Indigenous Australian sport, a striking headstone marking Gilbert's life and career was unveiled by his son Eddie Barney.

Looking on were family members, Cherbourg dignitaries, representatives of Queensland Cricket and the Queensland Government and two of the area's other sporting greats, Murgon-raised rugby league international Steve Renouf, whose late grandmother Eileen South was a close



Eddie Gilbert's son, Eddie Barney, at the grave of his father at Cherbourg.
Picture: David Martinelli, Courier Mail

friend of Gilbert, and Queensland and Test fast bowler Carl Rackemann, who grew up and still lives in nearby Wondai.

Over cups of tea later at the Cherbourg sports centre, Rackemann and others passed on the legends of Gilbert, just as they have been passed on in the settlement for generations – how one of his fireballs went through a picket fence and killed the butcher's dog, how another struck a box of matches in the wicketkeeper's pocket and set them alight.

Just as remarkable – and supported by photographic evidence – was that over at the Gabba in 1931.

In the space of six balls, Gilbert dismissed NSW opener Wendell Bill and

Bradman both for no score, knocked the bat out of Bradman's hands and sat him on the seat of his pants.

It made him the most talked about sportsman in the country, only to be branded a cheat and ultimately forgotten.

All of which made last month's ceremony all the more significant for 66-year-old Eddie Junior.

"It means recognition," he said at his father's graveside. "For what he did, for Cherbourg settlement and for Queensland."

"For me it means an awful lot. It's taken 30 years but it's a milestone. I get emotional just talking about it. It's a great day for me but it's an even greater day for my dad."

Inglis may miss start of season



Greg Inglis looks set to miss the opening rounds of the 2008 National Rugby League season after shoulder surgery last week.

In a blow to the premiers' pre-season preparation, Inglis complained of a 'clunking' feeling in his left shoulder after the Storm resumed training in Melbourne last week.

Although he has no recollection of sustaining the injury, the Test star said he had been experiencing some discomfort for the past three weeks.

The Storm's medical staff discovered a large tear of the labrum – the cartilage rim of the shoulder joint.

Given the nature of the injury, Inglis has been ruled out of playing for between 12 to 16 weeks, and with his pre-season training now modified, he may miss the opening rounds of 2008.

While frustrated with his latest injury setback, Inglis – the Clive Churchill Medalist in Melbourne's 34-8 grand final victory over Manly – said he was glad the problem was detected early.

"It's disappointing coming back to training only to find out I have an injury that is going to keep me out for at least three months," Inglis said.

Curtain comes down on AFL star who was told he was too slow and couldn't kick

Champion, on and off the field

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



FOR his entire 11-year Australian Football League career, Troy Cook was told he was too slow and couldn't kick.

However, he finished his career with 193 games with Fremantle and Sydney as one of the most respected players in the league and a great role model as an Indigenous player on and off the field.

Cook retired after Fremantle played Port Adelaide at AAMI Stadium in his 150th game with the Dockers. He crossed to Fremantle after playing 43 games in three seasons with Sydney.

At Fremantle, he won the 2000 best-and-fairest and forged his reputation as one of the toughest and most courageous players around.

Looking back now on his career, he is delighted with what he achieved, despite the constant doubters over the years.

"It all started in Sydney. I had three years over there before coming back here for another eight and have had a few ups and downs, that's for sure," Cook said.

"I wasn't the quickest player going around, had the tag with me that I couldn't really kick, but not too many people can play 190 games. I always worked hard, made sure I looked after my body, was lucky with injury

and to play the amount of games I did I'm happy with."

While Cook played his final game in Adelaide, it was a big farewell given to him in his last game at Subiaco Oval the week before. The Dockers smashed Melbourne and the Fremantle faithful gave Cook, and games record-holder Shane Parker a fond farewell.

"I was a bit emotional and had to keep reminding myself that I was still playing a game. Once the siren went, I knew that I would never be out there with Freo again," he said.

"When I first told the boys I was retiring, it was one of the hardest things I've ever done, but the day went well."

"It was awesome after the game. To see the crowd hang around to send us off is something I will never forget and I appreciate them for sticking with us through the good and bad times. It was a bit flattering actually for them to hang back to salute us."

Disappointing

It was a disappointing year for Cook and Fremantle. After making the preliminary final in 2006, the Dockers were well out of finals contention this year.

"We didn't live up to expectations this year. I would have liked to play finals again and finish that way," he said.

"It was disappointing in that regard and I leave the game without a premiership, but hopefully Fremantle can get one in the next couple of years."

Troy Cook, flanked by Peter Bell, left, and Shane Parker.



Now that his career is over, the 31-year-old has been enjoying some time away from football. Cook has long been part of helping the Aboriginal community, and will continue that, but is not sure what else he will do.

"I've been on a holiday, done a fair bit of relaxing, had some time off and it's been good not needing to get up to go for a run. I've really enjoyed getting some more sleep, that's for sure," he said.

"I'm not sure if I would like to step up away from the club for a while, then come back at a later time, or if the club really wants me to stick around, I'll consider that."

Cook was originally recruited from West Australian Football League club Perth, and has played with them when not selected with Fremantle the past eight years. He played six games with the Demons in 2007 and coach Simon Eastaugh would love to have Cook

running around as a leader in 2008.

"I've spoken to Troy over the past 12 months and we will certainly go down that track once he has had a bit of a break," Eastaugh said.

"The key to the young guys we have developing at our club is to have someone like Troy Cook to play with. He has been a Perth person all the way through the ranks, been great for us and it would be great to have him play next year."

Bianca's green and gold jumper



NORTH Queensland player Bianca Ambrum is back home after playing for the Australian 'Jillaroos' women's rugby league team in New Zealand.

Ambrum played two Test matches against the NZ Maori women's team at Rotorua.

In the First Test on 31 October, New Zealand led 16-14 with a minute to go, but Australia broke the NZ defence to snatch a 20-16 win.

In the Second Test on 3 November, New Zealand beat Australia 16-4.

Bianca's father Gary, who went with her, said both games were played at a fast pace, with hard hits a feature. The ball skills of both sides was excellent to watch, he said.

The 2008 Women's Rugby League World Cup will come to the Gold Coast next November, with teams from Great Britain, NZ, Fiji, France, the Cook Islands competing.

Ambrum's family said she would be working hard to gain selection in the Australian team for that tournament.

Ambrum also played for Innisfail in the Frank and Vern Dalsey Cup Knockout in Townsville in October.

The 'Jillaroos' team also included another Aboriginal player - Teresa Anderson.

● LEFT: The Australian women's rugby league team pictured in New Zealand. Bianca Ambrum is in the middle row, third from right. Teresa Anderson, another Aboriginal player, is in the top row, fourth from left.

Can Fittler lift the Roosters?



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THE Roosters were crowing at the start of the season, even trying to steal a march on the rest of the game's upcoming Centenary celebrations by claiming it was their 100th season.

They very soon looked like feather dusters as they searched for their elusive 1000th win.

New coach Chris Anderson didn't last the year, standing down due to ill-health when the side was heading for an inglorious wooden spoon, but the shame of that possibility was too much for the Tri-Colours to contemplate.

Enter favourite son Brad Fittler. As caretaker coach, Freddy sparked a Rooster revival and the club made a surge up the table to not only move out of wooden spoon territory, but make a late challenge for the finals zone.

Ultimately they would fall short, but in Fittler they have a coach who inspires people and who has the passion of the club close at heart, which suggests better days ahead.

One of the major issues the Roosters struggled with was the troublesome halfback position.

Rookie halfback Mitchell Pearce had some back problems, missing eight games, which begged the question:

Why did the club let go of the talented Jamie Soward?

As soon as he left the Roosters for the Dragons, Soward established himself as a true first-grade player and almost finished with the Dragons player of the year award.

All it took was a little faith and the opportunity to settle into the patterns and rhythms of a team's performance.

Consistency of playing in the one position must also be frustrating Amos Roberts, who still remains one of the most talented attacking weapons in rugby league.

The entire football world is curious as to how Fittler will go with an off-season under his belt. Will he bring the Roosters

back to the glories of the early part of the decade, or will the club continue its absence from the finals, which has now spanned three seasons?

I think it will take more than Willie Mason to help the Roosters.

As bad as the Roosters were, the Wests Tigers' collapse towards the back end of the season was arguably the most disappointing of 2007.

With round 20 done and dusted, the Tigers looked like sure-fire finals combatants.

They'd just hammered the Cowboys 54-10 and while they were positioned seventh, they were equal on points with the fourth-placed Warriors.

With just five games to play, the 2005 premiers had the easiest run home of all aspiring finals contenders – all five teams they were set to play against were below them on the ladder at the time and the pundits were thinking top four.

But in a diabolical ending, the team won just one more game – and that was an unconvincing one-point victory – to freefall to ninth.

It would have only taken a draw against the then last-placed Newcastle in the final round to play in the post-

season, but a Kurt Gidley goal after the siren ended their chances with a 26-24 result.

As talented as the Tigers' playing roster is, I maintained from the start of the season they would not fully appreciate the loss of Scott Prince until the season was well under way.

Prince was the glue that held the side together.

He was the canny foil to the spotlight-seeking plays of Benji Marshall.

So injuries and the fact that both John Morris and Benji Marshall were five-eighths being manufactured into halfbacks contributed to panicked attack at times.

If it had not been for the consistency of Robbie Farah at dummy-half, the Tigers would have been almost rudderless in attack.

Having said that, the 54-10 smash-up of the Cowboys at Leichhardt Oval on a Monday night in late July was great for the fans, even if it did set up some false hope.

The emerging list of young talent does give them hope to restore some pride in 2008.

Speaking of pride, the Broncos may not have defended their title in 2007, but they did keep a proud and incredible finals record alive despite a horrific late-season injury toll.

For 16 years running the mighty Broncos have played finals football – an incredible record given their chances looked all but over at the half-way point of the year when they were running equal last.

But in a credit to the spirit in the club, the side rallied and at one point, after a five-match winning run between rounds 14-18, the pundits were talking about a repeat premiership being a real possibility.

That was until, in the dying moments of that fifth win, captain Darren Lockyer's knee buckled; some said the snap heard was the Aussie skipper's anterior cruciate ligament while others suggest it was the snap of the Brisbane premiership dream.

Despite struggling with personal injuries, Sam Thaiday



The Roosters' Amos Roberts during the NRL round 21 match against the North Queensland Cowboys in Sydney during July 2006.

— AAP Image

and Justin Hodges did their future representative claims no harm.

In my opinion, Hodges is still the premier centre in the game.

His strength and speed is matched by his guile and competitiveness, making him the complete package.

I look forward to his return to full fitness as I believe he may stamp his true authority on the game as one of the NRL's premier players.

Thaiday showed his hunger at the end of the year and will be eyeing a full return to Origin and Test football in the Centenary year.

History and tradition are by-words at Souths and 2007 at last provided a season the Rabbitohs' faithful could be proud of.

A season where the tune *Glory, Glory to South Sydney* reverberated around the grounds again.

A season where each win actually had meaning in the context of the competition, rather than just the odd upset.

A season that saw this proud club turn the corner to become one of the game's big shots once more.

Some might say a seventh-placed finish isn't something to get excited about,

but when you haven't played finals football in 18 years, you can be excused for popping the champagne.

The Bunnies were one of the season's success stories despite exiting after a 30-6 loss to Manly in the first week of the finals.

Defence is a sign of a well-coached and united side and this is where the Rabbitohs excelled.

However, attack was the Bunnies' Achilles heel.

While the defence improved enormously in 2006, there was little improvement in attack.

Prop Roy Asotasi led from the front all season, with Dean Widders providing some much-needed variety in attack.

Nathan Merritt was once again impressive and certainly must gain representative recognition in the near future.

David Peachey may not have finished the season and his career in the style he wanted, completing the season in Premier League with Norths, but he showed all the class and grace that has been his signature since he arrived from Dubbo.

Look for Souths to continue their improvement in 2008.

Like all of you I can hardly wait.

Bring it on!



● LEFT: Justin Hodges on the attack for the Brisbane Broncos. David Liddiard believes Hodges is the best centre in rugby league.

Reaching out in the bush

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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WHILE most people visiting Coffs Harbour for a week would be thinking of sun, sand and surf, the reality for the Swans was almost the opposite when we attended our annual community camp. School and hospital visits, community programs and team training sessions – the Sydney Swans' community camp at Coffs Harbour has been a busy and productive experience.

I am not certain how all the players feel – or indeed what it is like at other clubs – but I always find these trips refreshing and enjoyable.

Assistant coach John Longmire summed up our team's feeling when he said the players had greatly appreciated their time at Coffs Harbour.

"It's been terrific," he said. "It's always good to get away, and this year we're training a bit longer before Christmas than what we have in the past few years, so it's come at a good time and the players have really enjoyed it."

While he was spot-on, he

also had to admit we trained pretty hard up there as well.

"We had a tough session on Tuesday and another one on Thursday, but certainly in between they've had a bit of recovery to make sure they freshen up for next week," he said.

The Swans first came to Coffs Harbour for a community camp five years ago and, like myself, co-captain Brett Kirk was delighted to be back at the NSW coastal town.

"We get away each year to a community camp and spend a lot of time meeting the kids out in the community, and to come back to Coffs Harbour... it's such a special place and they really look after us here," Kirk said.

Co-captain Leo Barry agreed and echoed the sentiment of the rest of the team when he commented on the major clinic we ran for the region.

"The Superclinics are fantastic because you are able to reach so many kids in the one spot," Leo said.

"We always do a lot in Sydney, but to get to more regional areas isn't quite so easy so the clinics work really well."

"The code has developed over the past few years, whether it has been through our success or AFL initiatives, it has definitely worked and we've just got to keep doing it."

"It is worthwhile and if it influences the kids to follow AFL then it has been a successful day."

On Wednesday the team separated into numerous groups to conduct school visits, travelling as far north as Grafton and as far south as Port Macquarie.

"We covered 72 schools on Wednesday which is a fantastic way for the kids to get a bit of an idea of AFL and get some exposure to the Swans," said Barry.

"Certainly, players are able to pass on their knowledge of the game as well as life experiences and hopefully the kids enjoy it."

The school visits are always a personal highlight for me and

the five schools I visited showed great enthusiasm.

As always, it was great to pick out the faces of the young brothers and sisters in the crowds and acknowledge their special support for myself and Adam Goodes.

But it is important for all kids from different backgrounds to hear the key messages of positive choices, goal-setting and living your personal dream.

I am constantly amazed by the impact our visits have on kids.

The smile on their faces is more than sufficient reward for the effort to travel there.

These trips have a number of other positive benefits for the team.

The change of venue and surroundings tends to lift morale, and energy levels at training rise as a result.

It is also an important opportunity to get to know our new team-mates and to establish team and club standards.

I have written before how the team sets its own rules and expected behaviours and the camp gives us the opportunity to teach the new players what is expected of them.

In respect for the club's history, we refer to ourselves as

'The Bloods' and in many respects we are initiating new players into our culture.

In many ways we are literally 'bleeding' them!

That is what many young players from regional and remote communities need to know as they dream of one day playing in the AFL.

When you get drafted, you are joining the culture of professional sport.

There will be people to help you, but the standards required will not drop.

You either aim up or you quickly find yourself de-listed.

Then there is the unique and proud culture of each of the 16 clubs.

At the Swans we are proud that the players set and monitor the standards expected of players.

It gives us true ownership of our destiny and additional pride in our achievements.

So, even while we were visiting all the schools and running all the clinics, we were passing on key messages to our new team-mates.

This is what makes the Swans a great club.

As a club it was great to

welcome our special visitors from Papunya the other week.

Their visit has also been a highlight of the off-season and I was pleased to hear they received a similar welcome from all the NRL brothers at South Sydney.

They are true 'blood brothers'!

Until next time... Keep Dreaming!



Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes take time out during a visit to Sydney by children from Papunya, 250km west of Alice Springs.



Michael O'Loughlin and a young fan at one of the schools around Coffs Harbour.



Seal it with a kiss: Brett Kirk gets a kiss from one of the locals while Jude Bolton looks on during a visit to the Pet Porpoise Pool during the Sydney Swans community camp in Coffs Harbour.

ARMtours make

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A LONG with a host of other athletes and supporters, it was great to participate in the recent ARMtour (Athletes as Role Models) to central Australia, with the team breaking into two groups to visit Mutitjulu and Papunya.

There is a lot of criticism about programs or single visits to communities where athletes or others raise community expectations and then the promises disappear with the group as they depart.

Sometimes I think there are still good reasons for these 'special event' visits, but I must admit it is great to see the benefits sustained programs can help bring to communities.

I spoke to Joey Williams, who returned to Papunya this year after visiting with the Souths group last year, and he was amazed by the advancements made.

From the outset, Joey and I recognise that the major developments have been as a result of community work and particularly the group of teachers who have remained committed to the community for longer periods than many others.

"I was amazed at how far the kids had advanced academically," Joey said.

"The school has put some awesome programs into place.

"It's eye-opening how putting small things in place can help kids in massive ways."

Joey was particularly struck by the increased levels of literacy in the community.

"Before I arrived, I was receiving letters from kids who previously spoke broken English," he said.

"Being able to access computers and through the web programs like 'My Dreaming' (on the NASCA website) has made a huge difference.

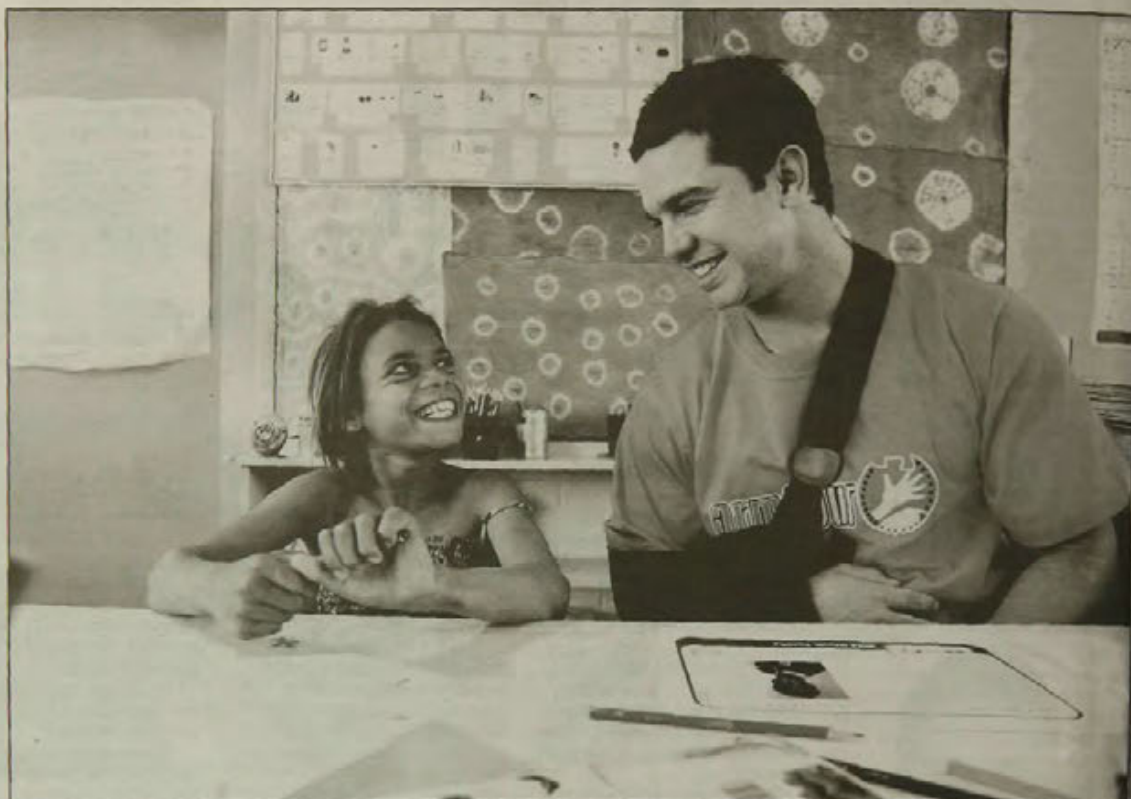
"On the website they are able to leave athletes messages and wherever possible, we continue to send them messages.

"This, along with the extra work of the teachers, has seen attendance rates peak at an unbelievable 90 per cent."

Joey was able to catch up with some friends from a previous visit.

"It was great to see kids like Sarah-Lee and be able to measure how far they have progressed," he said.

"All these kids touched my heart and like last year, it was difficult to leave," he concluded. "But at least I will be able to stay in touch through the program."



Sarah-Lee and Joey Williams catch up during a visit to Papunya last year by Joey as part of the ARMtour.

I had the pleasure to meet some of the kids from Papunya when 11 of them visited the Rabbitohs on a visit to Sydney recently and I can see why they had such a big impact on Joey.

The trip was a reward for outstanding attendance this year with Papunya School (250km west of Alice Springs) a long way to come for a school excursion.

They visited the Sydney Swans at the SCG and met my mates Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes.

'Magic' showed them around the stadium, including the weights room and doctor's room with the opportunity to meet players throughout the tour.

They invited 'Magic' and Adam to visit Papunya next October in the Swans' off-season.

The older kids have been writing letters to 'Magic' for the past few years, and were really happy to meet him in person.

They also visited the mighty Rabbitohs at Erskineville Oval where they were excited to see Shannon Hegarty and Germaine Paulson, who had visited Papunya in 2006 on an ARMtour.

They were also excited to meet 'Peach' and the other brothers as the whole community had been watching South Side Story this year and have become huge Souths supporters.

Joey Williams' sentiments on leaving these kids at Papunya were echoed by the team that visited the Mutitjulu community, at the foot of Uluru.

The sight of 'The Rock' is truly inspiring, but the kids we met were equally awesome.

School Principal Jodie and her staff were really supportive and from all my visits to remote communities, it is the perseverance and the commitment of teachers that is the key.

Everybody can remember a teacher

Papunya kids meet David Peachey at Erskineville Oval during their Sydney visit.



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a big difference

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who made a difference in their lives and in these communities in particular it is the teacher who stays who makes a real difference.

In a positive environment like this, our visits can make a real impact.

Whether it was listening to the great Bobby Randall sing or sitting in the classroom with the kids, you could feel that our presence was having an impact.

The kids thrive on the real stories of the athletes' lives and can relate to the personal tales of following a dream. It is important that they understand that self-belief is the first step to success.

Even my own simple tale of being dropped from the Roosters but not giving up seemed to strike a chord with some of the kids.

When they see that success is not a gift, but more a reward for hard work, then you are helping the teachers reinforce the basic lessons of life.

As always, it was great to observe the reverse impact the kids were having on the athletes.

AFL star Nathan Lovett-Murray was in his element and it was a privilege to meet him.

He was in his element with the kids – participating and competing with the best of them.

Such was his enthusiasm that he was as much a role model for the other athletes as he was for the kids.

It was inspiring to work alongside an athlete whose pride in his Aboriginality was so obvious.

It was with the smiles of the kids fresh in my mind that I have returned to training and I have had to draw on their energy as I undergo the toughest pre-season I have encountered in my time in the NRL.

Craig Wing has made a big impact on the tone of training, as you can sense he loves being back in Souths' colours.

As always, enthusiasm is contagious and it is great to see some of young Indigenous talent thriving in the environment.

Young Malcolm Webster is ticking all the boxes and blokes like Jamie Ingram and Luke Grant are ensuring the senior players are putting in the effort.

The Rabbitohs will not be satisfied with just making the finals this year.

We are gearing up to make our presence felt.

Hopefully, we will improve in the space of one season the way the kids from Papunya have improved in school over the past year!



Papunya kids with Joe Williams and Rachael Holden.



Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes take time out to show Papunya kids some of the trophies the Swans have collected.



Dean Widders addresses Papunya children during their visit to Erskineville Oval, where the South Sydney Rabbitohs were going through fitness drills.

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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander National Basketball Championships

Kimberley team wins



A TEAM from the Kimberley region of Western Australia has won the 2007 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association men's title.

Competing in the tournament at Perry Lakes Stadium in Perth, the Lakers beat the North Coast Cycle Breakers, from Brisbane, in the final.

Last year's winners, the Cairns Marlins, failed to make the final.

In the women's final, VAYSAR, from Victoria, beat the Blue Jays, from Western Australia. Most of the women who won the 2006 title while playing for the Victorian

Black Eagles, were in the 2007 VAYSAR team.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association co-founder and National Events Manager Nikita Ridgeway said next year's championships would be played at the Darwin Basketball Stadium.

Ms Ridgeway said she also was hoping to send representative Australian Indigenous men's and women's teams on tours next year to Japan and the United States.

The Japan tour would be in April and the US tour in October.

But to make the tours happen, organisers are looking for \$100,000 in sponsorship.

Winners, runners-up

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association 2007 tournament winners and runners-up:

Under 14 Girls: Winner, Fremantle PCYC (WA); runner-up, Anmatjere (NT).

Under 14 Boys: Winner, Halls Creek District High (WA); runner-up, Fremantle PCYC (WA).

Under 16 Girls: Winner, VAYSAR (Vic); runner-up, Halls Creek District High (WA).

Under 16 Boys: Winner, Victorian

Allstars (Vic); runner-up, Fremantle PCYC (WA).

Under 18 Girls: Winner, VAYSAR (Vic); runner-up, Southside Steelers (WA.)

Under 18 Boys: Winner, VAYSAR (Vic); runner-up, No Limits (WA).

A Grade Women: Winner, VAYSAR (Vic); runner-up, Blue Jays (WA).

A Grade Men: Winner, Lakers (WA); runner-up, North Coast Cycle Breakers (Qld).

Perth trip an eye-opener for the kids from Ti Tree

It's a long way from Anmatjere country, in the heart of Australia, to Perth.

Just ask the young Anmatjere teenagers from the country around Ti Tree, two hours from Alice Springs, who undertook the trip of their young lives to play in the second National Indigenous Basketball Titles last month in Perth.

Two under-14 teams of excited youngsters from the community played others from around the country during the four-day tournament – and they had a ball.

Girls' coach Rebecca Holzgal said the kids had all worked hard to ensure their trip could go ahead.

"Weeks of work and fund-raising went into this trip to Perth," the Ti Tree-based sport development officer told *The Koori Mail*.

"The trip was part of a school partnership arrangement where the kids had to attend classes, but they also played their part in making sure they could make it.

"We held fund-raising auctions and did a major rubbish pick-up around the local roadhouse to ensure we could get here.

"Everyone agrees it has all been well worth it."

It wasn't all just basketball for the kids either. They got to see the sights and for virtually all it was their first time in a city.



The Fremantle PCYC team from Western Australia. They competed in the girls' 14 years division.



Richard Walley and Alton on didgeridoos at the closing ceremony.



The men's Western Heat team from Western Australia.



The girls' team from Ti Tree (above) and the boys' team (below).



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander National Basketball Championships



The Lakers, winners of the men's division. They are from the Kimberley region of Western Australia.



The men's division runners-up, the North Coast Cycle Breakers, from Queensland.



● LEFT: The Blue Jays, from WA. They were runners-up in the women's division.



● RIGHT: The Hornets, from WA. They competed in the men's division.



● LEFT: The winners of the women's division, VAYSAR, from Victoria.

● BELOW LEFT: The Halls Creek DHS team, winners of the boys' 14 years division.

● BELOW: The Fremantle PCYC team, runners-up in the boys' 14 years division.



● LEFT: No Limits, from WA, runners-up in the boys' 18 years section.

● RIGHT: VAYSAR, from Victoria, winners of the boys' 18 years division.



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(NITV) and the first year of official recognition by the Australian Touch Authority. More than 20,000 people turned up to see and participate in the 14th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane, breaking all records.

The festival hosted national and international games of touch football for the second time in Australia.

As a result carnival organisers, First Contact, announced that the selection and hosting of the National Indigenous Touch Team to play

against the Australian Touch Team would continue next year in Brisbane as an annual component of the festival.

First Contact Chairman Robbie Williams said the festival has put Indigenous touch firmly 'on the map' in Australian touch football circles.

Mr Williams has seen the community festival grow to become recognised as one of the biggest and most successful Indigenous sporting and cultural events in Australia.

This year the \$250,000 tournament drew more than 2000 players and officials from 124 teams from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Canberra to battle it out for \$30,000 in prizes and for bragging rights as the 'Best in the World' of

Indigenous touch.

A crowd estimated at more than 20,000 saw the New Zealand Maori team upset the Indigenous Australian team with a 6-3 win in an exhibition 'Test' match.

The Maoris had a huge tournament. The final of the men's division was between two teams made up of mainly expat Maoris now living in Australia.

More than 350 games were played over the three-day event.

Sporting mentors Nova Peris, Nathan Blacklock and Patrick Johnson participated in the games and signed autographs for patrons throughout the event.

In the Battle of the States, Queensland took the honors, beating New South Wales in all three divisions.

Top honors in the schools division went to Cultural Connections, who defeated PCYC Kurri United 6-3.

In the schoolboys division, Mulli Young Guns defeated Sandgate Young Guns 8-2.

That's Da Paka defeat Trackadigenez 10-6 in the mixed open division.

In the mixed plate, Nova Unearthed put out the fire in Juss Blaze with a 5-3 victory.

North Queensland kept a strong defence in the men's plate, with Cairns Cobras defeating New South Wales Yuddendalis 5-4.

The highlight of the day saw Gold Coast Maori team Galaxy and local Maori team That's the Paka clash for the men's open division title, with a big 9-4 win by That's the Paka.



All the touch action could be seen on the big screen.



Try-time, judging by the applause of team-mates.



This fella gets some advice from one of the sports medics at the carnival.



Is it a try? This fella awaits the referee's verdict on whether he has scored.



Kuranda Cassowary girls checking out the stalls at First Contact.



Action from one of the 350 games played at the tournament.



The Ambassadors during time off the field.



Quick hands during one of the mixed games.

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Nova Peris and Bo De La Cruz.



A player gets a pass away during one of the mixed games.



Aboriginal men and boys during one of the cultural highlights.



A quick play of the ball.



Rugby league star and Koori Mail columnist Dean Widders with players from the Kuranda Cassowaries.



Kristian Savage, playing for Stingrays, lines up a pass.



A player from the Kuranda Cassowaries on the run.



Calatrone if you can.



● ABOVE: An attacker attempts to wrong-foot an opponent.

● ABOVE RIGHT: This team came all the way from Wagga Wagga.

● LEFT: Action from the match between the NZ Maoris and the Aussie Indigenous team.

● Pictures by Solua Middleton and Naomi Moran



First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival Results

Men's open division final for the George Jackson Memorial Trophy: That's Da Paka 9 d Galaxy 4. Player of the final and winner of the Liam 'Buck' Langton Memorial Trophy, Drumayne Dayberg Muir (That's Da Paka).

Mixed open division for the Uncle Andy Coolwell Memorial Trophy: That's Da Paka 6 d Trackadigenez 10. Player of the final and winner of the Nako

Namok Memorial Trophy, Graham White (Trackadigenez), Aninera Hoete (That's Da Paka).

Mixed schools divisions for the Warren Pickwick Memorial Trophy: Cultural Connections 6 d PCYC Kurri United 3. Player of the final and winner of the Keiran Lulland Memorial Trophy, Cody Green, Ashley Monkland.

Schoolboys division: Mulli

Young Guns 8 d Sandgate Young Guns 2. Player of the final and winner of the Best and Fairest Trophy, David Briggs (Mulli Young Guns).

Men's open plate: Cairns Cobras 5 d Yuddenalis 4.

Mixed open plate: Nova Unearthed 5 d Juss Blaze 3.

Battle of the States: Queensland defeated NSW in the men, mixed and schools divisions.



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World title tilt for Aboriginal fighter they say is ...

The Real Deal

World boxing champion
contender Daniel Geale and his
son, Bailey, who is now three.



By GRAHAM HUNT

LAUNCESTON-born Aborigine Daniel 'The Real Deal' Geale, widely regarded as the hottest property in Australian boxing, will challenge for a world title later this month.

Geale, 26, will fight Perth's Daniel 'The Rock' Dawson for the IBO world middleweight title at Wests' Club, Campbelltown, on 14 December.

Geale, who now lives in the Sydney suburb of Mt Annan, will put his undefeated professional status on the line in the much-anticipated world title fight.

"This (world title) is what I've been training for all my life and I intend to do my family proud," Geale said.

The hard-punching former world champion kickboxer turned professional boxer, Daniel Dawson, boasts a 29-win, no-loss record with 20 KOs and feels that he will be too strong for Geale.

But that was his opinion before Geale's last

fight, where Geale made short work of New Zealand champion Lee Oti in three rounds earlier than Dawson was able to.

In the scheduled eight-rounder against Oti, Geale took a punch and sustained a cut under his eye early in the first round.

But Geale ended the fight just one round later.

He caught Oti with a body punch before unleashing a left-hander that sent the New Zealander to the canvas.

The referee called a halt to the fight.

Geale said he had seen Dawson fight a few times.

"I know a fair bit about him," he said.

Geale has a 17-win, no-loss record. Twelve of his fights have not lasted the distance.

And while the boxing world marvels at his ability, Geale doesn't come close to the high profile of other Australian fighters such as Anthony 'The Man' Mundine and Danny Green.

In money terms, Geale is very much a battler. Life can be tough for a young man with a family. He is married with children

aged three and one. He told *The Koori Mail* that being a professional fighter was not easy.

"A lot of boxers find it difficult until they reach a certain level," he said.

People close to Geale are hoping a major sponsor is just around the corner.

But his relative obscurity could change on 14 December.

A world title would see to that.

Geale had a distinguished amateur career before turning professional in 2004.

He was the Australian 67kg amateur champion in 2000, 2001 and 2002 and was the 69kg champion in 2003 and 2004.

He was eliminated from the 2000 Sydney Olympics in his first round bout, but won gold for Australia in the 67kg division at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002.

He spent his first 21 years in Launceston, but moved to Canberra as a 21-year-old to join the Australian Institute of Sport. He remained in Canberra for three years before turning pro and moving to Sydney.



Daniel Geale with his International Boxing Federation Pan Pacific belt

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