



## It's time to kick back



Whether Christmas means spending time with family, sharing what you've got – be it a little or a lot – or just relaxing at the beach, it is nearly upon us. The Board and staff of *The Koori Mail* thank all of our readers, advertisers and other friends for their support in 2007 and wish them and their families a safe and relaxing festive season. This is our last edition for the year. We'll be back on newsstands and in your letterbox on 16 January. So what will your New Year's resolution be?

# That's more like it!

## PM pledges NT visits, greater consultation

By The Koori Mail Editor  
KIRSTIE PARKER, in Darwin



ABORIGINAL leaders have welcomed Kevin Rudd's pledge to visit the Northern Territory every three months for more consultations with community leaders about the ongoing emergency intervention agenda.

The Prime Minister was speaking in Darwin after an unprecedented summit on the controversial intervention, sparked by the NT Government's *Little Children Are Sacred* report which detailed widespread child sexual abuse in the Territory.

The summit included about 30 Aboriginal leaders representing education, health and local government groups and land councils, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Federal MPs Warren Snowdon and Damian Hale, and NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson.

Mr Rudd reiterated that he would retain some controversial aspects of the intervention at least until they could be reviewed mid-2008.

But as well as quarterly meetings with NT Aboriginal leaders, he promised to take his Cabinet and senior



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd meets Tiwi leader Richard Tipungwuti before the Darwin summit.

bureaucrats to remote communities to see issues first-hand.

"I'm not hiding the fact that there are many controversial matters and I accept that there's going to be disagreement from time to time ... but what I am determined to do is make sure that our challenge for the future – that is to adhere to a practical program of closing the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people – is achieved on a co-operative basis," Mr Rudd said.

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**H**ERE I am in the centre of this picture with my daughter Kristen (second from right) and my nieces – all Bamblett girls – Jessica, Ricki and June.

This picture was taken at the Aboriginal basketball championships played during November in Perth. We were there with the VAYSAR Victorian teams and we all had a great time.

My family are Bangarang people from around Shepparton, in the north of the State. It's good country and we love living there. Things have been hard in the past, but they are getting better now. Race relations seem to be improving locally, so that's a move in the right direction.

I'm kept busy doing many things. I work as a community development officer and

among other roles I am President of the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI).

Education is very important to me and all our people. We need to give our kids a good education and ensure they are getting their schooling. My daughter Kristen is doing her kindergarten school training, which is a step in the right direction.

I see sport as a very good vehicle to helping our kids with their learning.

In Shepparton we established the Black Eagles basketball sides, and 20 of our young people joined with VAYSAR for the Perth basketball championships.

Despite everything, I see a good future for our people. We all just have to stick with it and do the best we can.

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## OUR CHILDREN



These young fellas, Cyril Weazel, Josh Nathan, Travis Barlow, Liam Alberts, Aidan Alberts and Bryan Barlow, were chilling out in the shed at Diwan Reserve in the middle of the Daintree following a sitting of the Federal Court of Australia which recognised the Eastern Kuku Yalanji's native title rights over nearly 127,000 hectares of land. See pages 12-13 for a wrap-up of the determination.

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Family members applaud after unveiling the statue memorial to two of Australia's greatest Aboriginal people, the late Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls and his wife Lady Gladys.

# Two greats honoured

**VIC** TWO greats of Aboriginal Australia have been honoured with a memorial statue in Melbourne's Parliament Gardens. The sounds of 500 clap sticks rang out as family members unveiled the statue of Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls and his wife Lady Gladys on 9 December.

The former South Australian Governor and his wife are the first Aboriginal Victorians to be honoured with such a memorial statue. Family members and community leaders at the unveiling ceremony said it was a fitting tribute to a great Australian couple.

Speaking at the ceremony, the youngest of the Nicholls' daughters, Pam Pederson, said: "This is for all those Aboriginal people who had so little, and yet gave so much."

Aborigines Advancement League President Alf Bamblett said: "There are circumstances that come knocking on your door, and you can either answer it or walk away. Today we celebrate two people who answered that call in a mighty, mighty way."

MC Robert Nicholls said that while Sir Douglas and his wife

## Memorial statue a tribute to the Nicholls

were buried at the rural Cummergunga Mission, 'can I say to every black woman, man and child, to every non-Indigenous person, that they are here with us today'.

Both Sir Doug and Lady Gladys were born at Cummergunga in 1906.

Pastor Doug was a gifted athlete, a proud Christian and a dedicated activist.

He played 53 games for the Fitzroy Football Club and represented the VFL as a State player. In 1938 he became the first Pastor of the Aboriginal Church of Christ in Australia. He was the first field officer for the Aborigines Advancement League, was a pivotal player in the civil rights movement leading to the 1967 Referendum, and was the first Aboriginal Governor

of South Australia. He was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) then an Officer of the Order (OBE) and was the first Aborigine to be knighted.

Statue creator Lois Laumen's interpretation of the couple is touching, with the love and support of Lady Gladys, and the integral role she played in the achievements of her husband, shown through delicate body language.

Lady Gladys used her business savvy to establish several opportunity shops to help the disadvantaged in suburban Fitzroy. Along with her husband she was involved with the Federal Council for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (FCATSI), a national body set up to raise awareness about the rights and plight of Indigenous People. She also was Secretary of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Council, later becoming Victorian council president.

Lady Gladys led the establishment of the Gladys Nicholls Hostel and was a worker with the Harold Blair Holiday Scheme, which assisted Indigenous children with holiday exchanges across Victoria.

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# Plain sailing for Tribal Warrior trainees



IN the first scheme of its kind, 16 young Indigenous Australians have started careers and joined work experience programs in the maritime and tourism industries, thanks to a training partnership between Jobfind Centres Australia and The Tribal Warrior Association.

A further 19 trainees have completed their training as deckhands and are currently seeking employment.

Trainees on board the 15.4-metre ketch Tribal Warrior received hands-on experience – and a valuable qualification – by sailing up the eastern seaboard from Sydney to Palm Island, in Queensland.

The vessel returned to Darling Harbour on 11 December.

"This is a great opportunity for young Indigenous Australians to build a new career in an exciting industry," Jobfind CEO Con Kittos said.

"While on board, trainees were taught the practical and theoretical aspects of maritime safety. Crew members learned and then applied skills, gaining valuable experience in seamanship, navigation, fire-fighting at sea and mooring.

"By completing their training, they have earned a Certificate I in Maritime Safety and can now become a deckhand, a coxswain or even a skipper."

There were seven legs of the journey, with each leg being 10 days over a 12-week period. Many of the trainees were new to the challenge of ocean sailing, with only five trainees onboard at any one time," Mr Kittos said.

"This allowed a very focused and intense training program to be delivered by the skippers, with an experienced deckhand employed by Tribal Warrior.

On board the Tribal Warrior in Sydney with Federal Minister Tanya Plibersek and ship worker Dallas Clayton (at left) are course trainee deckhands Tim Asa (at back), Jermaine Bolt, Allan Palm Island, (at rear), Bunna Geeson, David Leffler and Aaron Timbery.



"At each port along the way a new team joined the vessel and community members welcomed the arrival."

Each crew member received basic first-aid training, survival and fire-fighting at sea skills training before departure.

"We have been working with many employers to ensure there are ongoing jobs for those who have completed the program. Regional cruise and ferry operators such as Pontoon and Sun Ferries are already employing successful

applicants," Mr Kittos said.

Jobfind's Tribal Warrior training program is an Indigenous Structured Training Employment Project, funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

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## Non-sniffable fuel 'can kill'



THE NEW 'non-sniffable' fuel designed to combat petrol sniffing in Aboriginal communities can kill when inhaled, an inquest has been told. A 12-year-old boy died after sniffing Opal fuel at Hermannsburg, 120km west of Alice Springs, after a youth disco on April 13 this year.

His death is the first known casualty from sniffing the new fuel, which has much lower levels of the aromatics which provide sniffers with a 'high', compared with standard unleaded petrol.

Manufactured by BP, Opal has been credited with dramatically reducing petrol sniffing in Aboriginal communities since first being introduced in 2005, and has since been rolled out across central Australia. But a coronial inquest in Alice Springs was told the boy who died was a regular sniffer and his case would be 'of some public interest' because of the belief Opal is not harmful when inhaled.

"(There is) a perception that Opal fuel is not able to be sniffed and indeed there are documents on the brief showing that BP refers to it as 'Opal non-sniffable'," counsel assisting

the coroner Celia Kemp told the inquest. "(The Coroner) will hear evidence that this is not the case. Like any volatile substance Opal can be sniffed, and can be fatal when sniffed."

"However it is much less appealing to sniffers because it does not cause them to 'become high' in the way unleaded petrol does."

Forensic pathologist Terrence Sinton said Opal was sniffed by the boy and the vapour from the fuel replaced the air in his lungs, which caused him to suffocate.

### Started sniffing

The boy is believed to have started sniffing in 2005 but was taken to an outstation by his family so he could not get petrol.

He picked it up again in 2006 when his father went to prison and was sniffing regularly in the weeks before his death, obtaining petrol from wrecks and private vehicles after the introduction of Opal.

After the disco at Hermannsburg, the boy and his cousin went to a hill where they sniffed a bottle of Opal, believed to have been drained from a broken down car. Dr Kemp told the inquest the boy lifted the fuel container over his nose.

"He didn't take it away from his face at all. After about 10

minutes he fell backwards onto the ground and was fitting, struggling to breathe and had foam coming from his mouth," Dr Kemp said.

Outside the inquest, Tristan Ray from Central Australian Youth Link-Up Services, said the number of sniffers had dropped from 500 to about 20 since the introduction of Opal.

"They have tried and tried to sniff it. The kids were really committed to sniffing but they just didn't get the high," he said.

But he said the roll-out would not succeed unless governments gave financial support to local youth services.

The boy's family have not attended the inquest because one of their relatives died in the recent car crash that killed six people near Hermannsburg.

They said the boy's death had resulted in a dramatic reduction in sniffing at Hermannsburg.

The inquest has been adjourned until March next year.

● Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said the boy's death highlighted the need to roll-out all elements of the plan to end petrol sniffing in central Australia.

"This shows clearly that unless we take a comprehensive approach that addresses the underlying causes of petrol sniffing, kids on these communities will continue to do



# Call her Mum and call her a winner!

Story and Picture by ALF WILSON



**WINNERS** are grinners, and Vicki Saylor sported the biggest smile on her dial ever when she arrived back in Townsville with her prestigious Australian Film Institute (AFI) award.

The 47-year-old Ms Saylor is renowned for her trademark smile and that had extra sparkle after she won the AFI award for the Best Guest or Supporting Actress for her first-time acting role in the SBS television drama *Call Me Mum*.

Ms Saylor played the part of Flo, who hadn't seen her son since he was taken from her as a toddler.

Scores of happy family, friends and supporters met Ms Saylor when she arrived at Townsville airport.

Ms Saylor travelled to Melbourne for the December 5 AFI Awards, where she was among many famous people. She met awards presentation host and Academy Award winning actor Geoffrey Rush and TV star Anthony LaPaglia, among many others.

*Call Me Mum* was screened again on SBS on Sunday 9 December at 11pm after initially appearing on the station in May.

Rush hosted the AFI television awards, and other presenters included actors Alan Dale, Gia Carides and Sophie Monk.

The *Koori Mail* met with Ms Saylor on 12 December at the summit of Townsville's Castle Hill, where she proudly held her award.

"I was stunned at first when I won and felt very proud and honoured to represent the many people who helped me get here," she said.

Ms Saylor's late father Kevin was born on Darnley Island, in the Torres Strait.



You'd be excited too... Vicki Saylor with the AFI award she received for her acting role in the SBS TV drama *Call Me Mum*.

# Hope for Vic school



THE future of the Mildura campus of the Victorian College of Koorie Education (VCOKE) appears brighter – at least in the short term – thanks to the pedal-power efforts of some of its Aboriginal students.

Boys from the college rode their bicycles hundreds of kilometres to Melbourne in a bid to meet with officials after hearing rumours that their school might be closed. They were granted a meeting with Education Minister Bronwyn Pike, who heard their concerns.

The future of the State's four VCOKE campuses has been under a cloud following a critical Government review.

But following the meeting with the students, Ms Pike has given some hope for the future of the Mildura campus.

In a release she said: "The school year is coming to a close, and I recognise the students and staff at the schools deserve some certainty about what will happen at the beginning of next year.

The Government intends to work closely

## Indigenous students ride to save their school



The *Koori Mail* report on the students' ride taken from our December 5 edition.

with the school to determining its future in the longer term. The VCOKE review has identified that the students are clearly not getting the best education possible, but the school community will need time to consider the report and find the best way forward to provide a quality education for students."

Mildura VCOKE campus Principal Barb Wilson said she was amazed at what the cyclists appear to have achieved. "We are delighted that we will be opening our doors at

the start of next year. We are planning a way forward for the school," she said.

Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) chief Geraldine Atkinson said her organisation remained firm in its advocacy of holistic approaches to Koorie education.

"Whether our students are attending dedicated educational facilities or any other Victorian school, they deserve the best in academic and cultural programs. One should not exist without the other," she said. "There

is a recognised desire amongst the local Koorie community to have culturally inclusive programs within all Victorian schools, as well as dedicated Koorie educational facilities."

Ms Atkinson also said that assessment of VCOKE was just one part of a wider review being made by the Education Department and that her group had input into the review at all stages, and would continue to do so.

"VAEAI regards this major review as an important opportunity to address the educational disadvantages that our students still face and to make both an immediate and long-term impact," she said.

"While the review is currently in progress common themes are emerging around issues of cultural respect, understanding and the need for individualised learning plans. The review of VCOKE was just that – a review of the Victorian College of Koorie Education and its four campuses. It was not an assessment of the viability of dedicated Aboriginal schooling. VAEAI remains an advocate for dedicated Aboriginal schooling and a culturally inclusive wider education."



By KIRSTIE PARKER in Darwin



PRIME Minister Kevin Rudd will visit the Northern Territory every three months to meet with Aboriginal community leaders about the ongoing emergency intervention agenda. And while he won't budge on his decision to maintain some controversial aspects of the intervention until they can be reviewed from July next year, Mr Rudd has promised to take his Cabinet to remote Aboriginal communities before then so they and senior bureaucrats can see the related issues first-hand.

About 30 Aboriginal community representatives of education, health, land, and local government organisations attended an unprecedented two-hour summit with the new PM at a Darwin hotel on Saturday.

Mr Rudd jetted in the night before on his way back from the Bali climate meeting. He joined his Indigenous Affairs Minister, Jenny Macklin, who'd met the previous day with NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson and his deputy, Aboriginal MP Marion Scrymgour. Mr Henderson also attended the Aboriginal summit with NT Labor MPs Warren Snowdon and new Member for Solomon, Damian Hale.

Many of the Aboriginal delegates gave the new consultative approach a thumbs up, saying it represented a big change from the previous Howard Government, which instigated the intervention after the NT Government's *Little Children are Sacred* report found widespread child sexual abuse and alcohol abuse in Aboriginal communities.

While some of the \$1.4 billion intervention measures such as child-health checks and pornography bans have received some support, others such as the abolition of the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP), the scrapping of the Aboriginal land permit system and the compulsory quarantining of half of all welfare payments received in 73 particular communities have been widely and loudly criticised. Labor has promised to retain both CDEP and the permit system, albeit in modified form.

Saturday's meeting lasted twice as long as scheduled, as representatives raised the intervention's setting aside of the *Racial Discrimination Act* and the related welfare quarantining, reinstatement of the permit system and ongoing funding and resources for primary health care as key issues.

There was criticism, too, of government business managers who had been installed in many of the affected communities and whom some delegates believed knew too little about Aboriginal people and wielded too much power.

Although disappointed that there was not enough time to delve into issues in detail, they agreed to form a reference group to work with the government to advance matters.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and Ms Macklin held an upbeat media conference, declaring the meetings 'good and constructive'.

"The spirit of co-operation that characterised our discussion this morning was very strong," Mr Rudd told journalists.

"I'm not hiding the fact that there are many controversial matters and I accept that there's going to be disagreement from time to time and agreement from time to time, but what I am determined to do is make sure that our challenge for the future - that is to adhere to a practical program of closing the

## Prime Minister's commitment ...

# 'We will listen and act'



AMSANT CEO John Paterson, AMSANT Chairperson Paula Arnol and Sunrise Health Service CEO Irene Fisher.

life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people - is achieved on a co-operative basis.

"I reaffirmed this morning that the intervention will continue and will be subject to review, as I have already indicated many times before, in the second half of the year.

"And we'll work through that review ourselves but also in partnership with that reference group of Indigenous leaders with whom we met this morning."

### Very blunt

Mr Rudd said the Aboriginal leaders were very blunt regarding their concerns about how some of the aspects of the intervention were proceeding.

"I believe you've just got to have a very frank, open and consultative relationship with Indigenous people," he said.

"We know what their concerns are, they can be reflected back to the public servants who have responsibility for implementing the intervention."

Mr Rudd said he would talk with State premiers and chief ministers early this week to determine if the intervention should be placed on the agenda for tomorrow's Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting.

Fuelling that suggestion will be the huge public outcry after the leniency shown by a Queensland judge last month to nine men and juveniles who pleaded guilty to gang-raping a ten-year-old girl in the Cape York community of Aurukun.

There have been calls for the Commonwealth Government to expand the intervention over the Queensland border, something which Mr Rudd has resisted so far, saying he needs to assess the success or otherwise of the NT regime before foisting it upon anyone else.

"These are serious matters, really serious matters, and the reason we backed this approach is because we read *Little Children are Sacred* and we were horrified by what we read and therefore we were prepared to back this intervention and then review its effectiveness," he said.

"I think that is the appropriate way to go forward before looking at any other measures downstream in terms of any other jurisdictions."

Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) John Paterson told *The Koori Mail* that Alliance members generally wanted the child health checks to continue.

"However, we'd like some elements in terms of the process to be reviewed almost immediately," he said.

Of about 17,000 children in the 73 affected Aboriginal communities, only about 5000, or 30 per cent, have had the checks done.

"And this goes back to our members' concerns about the timeframe," Mr Paterson said.

Irene Fisher, CEO of Sunrise Health Service at Katherine, said she was happy with Mr Rudd's approach.

"Obviously, he's got to get his head around the issues and he couldn't commit to timeframes to us today and we weren't expecting that. However, the commitment to coming back and meeting with us every three months was pretty good," she said.

Ms Fisher said alcohol bans had not had the desired impact on the affected Aboriginal communities.

Olga Havnen, from the Combined Aboriginal Organisations, was generally positive but held some concerns that 'a lot of the things that we put to them were things we'd said previously'.

"It was an attempt by Labor to honour commitments they gave before the election to meet with Aboriginal people so, from that point of view, I think it's a positive thing," she said.

"But it's unfortunate that we didn't actually get down to any of the detail of what people are concerned about, in particular the application of the Racial Discrimination Act and the income quarantining. I think they're just two critical issues that have got to be addressed immediately."

### Positive

Yirrkala women Yananyul Mununggurr and Raymatija Marika said they felt positive about the meeting with the PM.

"Because that's what we want to see, to see the Government working with us and consulting us. The former Government didn't consult us," Ms Mununggurr said.

Vice Chairman of the Lajamanu Community Government Council Geoffrey Barnes said he was pleased that Mr Rudd would be back again in the Territory in three months.

"We have a Government now that is willing to sit down and talk and listen to us, not just give us instructions, and just tell us what we have to do," the Warlpiri man said.

Mr Barnes said Mr Rudd would be welcome to visit his 800-strong community on the northern end of the Tanami Desert, not far from the West Australian border.

Ms Macklin said the intervention funding committed by the previous Government would continue, along with Labor commitments for primary health care infrastructure in remote areas, sexual assault services, economic development and money to enable the employment of 300 rangers in remote parts of Australia, although not just in the NT.

"One of the issues that we talked about in some detail were the health checks, for them to be effective in guaranteeing that children get access to medical services," the Minister said.

"One of the contributors today wanted to guarantee that that fits in with the primary health-care system that exists here in the NT - that children get access to secondary and tertiary services and the ongoing support after the first child health checks.

"That's one area where people were glad it's happening but have some suggestions about how we go forward."

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Yananyul Mununggurr travelled from Yirrkala. "That's what we want to see, the Government working with us and consulting us," she said.



From left, Stephanie Bell, David Ross, Donna Ah Chee, Tracker Tilmouth, Gina Smith, Lindsey Bookie, Ned Hargreaves and other Central Australian delegates after the summit.



Warlpiri man Geoffrey Barnes, from Lajamanu, near the NT/WA border. He said Mr Rudd would be welcome to visit his desert community.



# Sorry Day push for national apology

By KIRSTIE PARKER



CONSULTATIONS about a national apology to the Stolen Generations gathered steam last week, with Sorry Day 2008 emerging as a potential date for the historic act.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has promised to say sorry to Indigenous people in the national Parliament, including to the many thousands of Indigenous people forcibly removed from their families under past misguided and paternalistic government policies.

At the weekend, Mr Rudd joined Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin in Darwin to hear what Northern Territory Stolen Generations members believe are the essential ingredients for a national apology. Ms Macklin was in the Top End to hear first-hand the impacts of the Federal intervention aimed at tackling child abuse in NT communities, a regime implemented by the Howard Government and supported in large part by the Labor Party.

Last Tuesday, Ms Macklin met in Sydney with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Reconciliation Australia's new co-chair, Professor Mick Dodson, and the two key Stolen Generations bodies – the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) and the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) – to start to put some 'meat on the bones' of the apology.

Some people in the Indigenous community have been pushing for a speedy apology. The Government insists that it needs to consult properly on it but won't take 'forever'.

Any apology on Sorry Day 2008, on 26 May, would give the Government and Indigenous people just under six months to get the wording right, but Mr Calma and Professor Dodson have expressed confidence that could be done.

A national apology was a key recommendation of *Bringing Them Home*, the 1997 report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families, which heard testimony from more than 500 Indigenous people throughout Australia. Other recommendations were for funding to allow Stolen Generations to record their history, and for them to receive 'reparation'.

The Howard Government's convincing loss at the polls last month propelled the apology issue to the top of the national Indigenous affairs agenda.

All State parliaments have passed formal apologies, but former PM John Howard's refusal to do the same on behalf of the national Parliament angered many Indigenous Australians and was a key policy difference between his Government and the then-Labor Federal Opposition.

Mr Howard had instead issued a statement of regret and railed against what conservative historians have labeled a 'black armband view of history'.

In Opposition, the Liberal Party has expressed concerns about the apology, in terms of not being personally responsible for events of the past.



Commissioner Tom Calma with Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin at the Sydney launch last week of HREOC's *Us Taken-Away Kids* magazine, compiled to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the *Bringing Them Home* report.

New Leader Dr Brendan Nelson said he would need to see the proposed wording of the apology before deciding whether bi-partisan support could be provided for it.

Last week in Sydney, Mr Calma said the apology had the potential to be a landmark event in 'righting' relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in this country, 'by setting us on a new shared path to the future and by laying the platform to take the reconciliation agenda to the next level'.

He outlined key challenges for saying sorry and moving forward together, saying the apology:

- Must be done in a consultative

and respectful manner

that Sorry Day in May 2008 provides the ideal timing.

"The apology should, in my view, occur separate to discussions regarding Constitutional reform – including a new preamble to the Constitution. But it is clearly a necessary precursor to that broader discussion."

Mr Calma said the apology issue had led to a denial of the experiences of the Stolen Generations and of people's identity, and had perpetuated the harm of the past.

He used the analogy of Australia's poor treatment and finally embracing of its Vietnam veterans to illustrate the

national story for the Stolen Generations."

Minister Macklin said the clear focus of the apology was to start the healing process so the rest of the important tasks in Indigenous affairs could be addressed.

But she said compensation would not be part of the apology process.

"I don't think that's where people want to start this conversation ... people understand that in making the apology they want a recognition of the past," Ms Macklin told ABC radio.

"Of course it's important to say sorry to those who were taken, but also to understand the very significant impact that the removal of children had on their families and on their communities."

"Mostly what I find in talking with Indigenous people (is) they want a recognition of what's happened – they don't want it muddled by these other issues."

Professor Dodson, who was the inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, and co-chaired the Stolen Generations Inquiry with the late Sir Ronald Wilson, also urged people not to conflate the issues of an apology and reparations.

"A parliamentary apology is one thing, (reparations) are another issue and we would urge people to deal with them separately," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"Obviously the final wording has to be something that is agreed but particularly acceptable to the people most affected: The Stolen Generations."

Professor Dodson said he agreed with Mr Calma's suggestion of Sorry Day 2008 as the date of the apology, 'but ultimately I would hope that that is satisfactory to the Stolen Generations'.

He also urged the Federal Opposition to join the process.

"There's nothing to fear from things," Professor Dodson said of an apology. "It would do us all a great deal of honour."

He said the *Bringing Them Home* report had put forward a proposal for a speedy, capped and efficient process, which has been adopted by the Tasmanian Government.

The Stolen Generations Alliance, which has Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue and former Liberal Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser as its patrons, has also outlined what it believes should be the key elements of any apology.

The body's co-chairs, Christine King and Phil Elsegood, said a wholehearted 'sorry' would contribute to

healing among those who suffered as a result of removal policies. They said an appropriate apology would demonstrate understanding of the impact on individuals; take responsibility for the harm that was done; include a willingness to make reparation; and contain a commitment not to behave in the same way in the future.

Last week also saw the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission release the *Us Taken-Away Kids* magazine, compiled to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the *Bringing Them Home* report.

The magazine features artwork and stories from members of the Stolen Generations throughout Australia.

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**– Professor Mick Dodson**

and respectful manner

- Should be specifically about forcible removals

- Should be done in such a way that it unifies the nation, rather than divides it

- Should also be forward looking and set out an aspiration for a united future for all Australians.

- Should not be rushed

- Should provide a catalyst for the States and Territories to be held accountable for their responsibilities in implementing *Bringing Them Home*.

"The stakes are too high to get it wrong by rushing it through, or not allowing the conversation for reconciliation to take place," Mr Calma said.

"Without being prescriptive, it may be

importance of the apology.

"By acknowledging and paying respect, those who have suffered can move forward, to heal and ultimately to belong," he said.

"The apology will directly benefit members of the Stolen Generations by validating their experiences. And it will also benefit Australian society as a whole by building a bridge for a reconciled Australia, where we can all feel proud that our national story and aspirations are shared, and that we are prepared to face difficult and dark experiences from our past."

"It is not about black armbands and guilt. It is about inclusion and learning from the past. And ultimately, it is about providing space in the telling of our



# Anger, dismay over

## No jail time for the nine who raped 10-year-old



AUSTRALIANS, both black and white, have reacted with horror at the leniency shown by a Queensland judge to nine men and juveniles who gang-raped a 10-year-old Aboriginal girl in the Cape York community of Aurukun.

The judgement last month, in relation to the incident in April 2006, has set off an extraordinary chain of events, finger-pointing and apparent scapegoating.

It sparked claims that the penalty imposed would have been grossly different if the girl had been white.

The Queensland Government is appealing the 24 October decision by Cairns-based District Court judge Sarah Bradley to not record convictions against six teenage attackers and give three others aged 17, 18 and 26 suspended sentences over the rape in which the girl contracted a sexually transmitted disease. The attackers had all pleaded guilty to the crime.

The Government will also review about 70 Cape York sexual offences brought before the courts during the past two years.

There have been calls, resisted so far, for Judge Bradley to stand down.

Prominent Aboriginal academic Professor Boni Robertson, of Brisbane's Griffith University, was one of those calling for the judge to step down until an inquiry could be undertaken.

"I don't care that they are black, white or whatever, I think (the decision) allowed perpetrators to think that if you can come up with a defence that she asked for it or she condoned it, then that gives them a sense of leniency," Professor Robertson told journalists.

Steve Carter, the Crown Prosecutor who described the incident as 'childish experimentation' and consensual 'in a general sense' and who did not push for custodial sentences, has been stood down.

"To the extent I can't say it was consensual in the legal sense, but in the other — in the general sense, the non-legal sense, yes, it was," Mr Carter had told the court.

"So, I then ask on that basis not to seek any periods of detention, not to seek any periods of custody, immediate custody."

Mr Carter said the girl and the boys and men had prearranged the sex and they had not forced themselves on the girl or threatened her.

"My submission in relation to this

particular offence is the same that I make in relation to children of that age ... they're very naughty for doing what they're doing but it's really — in this case, it was a form of childish experimentation, rather than one child being prevailed upon by another," he said.

"Although she was very young, she knew what was going on and she had agreed to meet the children at this particular place and it was all by arrangement."

The now 12-year-old girl, reported to suffer from foetal alcohol syndrome and to be functioning at the level of a five or six year old, is understood to have been repeatedly assaulted and raped in the community since the age of five.

It has been claimed that child safety officers failed in their legal responsibilities to report her situation in a timely manner. One senior child safety officer was sacked and two others disciplined over their handling of the incident.

The State's Crime and Misconduct Commission has dismissed a north Queensland police officer's claim that ministers or officials directed child-safety workers to hold back crucial information about abuse cases from police.

However, Premier Anna Bligh has asked the CMC to investigate the matter further, specifically why the Department of Child Safety took the girl from a safe foster home in Cairns and returned her to Aurukun, where she was gang-raped for a second time last year.

It is believed that social workers decided



One of the streets in the Cape York community of Aurukun, which has come under national scrutiny after a 10-year-old girl was pack-raped there by nine males.

his then-18-year-old son and the other rapists should have been jailed.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said he was disgusted and appalled by the case, but wouldn't bow to calls for him to expand the Northern Territory emergency intervention — incorporating grog and alcohol bans, an increased police presence, and involuntary welfare quarantining — to Queensland until a review of the NT regime was carried out.

Prominent Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson said the rape was 'just the tip of the iceberg' and authorities should not hesitate

voice in declaring that to blindly impose a much harsher penalty could not help the victim.

"Harsh penalties have not yet stopped murders and rapes, so instead of sending a very public message that white attitudes prevail again and Aborigines have to follow suit, we should be encouraging Aboriginal communities to take full responsibility," he said in a letter to media.

Bruce Gibson is CEO of the Aboriginal Corporation of the West Coast Cape York Peninsula Traditional Land Owner group and manages the Aurukun CDEP, where some of the girl's attackers worked.

Originally from Hopevale on Cape York and currently living in Cairns, Mr Gibson joined the girl's family in calling for tougher punishment for the offenders.

"We are trying to clean up our communities and I think that harsher sentences or penalties should be handed down so that the abusers learn that you can't do this, you are just not allowed to do this, it is wrong," he told *The Koori Mail*. "At ten, you can't give consent."

Mr Gibson said alcohol management plans had not worked on the Cape, partly because fines and convictions recorded against those who broke the rules threatened their future livelihoods, further entrenching poverty and contributing to a sense of powerlessness.

— Kirstie Parker with AAP

**'The paramount issue has got to be the safety of the children, and in my view that hesitation that has prevailed in child-protection practice has contributed to a great deal of harm to children'**

— Cape York Aboriginal community leader Noel Pearson

to remove the girl from her non-Indigenous foster family in Cairns because to keep her there would have been tantamount to 'another Stolen Generation'. The girl is now being cared for elsewhere in north Queensland.

The position of the Aurukun's Mayor Neville Pootchemunka has been undermined by revelations that one of the adult rapists is his son.

Earlier, Mr Pootchemunka told journalists that the matter was a 'lot of crap' and 'a media beat-up', but is reported to have since conceded to *The Australian* newspaper that

to remove abused children from their communities and place them into foster care, whether it be with Aboriginal families or European families.

"The paramount issue has got to be the safety of the children, and in my view that hesitation that has prevailed in child-protection practice has contributed to a great deal of harm to children," he said.

However, Mr Pearson rejected calls for a Territory-style intervention, saying a plan was already in place on the Cape.

Tasmanian Aboriginal lawyer and activist Michael Mansell was something of a lone



# Aurukun gang rape



Angry women during the protest at the Townsville Court building.



From left, Gracelyn Smallwood, Lilian Willis, Stephanie Miller and Heather Bond at the Townsville rally.

## Protest highlights outrage

By ALF WILSON in Townsville

**Qld** ANGRY residents attended a rally outside the Townsville Court Building last Wednesday to express their outrage at the decision not to jail the males

involved in the Aurukun gang rape. About 70 people were at the rally, most of them non-Indigenous women.

The peaceful rally was organised by the Townsville Women's Centre and the James Cook University Students' Association.

Speakers included activist

Gracelyn Smallwood, Indigenous dancer and healer Lilian Willis and Heather Bond, a sexual assault counsellor from the Townsville Women's Centre.

Ms Bond said she was shocked and disgusted at the case.

"This type of behaviour

everywhere needs to be exposed and enough is enough, the judge needs to be sacked," she said.

Ms Smallwood received loud applause for her no-holds-barred speech.

"If this was a white child pack raped by nine black men they would have been jailed

for life," she said.

Poet Coralie Cassady held a sign with the colours pink and yellow in the background behind the words 'child rapists'.

"They are sexual predators and this has gone to the extreme," she said of the girl's attackers.

## It's time for national laws

### OPINION

By MURIAL BAMBLETT

SADLY it comes as no surprise to SNAICC, the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, that the Queensland Department of Child Safety was directly involved in the case of the 10-year-old girl so brutally abused at the hands of young people in her community of Aurukun.

That the 'justice' system then compounded the violation of this child by ignoring her right to expect that her abusers would be appropriately punished is also of no surprise. We have seen this before and we will see it again unless and until we throw out the existing models of child protection and foster care and start again.

The reality is that in most rural and remote areas, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children cannot count on statutory child protection authorities to protect them or to respond effectively when abuse occurs.

Child protection models have been built on two assumptions that don't often operate outside of large urban cities. Firstly that child protection staff can get to a family and respond to critical incidents quickly; and secondly that within a community there will be a

**'The model of foster care we operate in Australia is wrong. It is wrong for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children – it is wrong for all children' – Muriel Bamblett**



'supply' of well-resourced high-functioning families with whom to place a child.

Faced with this reality, child-protection staff make agonising decisions about when to remove a child from their family, and by implication their community, and place them in foster care a long way from home.

Placing Indigenous children in non-Indigenous foster care far removed from their community, as happened in the Aurukun case, doesn't resolve all the case issues or provide the child with all that they need. Children – all children – whatever their race or culture want to be with their family.

The best evidence and research tells

us that abused children want to go home, to see their mum and dad, their brothers and sisters, their friends and peers.

The child now at the centre of this national debate about Aboriginal children wanted to go home.

The model of foster care we operate in Australia is wrong. It is wrong for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children – it is wrong for all children. It is based on a false dichotomy – that a child is either with and raised by their birth family or by a foster family.

SNAICC argues that children can and should be raised by both.

There is a third way. Place children with a well-supported, resourced and trained foster family to ensure children

are not at risk of abuse or neglect. Set up a community visitors program and co-ordinate visits between the community and the child.

Don't bounce kids around between foster-care placements and home. Support foster families to raise children with the birth family – not for the birth family.

Reinforce the message that families have to raise their children well. Train the magistrates to administer the law correctly. Provide community services to heal the victims. Insist at every level – family, community and within the justice system – that abuse is intolerable and will be severely punished.

Calls for Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to extend the Northern Territory intervention to Queensland don't go far enough.

SNAICC has for decades called for national legislation to create a framework that sets out standards for child protection, children's rights and a common approach to preventing child abuse.

Jenny Macklin is about to meet all her State and Territory colleagues. She should tell them that national legislation for child protection is on its way.

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## Sorry. 'a 90s issue'



'I think everyone is sorry about the mistakes of the past, but I think there is a lot more to the sorry agenda than meets the eye'.

— Coalition  
Shadow Minister  
Tony Abbott

By DARREN COYNE



TONY ABBOT sees no need to say sorry to members of the Stolen Generations. The new Federal Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs told *The Koori Mail* last Friday that saying sorry was 'a 1990s issue', and Australia would be better off looking to the future rather than the past.

"I can't understand why (Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd reopened it. I can only assume he didn't understand what he was doing or it was a sop to the Left.

"In 1999, Federal Parliament passed a resolution of deep regret for mistakes made in Indigenous policy.

"I think Kevin Rudd will find difficult the business of coming up with acceptable terminology which satisfies Indigenous people, without raising the spectre of endless compensation. I think everyone is sorry about the mistakes of the past, but I think there is a lot more to the sorry agenda than meets the eye."

Meanwhile, the former Health Minister said he still fully supported the aims of Howard Government's Intervention into Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.



Flashback to 2005 when then Health Minister Tony Abbott met Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service (Canberra) chief Julie Tongs.

That's not surprising.

Back in 2006, the then-Minister angered many Indigenous Australians when he spoke of the need for a 'new paternalism'

in the form of intervention rather than self-determination.

He still points proudly to that speech made to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, and described the NT intervention as a 'really important watershed in Indigenous policy'.

"It took the courage and insight of the Howard Government to do it. It's inconceivable that a Labor Government would have done it," he said.

"To their credit (Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd and (Indigenous Affairs Minister) Jenny Macklin supported it and their challenge is to keep it going."

Mr Abbott rejected criticisms that the intervention took place without consulting Aboriginal people.

"Consultation is important, but the search for unanimity has long bedevilled good policy in this area. With Indigenous people it is hard to establish consensus. If we wait for a consensus we'd probably be waiting for ever," he said.

"The Howard Government got on with it. But we'd been moving in that direction for a long time."

Mr Abbott said the main issue to be dealt with was the extent of Indigenous disadvantage.

"People in remote communities,

especially, are living in very poor conditions and it's important that we do what we can to address that," he said.

Mr Abbott also promised to continue visiting remote communities, saying he had made a point of making a significant trip to a community at least once a year while Health Minister.

Meanwhile, he called on the new Government to maintain the NT intervention, and also said elements such as welfare quarantining should be extended across Australia.

"The former Government promised to introduce elements of quarantining for people not in a position to appropriately care for their children," he said. "There is a strong argument for making certain forms of welfare payments conditional on appropriate forms of behaviour."

As for closing the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, the former Health Minister said 'there is no easy way'.

"It won't happen until Indigenous employment, education and housing levels approach the national norm," he said.

"Health doesn't exist in isolation. It's a function of a lot of things and you can't simply wave a magic wand. All the treatment in the world is not going to change that."

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## Take action in other States, says Abbott

THE Coalition Opposition has called on the Federal Government to repeat the Northern Territory Indigenous intervention in other States.

Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott said uproar about the gang rape of a 10-year-old girl in the Queensland Aboriginal community of Aurukun demonstrated the urgency of such a move.

Mr Abbott said it had been impossible for the former Coalition Government to attempt an expansion of the intervention into the Labor-run States before the Federal election.

"Now that we have a new Government which is supposed to have a good relationship with the States, I think it's very, very

important that they try to ensure that the same actions which were put in place in the Territory are put in place urgently elsewhere," he said.

Mr Abbott called for a stronger police presence in remote Indigenous townships along with tougher action to get rid of alcohol, welfare quarantining and mandatory school attendance.

### Measures

"I think that's what we have to be moving towards as urgently as possible right around Australia in these remote Indigenous townships," he said.

Such measures were part of the Northern Territory intervention.

"It really is a situation which

requires national attention," Mr Abbott said.

He also called on the Queensland and Federal governments to clarify a report that State Government ministers ordered child welfare workers not to tell police about hundreds of cases of suspected child abuse and neglect on Cape York.

"I find it almost incomprehensible that the Queensland Government could have given such instructions to child-safety workers," he said.

"If in fact these reports are true, the Queensland Government appears to be telling its workers to break the law."

"If there is something in it, well frankly, I think heads would have to roll." — AAP

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



# Didj surprise for superstar

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



**SUPERSTAR** Elton John could now include one of the world's oldest music instruments in his works after receiving a didgeridoo/yidaki from a group of Aboriginal people during his recent concert in Townsville.

The instrument was created by Bundjalung (NSW) man John Pene-Fonmosa and Yamatji (WA) man Rodney Boschman.

"It was great that the two of us came together from the east and west of Australia to make this didgeridoo/yidaki for Sir Elton John," Mr Pene-Fonmosa told *The Koori Mail*. "It was a magical moment. We only had seven minutes with him before he had to perform."

"He knew nothing about it until he saw us. It was a surprise that was

arranged for him. We did the presentation and he was thrilled."

North Queensland NRL star Matty Bowen also presented Sir Elton with a personalised North Queensland Cowboys jersey.

"You could really feel his warmth towards us," Mr Pene-Fonmosa said.

"It was such a privilege and honour to meet him."

Sir Elton, one of the world's greatest singer-songwriters, was welcomed to country by Auntie Alice Dowden as well as Matty Bowen.

The painting on the didgeridoo/yidaki tells the story of the blackfellas welcoming him to country, with a keyboard representing black and white working together to make something beautiful, and symbols of long life and wishes for his music to continue to touch people of all races around the world.



Rodney Boschman working on Sir Elton John's didgeridoo/yidaki.



John Pene-Fonmosa presenting Sir Elton John with the didgeridoo/yidaki.

Photo courtesy of Megan Brayley, Townsville Bulletin

# Kimberley deal set

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



**THE Kimberley Land Council (KLC)** has brokered a deal with major national and local environmental groups to form a central negotiating committee for a planned \$6-billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant off the north-west coast of Western Australia.

The land council has joined forces with the Australian Conservation Council (ACC), the Conservation Council of WA, the Wilderness Society, the World Wildlife Fund Australia and Environs Kimberley to ensure that environmental and cultural needs are addressed if the development goes ahead.

In a joint statement, signatories to the agreement said that gas and associated development must provide opportunities to Kimberley traditional owners and provide a mechanism for Aboriginal groups, environmental organisations and governments to work together.

The statement sets out nine principles for negotiations for LNG development, including the maximum possible environmental and cultural protection, comprehensive management, limiting emission impact, and for traditional owners



Signatories to the new negotiating hub at the signing ceremony early this month, back, from left, Nancy Gibson and Tanyier Fowler (Environs Kimberley), Nita Marshall (KLC) and Tom Birch (KLC Chairman) and, front, from left, Maria Mann (Director, Environs Kimberley), Wayne Bergman (KLC) and Paul Gamblin (WWF Australia).

to play a key role in any ongoing management.

The statement also said that any development must deliver significant benefits to Aboriginal people in the Kimberley, including funding for housing

and health as well as employment, training and other commercial possibilities.

KLC Executive Director Wayne Bergman said he welcomed the acknowledgement by environmental groups that Kimberley traditional owners were central

stakeholders in the development of their region. "By standing together it helps us test a lot of the information being provided to us and whether the information actually stacks up in terms of good environmental credentials," Mr Bergman said.

"Can these projects be done in a way that provides a balance between the environmental and cultural interests as well as providing an opportunity to develop a gas plant."

Mr Bergman said that Aboriginal people in the Kimberley were not against development, provided it was inclusive and sensitive to the fragile environment, particularly around the coastal regions.

"We're just starting to see the benefits in the last six years of some of some of the mining agreements that we have done in the Kimberley, and starting to see an increased level of Aboriginal participation across the range of employment, training and business opportunities," he said.

"And we think it is possible with the right company that wants to be there and work with us the right way to actually make a huge difference and a huge impact on our social and economic well-being."

Woodside Energy and other proponents of LNG development have been assessing the viability of extracting the resource from a field near Maret Island, north of Kurl Bay.





Hazel Douglas, Kuku Yalanji negotiating team member and Director of the Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation (the body established to hold and manage the native title and land to be transferred to the Yalanji), with the deeds to the first lot of land to be transferred.



Justice James Allsop and traditional owner David Solomon.



Kuku Yalanji dancers Lesley Gibson, Rex Gibson and Thomas Winkle, of Mossman Gorge, performed.



Elder George Friday Snr enjoying the day with his great grandson Elias Friday.

# Daintree struggle ends in success

## Kuku Yalanji people celebrate the end of their 13-year battle for land rights

By DARREN COYNE



CHRISTMAS came early this year for the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people of the Daintree area in far North Queensland.

But the 'present' they had been waiting for — native title to their traditional lands between Port Douglas and Cooktown — had taken almost 15 years of negotiation

to arrive. But arrive it did, when the Federal Court of Australia, headed by Justice James Allsop, gathered on 9 December in the picturesque setting of Diwan reserve, in the heart of the Daintree, to officially recognise the people's rights over more than 200,000 hectares of land.

Before a crowd of hundreds of smiling families, Justice Allsop declared that the Kuku Yalanji people had proven their physical and spiritual connection to the land despite the influx of timber-getters, selectors and pastoralists during the past 130 years.

The court's decision recognised exclusive native title rights over 30,300 hectares of unallocated State land, allowing the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people to exclusively occupy, possess and use the areas. They also had their non-exclusive rights recognised to access, camp, hunt, gather, conduct ceremonies and be buried in the ground in the 96,000ha of timber reserve and lease areas.

As a result, the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people will have a greater management role over parks and some reserves, and ownership of 16,500 hectares of Aboriginal freehold for residential and economic development.

The consent determination followed the April signing of 15 Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) between the Kuku Yalanji people, the Queensland Government and other parties.

Senior Elder David Solomon, who gave the Welcome to Country, said the Kuku Yalanji people had been determined throughout the long years of negotiating with governments.

"I used to return from negotiations and my children would ask, 'Have we got our land back?', and I would say 'No, not yet'. They used to feel downhearted but today they are all happy," he said.

"This is very important for the children because they can now look after their country."

Yalanji Elder Eileen Walker, said the agreement on the native title and the land package had been a long time coming.

"We had to talk in English for meeting after meeting in Cairns and Brisbane. We had the Court and so many others breathing down our neck," she said. "For our Elders who went before and for our children, we have fought for recognition of our rights and an agreement which gets some of our land back and the right to hunt on our land."

Queensland Minister for Natural Resources Craig Wallace told the gathering that the court had simply recognised what they already knew.

"You have always known that you are the custodians of this land," he said.

"These agreements (ILUAs), which cover an area almost twice the size of the Federal Court determination, will see the Yalanji people assume control over 64,000 hectares of Aboriginal

freehold land.

"This is land that potentially will give them the opportunity to generate jobs and economic benefits for their community."

Cape York Land Council Chairman Michael Ross said it was an honour to speak on the traditional land of the Kuku Yalanji people.

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### What the ILUAs deliver

- The largest grant of Aboriginal freehold land ever made in Queensland
- A greater role in land management, including management of national parks and some reserves, to the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people of the Daintree
- Protocols and agreed development processes with 3 local government bodies and utilities
- Mining royalties and the grant of freehold land to the Eastern Kuku Yalanji
- Relaxation of some of the restrictions of the Wet Tropics Management Plan for the Eastern Kuku Yalanji





Elder Bobby Ball, Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Water Craig Wallace, Justice James Allsop of the Federal Court of Australia and Elder Henry Walker applaud dancer Junior Port.



Enid Boyd of Yorkies Knob, Mary Boyd of Yorkies Knob and Sandra Houghton of Yarrabah.



Cape York Land Council Chairman Michael Ross and Graham Fletcher, Member of the National Native Title Tribunal.



Jeremy Solomon, Mackay, Alden Mallie, Mackay, Dot Calway, Brisbane, Luke Mallie, Mackay and Sharon Mallie, Port Augusta.



Enjoying the playground were Shaylee Andrews, Charanti Andrews, Markiesha Kynuna, Brent Thomas and Josiah Stafford.



Liz McNamara of the Cape York Land Council.



Kahlia Mallie and Neola Solomon, 2.



Andrew Yeatman with his daughters Kahmell, 6, Taylor-Maree, 3, and Kani, 6.



Flo Deemal of Cape York Land Council with Michael Friday and Karrell Ross of the National Native Title Tribunal.



T'kehya, Gerald, Chavanne and Patrick Nandy of Wijal enjoying the gathering.



Marilyne and Peter Wallace from Rossville.



Jerome Hill of Yarrabah with Acacia Stafford.

## United people win native title

● From facing page

"We united 17 years ago as the Cape York Land Council to fight together to retain country and there has been many personal tolls along the way.

"But this (determination) recognises the Eastern Kuku Yalanji are living people of this area whose law always survived.

"One reason for such a successful outcome in this matter is that the traditional owners and the Cape York Land Council offered the Government a package which balanced traditional owners' aspirations for their land

with the rights of existing users including the tourism and grazing industries and local government," Mr Ross said.

"The end result is an agreement which includes better protection of the Wet Tropics area and allows for Eastern Kuku Yalanji economic activities on their traditional land."

"This is a most important day for you people."

That last point was not lost on the gathering.

In celebration, people spontaneously danced, sang and laughed their way throughout the day. Children ran about oblivious to the importance of the occasion, but their parents smiled knowingly, because their future is now assured.





Making their point were, from left, Manu English, Leah Namok, Rachel Tipoti, Gracelyn Smallwood, Leila Murison, Brendan Leishman, Phillip Alley, Lynette Anderson, Gwen Geia and Florence Henaway.



Seeds of Destiny singers, from left, Tessa Carnegie, 15, Celesse Carnegie, 13, Sezen Heron, 12, and Athaliah Henaway, 14.

# Safe-sex message spread

By Townsville Correspondent  
ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS health workers in the Townsville region of far north Queensland sounded safe sex messages loud and clear during the AIDS Awareness Week, which ended with

World AIDS Day on 1 December.

The workers, who cover the Townsville Health Service District, organised AIDS Day events in Ayr on 26 November, on Palm Island two days later, and at Townsville on 30 November.

AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day aim to raise awareness about HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) issues, including the need for support for and understanding of people with HIV/AIDS, and the need for ongoing

education and prevention initiatives.

The theme for the 2007 World AIDS Day campaign was 'HIV/AIDS: Prevention is everybody's business', chosen to remind people that HIV/AIDS remains a serious disease for which there is still no cure, and that awareness and prevention remain the best defences against its spread.

The *Koori Mail* attended the Townsville event and Radio 4K1G announcer Lloyd Wyles made live crosses to many guests. Fellow station announcer Jonni Deadly was MC, and activist and health expert Gracelyn Smallwood gave a speech.

Florence Henaway, an Advanced Health Worker with the Townsville Sexual Health Service, said that the primary aim of the event was to increase the awareness of HIV/AIDS in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"Through this event we hope to encourage people to have regular sexual health checks and reduce risk-taking

behaviour through the distribution of resources with health messages and guest speakers who specialise in the area of HIV/AIDS/sexual health," she said.

The project also aims to strengthen partnerships between government and non-government organisations who provide sexual health services to the Indigenous community, thus making a more strategic and co-ordinated approach to service delivery, health promotion and health education across the district.

## 'Don't be shame...'

Educational stalls were at the Townsville event, and copies of the 'Condoman' poster bearing the message 'Don't be shame be game', were available.

The Seeds of Destiny group, consisting of Tessa Carnegie, 15, Celesse Carnegie, 13, Sezen Heron, 12, and Athaliah Henaway, 14, provided entertainment.

A free barbecue lunch was provided

and the cooks were star rugby league player Robert Congoo, and Luke Duffy.

The Ayr Day was held at the CWA Hall and was organised by Lynette Monday, the Indigenous Project Officer Chronic Disease from the Ayr Hospital.

"On that day we had guest speaker Gracelyn Smallwood and the Burdekin Dancers and there were young boys from Ayr State School and Home Hill State," Ms Henaway said. "Seventy people came to celebrate the day."

The Palm Island event, organised chiefly by Rachel Tipoti, was also deemed a success.

The Townsville Health Service District goes as far north as Ingham, north-east to Palm Island, south to Bowen, and west to Charters Towers and Hughenden, where many Aboriginal people and some of Torres Strait Islander descent live.

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## Fighting words as 'Man' says women can't lead



ABORIGINAL boxing champion Anthony Mundine is denying a newspaper report that he called

retired Olympian Cathy Freeman a 'sell-out', but admits he said that women couldn't be leaders.

The *Daily Telegraph* reported the comments on 5 December - just days before Mundine's triumph over Argentine Jose Alberto Clavero in a super-middleweight clash in Sydney, prompting speculation that his comments were designed to stir up interest in the impending fight which some observers had labelled ill-matched and should have been stopped to protect an outclassed Clavero.

The newspaper had reported Mundine as saying Freeman could not be 'an authentic Indigenous leader' as long as she was heavily involved in corporate Australia.

"Aboriginal people don't buy that," the tabloid reported the Bundjalung, Sydney-based boxer as saying during an interview with Mundine at training.

"That's what happened to Cathy Freeman, she sold out,

toeing the line. And that isn't me. I'm not a fake.

"I think Cathy has done a lot for the Aboriginal people, don't get me wrong. But they (mainstream sponsors) control and determine the things she says. I'm not putting anything on her but, at the end of the day, it's got to be a man. She's a leader, but for women."

**'Men have been the leader from the start of time, especially in Aboriginal culture, and that's the way it should be'**

- Anthony Mundine

However, in an interview with ABC Radio on 8 December, Mundine denied the comments attributed to him about Freeman.

"Hell no," he said when asked if he'd said what was reported. "I didn't say that at all. That's something they added in (to the quote)."

Asked if he'd said that women couldn't lead, he replied 'Yeah'.

"That's my opinion. Men have been the leader from the start of time, especially in Aboriginal culture, and that's the way it should be," he said.

Mundine also denied a suggestion that he'd fibbed about the eye infection he caught several months ago after using his saliva from his mouth to clean a contact lens. It was Mundine's first professional fight since the infection, which threatened to end his career. Doctors had warned him that it could have been too early to return to the ring.

However, Mundine said before the fight that he was '50/50' and had peripheral vision, which was enough for him.

The *Daily Telegraph* has stood by its earlier report. Freeman declined to comment when contacted by media while in north Queensland where she was involved in a children's program.

● Fight report - Back Page.  
● What do you think of Mundine's undisputed comment about women not being able to lead? Why not share your opinion with our readers by writing a letter or sending an email to 'Your Say' - editor@koorimail.com



# Joy, sadness as native title confirmed



Ngadjon-Jii Elders Thomas Gertz Snr, Ernie Raymont and Yvonne Canendo with Justice Jeffrey Spender after the ceremony.



Ngadjon-Jii dancers who performed at the ceremony.

## Ngadjon-Jii victory



STEEP slopes of rainforest leading to the highest peak in Queensland, Mt Bartle-Frere, have been included in a second native title consent determination formalised last week in far north Queensland, this time for the Ngadjon-Jii people on the Tablelands south of Cairns.

During a Federal Court session held at the Malanda High School hall, Justice Jeffrey Spender determined the Ngadjon-Jii held exclusive native title rights and interests to a small island in the Russell River, which is under water for six months of the year, as well as non-exclusive rights to the southern portion of the Wooroonoonan National Park, including the south-west section of Mt Bartle-Frere, the Topaz Road National Park and the Malanda Falls Conservation Park, along with two other parcels of land reserved for quarry purposes.

"The court is not granting rights, those rights had always existed. What the court is doing is simply recognising those rights, the common law recognises that there have been these native title rights in the Ngadjon-Jii people," Justice Spender said.

The claim was originally conceived in the early 1990s and has had three different lawyers, all of whom were present for the determination and subsequent celebrations. Almost half of the original applicants to the claim had passed on, making the day a mixture of happiness and sadness.

"It's very happy that we're getting our native title back, it's been a happy day, as well as a sad day," Ngadjon-Jii Elder Thomas Gertz Snr said.

"The sad day about it is we lost most of our Elders who walked this country and walked with government agencies and showed them why this land is so sacred to us as well as the next generation. We are the children and people of this



Ngadjon-Jii people at the Malanda High School Hall in north Queensland for the Federal Court native title determination ceremony.

country. We had nothing, all we had was family and family unity. We stuck together and money was not an issue in this.

"It was all about respect and

may have gotten the claim 'over the line'.

"I think a lot of people in this area know who we are and I think that's been a great help," he said.

were telling the truth and we were speaking with confidence and they picked it up straight away."

Mr Raymont said he hoped the young people at the ceremony



**"Our old people are not here with us in person but they're here with us in spirit, we know that." – Elder Yvonne Canendo**

loyalty and honesty to our family members, to our brothers and our sisters."

Senior Elder Ernie Raymont said it was the people's own confidence in who they were that

"We also realised within our group that these things don't happen overnight, that it's a long, drawn-out process to go through the various government departments. (But) we knew we

would come to realise the importance of the day.

Elder Yvonne Canendo said she hoped the determination would open doors for the young people.



Elder Ernie Raymont ... "I think a lot of people in this area know who we are and I think that's been a great help."



# More officers for task force

By ELIZABETH MURRAY  
in Perth



THE child sexual abuse task force in the north-west of Western Australia has been given approval by the State Government for an additional 21 police officers and more DCP workers, effectively making the operation indefinite.

Inspector Garry Annetts, who oversees all WA operations of the child protection unit, said the task force would not be specifically aligned to Indigenous communities, but to the wider community in the region.

Some charges laid by the task force were dropped recently by the DPP, but Inspector Annetts said in such instances Department of Community Protection (DCP) workers offered ongoing support to families and individuals.

However, he intimated the complexities of prosecuting child abuse cases were only the start of the difficulties that faced government agencies involved in the task force, in their bid to end child abuse in the State's north.

Inspector Annetts said younger victims sometimes had difficulty communicating effectively what had happened to them, making a criminal conviction difficult.

For offenders, the officer said, "issues of behaviour have got to be addressed by way of support from all the government agencies".

"While the police investigative phase is quite short, the role left for government agencies - particularly DCP - will go on for years in supporting those people," he said, adding that DCP had a long-term recovery plan.

"Protective Behaviours Australia is delivering programs within the schools to allow the kids to understand who they can trust, who they can talk to, what the dangers are and when and where to extract themselves from situations in which they feel uncomfortable."

Inspector Annetts said other difficulties encountered by the task force related specifically to issues of acceptance of police by the communities.

"To that degree we've had to put a lot of effort into building a rapport and credibility with the communities themselves but because we're very adversarial, so

## DPP drops Kalumburu child-abuse charges

THE WA DPP has dropped several of the child-abuse charges laid by the North-West task force against five boys aged between 11 and 13 in Kalumburu.

The DPP said the charges were dropped because the three young boys, all aged six at the time of the alleged assaults, "were unable to put the offences within a date range".

WA Director of Public Prosecutions Robert Cock said one alleged victim had regressed and was "unable to articulate with sufficient clarity any reliable incident".

"There was no corroborative evidence or medical evidence and no admissions were made by the accused," he said.

The alleged victims were interviewed on camera and "two of them were particularly difficult to understand and

establish any reliable account of the incident", he said.

"Charges had to be discontinued because there were simply no reasonable prospects of conviction," Mr Cock said.

He said the difficulty stemmed from the boys' ages, their confusion and their lack of understanding of when these events took place.

Mr Cock said the dropping of the charges "did not indicate weaknesses in the punitive process but reinforced the difficulties in child sexual abuse cases generally".

WA Attorney-General Jim McGinty stressed that all cases of alleged child abuse would be prosecuted where there was sufficient evidence to proceed.

"If there's insufficient evidence, it would be pointless to continue with a case," he said.

to speak, that is a very difficult thing to do," he conceded.

Inspector Annetts said the police were being approached more, as people gained confidence in the actions and role of the task force.

"While we can build rapport and

problems we always knew we were going to have. But unless we make an investment in trying to get the children to firstly disclose and give them the confidence that will get them through the process, the chances are, they may pull away from us and that's something

forward in Kalumburu when the campaign started might provide the impetus for change.

When asked if the size of the problem in the WA North-West was putting a strain on resources, WA Director of Public Prosecutions Robert Cock said that "for this exercise" the DPP did not require any greater resources.

Mr Cock said funds had been reallocated to ensure the DPP provided a satisfactory response to such matters.

"The criminal justice process is only part of the solution to child sex abuse," he said.

"Naturally, we cannot tolerate child sex abuse and much will depend of the vigorous enforcement of the law and the long-term viability of these communities."

Mr Cock said though none of the North-West task force's child sex abuse cases had yet gone to trial, a number would be listed soon.

"Dealing with child sex abuse cases poses logistical challenges because of the remoteness of the communities," he said. "But we are confident the cases have been well investigated, ensuring that the public has confidence in the criminal justice process."

Human rights lawyer Hannah McGlade, from the Perth Indigenous Women's Network, said systemic weaknesses revealed in the Gordon Inquiry that could help to curb child abuse, had been bypassed by government.

"The Gordon Inquiry heard from Aboriginal communities that the DPP prosecutions were often unsuccessful due to 'technicalities' or 'mistakes by prosecutors'," she said.

"However, the terms of reference limited a full consideration of matters relating to the prosecution of offences."

"From all accounts, the DPP do need to

improve their service to the Aboriginal community and they could start this by making a commitment to employment of Aboriginal staff, including prosecutors."

"People need to listen to the Aboriginal people who know first-hand what this is about. The victim survivors have a very important role to play as we start to take seriously the need to address child sexual assault and our own healing from this sickness in our communities."



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trust and get that initial disclosure, the problem we always have is we're going to need to continue that interaction with those children to get them to continue through the various processes, to tell the terrible story about the abuse they've endured," he said.

"The problem is always going to be, that those children, if they're timid by nature or they are intimidated by the process, there is always a risk they will close up on you."

"That certainly is one of the

we just can't avoid."

At the start of the then-Federal Government's intervention in the Northern Territory in June, Emergency Response Task Force Chairwoman Sue Gordon, a WA magistrate, highlighted limitations on gaining convictions against paedophiles in WA.

Dr Gordon pointed out that communities had to feel safe before offenders were caught, and she said she had seen in WA that convictions had been difficult, but that the number of people coming

## Tribunal decision appeal upheld



A PEAK Aboriginal land and native title body says the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) must reconsider one of its native title

claims after the Federal Court rejected the Tribunal's decision that the claim did not satisfy the registration test laid out in the Native Title Act.

The Mantjintjarra Ngalia 2 claim adjoins the north-east boundary of the former Wongatha claim, lodged by Western Australia's Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) on behalf of the Mantjintjarra Ngalia peoples.

The Ngadju's traditional lands extend from about 150km west of Norseman to Calgana in the east, an area of about 103,000 square km.

Federal Court judge Justice Neil McKerracher allowed a GLSC appeal, and found that, in reaching its decision, the NNTT had not complied with the Native Title Act 1993, the Federal legislation passed in the wake of the High Court's 1992 Mabo decision.

Justice McKerracher quashed and set aside the NNTT's decision and directed the NNTT to assess the Mantjintjarra Ngalia 2 claim in accordance with legal requirements and obligations under the Act.

### Positive

"It is a very positive outcome for the Mantjintjarra Ngalia people and we are very confident that when their application is given the thorough assessment that has been ordered, the people's claim will be successfully registered," said the GLSC Executive Director Brian Wyatt in a statement.

He said that during the assessment process, the GLSC had made a request to the NNTT to be allowed to submit additional information. But he said the NNTT had overlooked the GLSC request despite earlier changes to the Native Title Act obliging the NNTT to seek that information.

"These proceedings have again highlighted how tough it is under Australian law for Aboriginal people to obtain recognition of their past ownership of their traditional lands and a measure of justice in terms of ongoing use of those lands for cultural purposes and possible economic benefit," Mr Wyatt said.

"As the Mantjintjarra Ngalia people have seen, barriers to land justice can even be laid down by those who administer the law, and without protracted legal proceedings to overturn their interpretations of the law, an already long-standing injustice could be entrenched forever."

A GLSC spokesman said successful appeals of this kind - that is one that overturned NNTT registration rulings - were not common. NNTT staff were unavailable for comment late last week.

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**'From all accounts, the DPP do need to improve their service to the Aboriginal community and they could start this by making a commitment to employment of Aboriginal staff, including prosecutors. People need to listen to the Aboriginal people who know first-hand what this is about'**

— Perth-based human rights lawyer Hannah McGlade



# Disabled art-seller faces uncertain future

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



**RIVERVALE**, a Perth inner-city suburb once characterised by public housing and Aussie battlers, has suffered a death of 'concrete two-storey homogenisation' amid Perth's land-grab.

But the ethnically diverse community, still with above-average unemployment and below-average incomes, shows a little of the old community spirit in a council survey in which residents have called for greater promotion of local Indigenous culture.

However, that seems unlikely to help Rivervale disability pensioner Graham Bandry, who is under pressure from the local Belmont City Council to pack up the Aboriginal dot paintings he sells and move on. Intellectually-disabled Mr Bandry, who also has chronic health problems, sells paintings given to him by his sister who took over as his part-time carer after the death of his mother six months ago.

Some locals say the paintings make a colourful contribution to cultural diversity in the area. But by selling them from the verge, Mr Bandry has attracted the ire of the council as well as his elderly neighbours, upset by cars honking their horns in appreciation of the street art.

Belmont Council opposes Mr Bandry selling the paintings from the sidewalk and has even fined him three times for trading without a permit, although they don't issue permits for trade of that nature.

However, Belmont Council Chief Executive Officer Shayne Silcox said the council had not pursued Mr Bandry's debts from the fines, which totalled almost \$1000, because 'Mr Bandry had a limited capacity to understand the legalities involved'.



Perth disability pensioner Graham Bandry has raised the ire of his local council by selling art from his front verge.

Mr Silcox said preservation of the area's cultural diversity was adequately dealt with in the Belmont Council's 2006 Community Wellbeing Plan.

But on inspection, the plan showed that only 23 per cent of residents were satisfied with the level of 'promotion and acknowledgement of Indigenous culture in the region' and Belmont Council had earmarked this aspect for improvement of at least 300 per cent.

In its 2006 plan, the council aimed to increase the exposure of Indigenous culture through involvement in NAIDOC, and appearances by high-profile Indigenous guests at community events.

Mr Silcox was at pains to emphasise that the council's desire to stop Mr Bandry from selling his work from the verge was not an issue of cultural diversity, saying 'the fact that Graham is Indigenous and the artwork he is selling is Aboriginal is irrelevant'.

Wayne Bynder, who sells Aboriginal craft at the Fremantle markets, said some of the paintings Mr Bandry had on display were very appealing and there could well be a commercial market for them.

The aged-care unit where Mr Bandry lives was originally assigned to his late mother, and Mr Silcox said Mr Bandry's continued residence there since his mother's death was illegal. However, he said that despite being fully aware of the situation and its contravention of local planning laws, the Department of Housing and Works (DHW) had failed to move Mr Bandry.

A DHW spokesperson said Mr Bandry would definitely be re-housed 'some time in the near future' because his home unit was allocated for seniors, but emphasised he would not be evicted.

The spokesperson said the Belmont Council had been 'exerting considerable pressure' on them to evict Mr Bandry.

He also said there had been some delay in finding suitable accommodation, during which time Mr Bandry had been under mounting pressure from the council not to sell paintings from his verge.

The DHW spokesperson confirmed that although Mr Bandry was in poor health, there was no assistance available from the department to help him move.

The council also approached Mr Bandry's sister, and Mr Silcox said she 'does fully understand the situation and continues to send him out to sell her paintings', adding she had said it was meant as an activity.

'(Mr Bandry's sister) claimed she and Graham had a right to sell the paintings under Aboriginal law, but once investigated further, it was found that these claims were untrue,' he said.

The *Koori Mail* tried unsuccessfully to contact Mr Bandry's sister.

# Clark loses appeal over rape finding



**FORMER ATSC** Chairman Geoff Clark has lost his appeal in a

civil case that awarded \$20,000 in damages to a woman who claimed he led two gang rapes on her 36 years ago.

The Aboriginal leader was ordered in January to pay damages to Carol Anne Stingel after a Victorian County Court civil jury accepted her claims that Mr Clark raped her at Warrambol, in western Victoria, in 1971.

Mr Clark, who may appeal to the High Court, was not present on 11 December when the Full Bench of the Victorian Court of Appeal rejected his appeal against the verdict, and ordered him to pay costs to the alleged victim, Ms Stingel.

A relieved Ms Stingel said the ruling meant she had been vindicated, but predicted that Mr Clark may appeal against it.

The civil rape trial followed the dismissal of criminal charges against Mr Clark for lack of evidence.

Mr Clark's counsel, Terry Forrest, QC, claimed the judge in the civil rape trial had failed to sufficiently explain the facts as he summed up the case.

In August, Mr Forrest told the Court of Appeal that Judge David Morrow should have told the jury to scrutinise the evidence of Ms Stingel with great caution because of inconsistencies in her testimony.

The 36-year gap between the alleged rape and Ms Stingel's decision to bring legal proceedings was central to Mr Forrest's argument.

## Judgment

In their judgment, Chief Justice Marilyn Warren and Justices Alex Chernov and Murray Kellam said it was plain enough that Judge Morrow had explained sufficiently to the jury the serious nature of the allegations.

"We consider that no miscarriage of justice arose by reason of that aspect of (the judge's) charge as claimed by (Mr Clark)," they said.

"In our view, the judge was

not required to tell the jury, as the appellant would have it, that the delay of 35 years 'possibly' prevented the appellant from calling witnesses and that because of the passage of time (Ms Stingel's) evidence could not be 'adequately tested'."

Ms Stingel first made her allegations to *The Age* newspaper in 2002 after she read of another rape allegation made against Mr Clark by his cousin.

Mr Clark was charged over the alleged rape of his cousin but the charges were dismissed because of a lack of evidence.

Ms Stingel later won the right to sue Mr Clark and succeeded in a civil action heard in Melbourne which led to an appeal.

Outside the court, Ms Stingel spoke of her relief. She described rape as an 'horrific crime' and said it should not be bracketed in the same category as sexual abuse.

She said women who had been raped but were too scared to report the crime should come forward. - AAP

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# Let's get festive

By SOLUA MIDDLETON and  
DARREN COYNE

## Hot acts for a hot summer

AS THE mercury rises over the holiday season, an outdoor music festival is a fine way to spend time with family and friends. Summer is the season for music festivals across Australia, and following are some of the hottest featuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers and artists.

**The Peats Ridge Festival**, near Sydney, again has an Indigenous focus, with the local Darkinjung people, traditional custodians of the NSW Central Coast, organising The Boardi Space – an open tent showcasing Aboriginal culture and performers.

"This will be the third year for the Darkinjung people as invited guests at festival. They will be running The Boardi Space, and conducting the Welcome To Country and the closing ceremony," festival organisers said.

Totem poles will be a showcase, with ten of them placed in a ceremonial circle representing the circle of life, a traditional gathering of the Darkinjung people for thousands of years at the sacred mountain of Yango, where they came together to trade, share stories, sing and dance in ceremony.

Local Aboriginal singers will perform, and over the three days there will be cultural events including basket weaving by the Murring Aboriginal Women's Group, bush tucker presentations, didgeridoo workshops, dance workshops, an art exhibition, Aboriginal displays of tools and weapons and storytelling by Elders.

Performers on the program include the Blackseedz Dancers, Emma Donovan, Cindy Drummond, Freeman Dancers, Freshwater, Radical Son, Dan Sultan and Wire MC.

The Darkinjung people will also be



Many of the festivals feature activities for all the family.

asking for volunteers to participate in the Rainbow Snake parade for the closing ceremony, which will include stories of the land, the sea and the sky. The theme is 'Voices of the Valley', and it will be a celebration of traditional songs, danced by the Black Seeds.

The Peats Ridge Festival runs from 29 December to 1 January and is held in the Glenworth Valley, about an hour's drive north of Sydney.

Meanwhile, the **Woodford Folk Festival**, a favourite over the New Year's Weekend, 27 December-1 January, at

Woodford in south-east Queensland, will again feature the Murri Tent with speakers, artists, dancers, bands and singers. The line-up includes Casey Donovan, the Wakka Wakka Dancers, Impossible Odds, Street Warriors and comedian Sean Choolburra.

**The Falls Festival** will be held in both Lorne, Victoria, and Marion Bay, Tasmania, from 29 December to 1 January. The program includes singers Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody.

**The Rainbow Serpent Festival** will be held from 25-28 January, in Melbourne. It showcases a mix of grooves, atmospheres and rhythms. As part of its program there is an Indigenous component in the Lifestyle Village featuring Aboriginal Elders, speakers and traditional dance and song workshops.

● Other upcoming festivals include V Festival, the Big Day Out, Summerfieldaze, BBQ Breaks, The Feelgood Festival, Raggamuffin, Good Vibrations and the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

## Celebrating our Survival

**YABUN** – the concert celebrating Indigenous Australia's survival – will again be held in Sydney on 26 January. Another big line-up is planned for the Victoria Park venue, with top entertainers and special tents providing a wide range of information.

Organisers also expect more than 60 stalls serving up food, art and craft and merchandise.

They say there will be plenty of new things to do at the 2008 festival.

Readings and discussions will be held by Aboriginal writers including Romaine Moreton, Gayle Kennedy and Terri Janke in the Dhululuu Yala (speaking straight) venue.

A new tent sponsored by the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs will provide interactive information on family histories and languages, while the Gadigal tent will have a Merv Bishop photographic exhibition of the past five years of Yabun.

Another new addition will be a dance stage where anyone can get up and shake a leg. With Sean Choolburra MCing and Munki Muk DJing, organisers say it should be a lot of laughs and deadly moves.

Boomalili Artists Co-operative will be returning to showcase

### Yabun – The Facts

- Where: Victoria Park, Sydney
- When: 10am to 6pm.
- How much: Free
- Yabun is a No Drugs and Alcohol event
- Details: (02) 9564 5090

visual arts and crafts. Co-op Members will be available to do demonstrations or to talk about their work.

Organisers say the young won't miss out, either. There will be a Yabun Kids Zone and a youth tent on site with activities and demonstrations. The Elders tent will be in a prime position overlooking the stage.

Performers on the program this year include Buddy Knox, Shaz Lane, Kutcha Edwards, Dan Sultan, Dizzy Doolan, Frances Williams, Charlie Trindall and many others.

A Welcome to Country and a corroboree with NSW traditional dancers will signal the official opening of the festival just after noon, when the official music program will also begin.

The annual Yabun concert is presented by Gadigal Information Services, home of Koori Radio.



Traditional dancing was just one of the many attractions which drew more than 6000 people to last year's Yabun festival, held in Sydney on January 26.



# Human rights campaigners are honoured

## Keating's speech a 'reminder on rights'

ANTAR Victoria, Reconciliation Victoria and the LISTEN up! Campaign marked the 15th Anniversary of former Prime Minister Paul Keating's Redfern Speech.

They said the speech from 15 years ago was a reminder of how critical human rights was to restarting the reconciliation movement in the post-Howard Government environment.

"After 11 years of culture wars from the previous Federal Government, the new Rudd Government has an historic opportunity to revisit the sincerity and truth of the Redfern Speech and re-imagine reconciliation," they said.

"Our hope is that the Rudd Government will re-commit to the critical conversation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia so that human rights, cultural respect and principles of self-determination and community empowerment will become the new environment for Indigenous affairs.

"Despite the time we have lost in the false pathways of paternalism and covert assimilation, we have the opportunity to set things right once again between all our peoples."

### Clear sign

The three organisations believe a clear sign of this would be:

- The Australian Government carrying out its commitment to sign the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Saying 'sorry'
- A re-tuning of the Northern Territory Intervention so that Aboriginal communities are empowered to deal with child abuse, poor health and disadvantage.

They have called on the Rudd Government to respect Indigenous self-determination, connection and control of land and invest in Indigenous solutions, and not bureaucracies, so that the Indigenous peoples of Australia are no longer treated as political footballs.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Chairman Mick Adams supported the move to ratify the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and said that Human Rights Day would have been a good day to do it.

"We need urgently to see that the new Government is serious about our human rights," he said.

"A symbolic action of this nature would set the tone for the work over the next few months and convince us of this Government's real intention to do things differently.

"We still have not had a clear message on what this Government is going to do about the NT intervention which was and is an assault on our human rights if there ever was one.

"Mr Rudd must give us a sign today ... that he is serious about treating us as equal partners in the project of reconciliation and development."



Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission annual awards presentation winner author Alec Kruger.

broadcaster and musician Kutcha Edwards.

Indigenous arts broadcaster Janina Harding took part in the live broadcasts at the women's prison, the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre.

"I had the opportunity to spend the afternoon with women who I see as the forgotten people in our community. *Beyond the Bars* let these women shine, in a place that can be seen as so cold and isolating," she said.

In 2004, 3CR won the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Radio Award.

**I**N Darwin, The Chooky Dancers, famous for their interpretation of the Zorba dance, highlighted Human Rights Day and the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights in Darwin. They performed in the foyer of the Supreme Court in Darwin.

**A**ND in Canberra, the Aboriginal Youth for Human Rights group highlighted the importance of human rights declaration.

Nangala Daylight-Lacey from the group said: "Australia now has many cultures and we all have to learn to live together, and Youth for Human Rights organisations will be a powerful

educational tool in order to achieve this.

"The Australian Peoples must recognise that Aboriginal peoples are the First Nations in this country and our human rights are just as important as any other human being in the world.

"We have a right to a nationality and our nationality derives from an ancient civilisation that all Australians should be proud of.

"Australia was founded on the blood of Aboriginal peoples and the convicts that were treated inhumanely. How could these people establish a stable society when their human rights were violated? The violated becomes the violator. This must stop in order to make human rights a reality."

● An 18 page Information Kit on the Human Rights Day can be found at website [www2.ohchr.org/English/events/UDHR60/index.htm](http://www2.ohchr.org/English/events/UDHR60/index.htm)

● To get a copy of the *Beyond the Bars* 4 CD contact Bree on (03) 9419 8377 or (0413) 895 527.

● The Youth for Human Rights organisations will be seeking memberships in the New Year.

LEADING Indigenous Australians have been honoured at the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's (HREOC) annual awards presentation.

Held on Human Rights Day – December 10 – a feature of the awards is the presentation of the Human Rights Medal.

This year's celebration also marked the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 by United Nations.

Among those honoured this year were:

● Kimberley activist Mark Bin Bakar – highly commended for the Human Rights Medal.

● The Northern Land Council – winner of the Community (Organisation) Award.

● The 'Voices from the Heart of the Nation' series, by the Warpiri Association in partnership with Reconciliation Australia and News Limited, and published in *The Australian* newspaper – highly commended for the Print Media Award.

● *The Circuit*, a TV series starring Aaron Pederson, and produced by Ross Hutchens and Colin South of Media World Pictures, screened on SBS Television – Television Award winner.

● *Liyan Ngarn*, produced by Patrick Dodson, Linglari Foundation, screened at the Bunjilaka Museum, Melbourne – highly commended for the Television Award.

● *Alone on the Soaks – The Life and Times of Alec Kruger*, by Alec Kruger and Gerard Waterford – winner of the Arts Non-Fiction Award.

● Redfern Legal Centre – winner of the Law Award

● Jeremy Jones, who does voluntary work in Indigenous, Jewish and Muslim communities as well as other minority groups – winner of the Human Rights Medal.

The timing of Human Rights Day also coincided with the launch of 'Us Taken-Away Kids: Commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report'.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Tom Calma, said: "Human Rights Day is a time where we celebrate the achievements of our fellow Australians..."

"I am delighted that joining us here today we have Mark Bin Bakar and Alec Kruger – two men who were honoured at the Human Rights Awards ... for their contribution to the promotion of human rights in Australia for work that predominately relates to the Stolen Generations."

Mr Calma congratulated both men and said the timing of the release of 'Us Taken-Away Kids' could not be better as it came at a time of great importance to the future of our nation.

**A**LSO Celebrating World Human Rights Day was radio station 3CR 855AM in Melbourne which launched the *Beyond the Bars* 4 CD, a compilation of highlights from 3CR's 2007 NAIDOC Week live broadcasts.

The live broadcasts took place with Indigenous inmates in three Victorian prisons – Port Phillip, Fulham and the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, Deer Park.

The broadcasts were preceded by oral and music writing workshops presented by 3CR



## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



### Quote



Native title never was, and never will be, a solution for all sources of Indigenous disadvantage, but it has provided a platform for recognising and respecting Indigenous Australians and, as a by-product, is creating economic and other opportunities for some groups.

— National Native Title Tribunal President  
Graeme Neate

### Unquote

## There are too many targets

**A**s horrific as it is, it is crucial that the story of the 10-year-old Aurukun girl gang-raped by nine men and teenagers in her home community stays with us longer than a few days of newsprint or airtime.

Cape York leader Noel Pearson says the rape is just the tip of the iceberg. Some might dispute this but, if he's right, it gives us a clue of where the fingers of blame might point. That is almost everywhere, because if this kind of depraved behaviour is anywhere close to common or normal in Aurukun — or any other community for that matter — a lot of people must have known about it, and for a long time.

Certainly, while their defence lawyers would have spoken of mitigating factors, the girl's attackers must accept primary responsibility for their actions.

They have pleaded guilty, presumably saving the victim unnecessary further trauma. But then there are others who may not have been directly involved but have allowed a system capable of such failure to endure and flourish.

These might include community members who may have turned a blind eye, or everyone else, from policy makers and public servants to parliamentarians and police.

There will be some who say 'it was not I'. But they should know that inaction and indifference can be as lethal as some misguided action. An example is when child safety officer positions go unfilled due to budget constraints — essentially, governments that don't try hard enough to recruit the right people, and enough of them, to these challenging and crucial positions.



### OUR SAY

Could it really be that our communities and those who serve us are so de-sensitised to such unthinkable trauma and misery?

The fact that the girl's rape appears to have attracted little public and media attention when it happened nearly two years ago seems to point to this.

It was only the sentencing judge's leniency towards the girl's attackers that has now propelled it quite rightly on to front pages and news bulletins around the world.

The review of all Cape sexual offences during the past two years is going to have to be carried out very carefully. The view that victims should be given the choice of proceeding any further than a paper-based assessment has a lot of merit.

The thing is, finger-pointing — justified or not — will get us nowhere. Scapegoating may make some of us feel better for a short time but only until the same thing happens again with different players because the things that needed fixing weren't fixed.

That, too, would be a crime. If there was ever a basis for a Royal Commission, this would be it.

● A merry Christmas and safe and happy new year to all our readers, advertisers and friends.

## A Yarn With...



### Karen Peresan

Downer, ACT (originally from Wreck Bay)

Where are you spending Christmas?

In Canberra, at home with all of the kids, five children and two grandkids.

Favourite holiday destination?

Wreck Bay and at home in Canberra.

Favourite bushtucker?

Geebungs.

Favourite other food?

I love grilled fish such as mullet.

Favourite drink?

Scotch.

Favourite music?

Everything except for heavy metal.

What are you reading at the moment?

Nothing.

What are you watching?

Nothing.

Hobbies?

Bingo, gardening and spending time with my grandkids.

What has been the highlight of your life so far?

My kids and grandkids.

What do you like in life?

Family.

What do you dislike?

Unnecessarily nasty people. There's no need for it, we can all show respect.

Who inspires you?

My mum Bertha, my dad John Ardler and my brother John, all of whom have passed away now. I miss them all. I have been told by my mob that I look like my mum.

If you could do one thing to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, what would it be? I'd take us back to our traditional ways.

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# Judge's ruling unpardonable



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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'The girl involved was not forced and she probably agreed to have sex with all of you'.

Once again, I'm flabbergasted at this unpardonable call by the judge and pose the obvious question – how can a 10-year-old girl consent willingly to participate in an unlawful act?

Queensland Attorney-General Kerry Shine, commenting on ABC radio on the day the story broke, said: "It really is hard to imagine how these sentences are in line with community expectations. Under Queensland law a child under 12 cannot give consent to sexual intercourse."

This case has clearly demonstrated a strong argument in favour of permanently relieving the judge of her position – one in which she can no longer hold with any credibility.

Predictable outrage was aired on all media coverage of this extraordinary story, from prominent Australians who are still coming to terms with this sickening

crime: Prime Minister Rudd expressed his dismay; Premier Anna Bligh called for a full inquiry into all judgments of sexual assault cases in Cape York over the past couple of years; and respected Indigenous leaders Grace Smallwood, Boni Robertson and Sam Watson called for the immediate resignation of Judge Bradley.

Commendably, Queensland Attorney-General Shine, on advice from the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) Leanne Clare, appealed the judgment.

In the days that followed Koch's initial story, there were further exposures of those complicit in this little girl's case.

*The Courier Mail* revealed that the little girl in question was also the victim of serious sexual assaults when she was aged five and eight.

*The Australian* produced transcripts of the sentencing on 24 October that revealed the Crown Prosecutor, Steve Carter, describing the gang rape – in which the girl contracted a sexually transmitted disease – as 'consensual sex', saying: "To the extent I can't say it was consensual in the legal sense, but in the general sense, the non-legal sense, yes, it was."

Mr Carter suggested a non-custodial sentence for all the accused, including the three aged 17, 18 and 26.

In his brief submission on sentencing to Judge Bradley, Mr Carter said the Crown would not be asking for any more than 'some form of supervisory order, form of probation, or some similar order to that'.

He added that there was no victim impact material that could be considered by the court.

"My submission in relation to this particular offence (rape) is the same that I make in relation to children of that age – of similar or the same age – is to quote, well, they're very naughty for doing what they're doing but it's really, in this case, it was a form of childish experimentation rather than one child being prevailed upon by another," Mr Carter told the court.

"Although she was very young, she knew what was going on and she had agreed to meet the children at this particular place and it was all by arrangement, so for that purpose."

The day after Koch's second successive front-page story in *The Australian* on 11 December that exposed the Crown Prosecutor

and his travesty of justice in this case – he (Carter) was stood down from his position pending an investigation by his department.

It was further revealed by Koch, who spoke to a senior departmental official, that two new social workers who were appointed to the north in recent years expressed the view that putting an Indigenous child with white foster parents was another Stolen Generation.

Koch also added that these new social workers convinced the department with this rubbish and the girl was taken from Cairns to Aurukun – against the wishes of her mother who was happy with the arrangements with the white foster parents – back to where she was being abused previously and where she had contracted syphilis as a little child.

Koch reported that the girl was constantly unsupervised in Aurukun, with the result that she was constantly raped.

After an internal Child Safety Departmental report into this case, one of the officers was sacked and two others were suspended.

In a separate ruling in 2001 – that further demonstrates her incompetence to hold down her esteemed position – Judge Bradley imposed a wholly suspended jail term, without conviction, on a 17-year-old youth who raped his grandmother.

The court was told the youth raped his grandmother while she was in a drunken sleep.

So what is the future of Aurukun and other remote Indigenous communities who appear incapable of policing their own citizens?

When *Courier Mail* journalist Peter Michael reported his conversation with Aurukun Mayor Neville Pootchamunka on 11 December, the Mayor's remarks raised more questions than answers.

"I don't want to comment about it," he said. "If I do, my community will read it and they will say the Mayor got involved. They will say I had something to do with it (the men getting off)."

"I am not aware of the rape. Of course, I am the leader. Of course I have a strong opinion."

He added: "I think this is all a lot of crap."

Whether the Mayor was being evasive and subsequently misrepresented by *The Courier Mail*, I can't comment – but suffice to say that he needs to seriously assess if he is the visionary leader

that the Aurukun community needs at this dire time in their lives.

I would suggest Mayor Pootchamunka and his councillors read the paper titled *Addressing Extreme Disadvantage Through Investment in Capability Development*, presented by Dr Ken Henry, Secretary to the Treasury, to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Conference 'Australia's Welfare 2007' in Canberra on 6 December.

In his paper, Dr Henry outlines seven steps that, if followed, would go a long way to addressing the chronic social problems that many communities like Aurukun currently experience, including:

First, and fundamentally, there must be basic protective security from violence for Indigenous parents and children.

Second: There is strong international evidence that early childhood development interventions, coupled with parental support to develop appropriate at-home learning environments, provide a critical foundational base for young children.

Third: The home environment needs to be conducive to regular patterns of sleep and study, free from overcrowding and distraction.

Fourth: There needs to be ready access to suitable primary health service infrastructure.

Fifth: Particularly in an environment where real jobs are not currently the norm, incentives in the welfare system cannot be allowed to work against the promotion of investment in human capital, particularly of children through the provision of safe and healthy living environments and their attendance at school.

Sixth: There must be a realistic prospect of an educated Indigenous person securing a real job, with the support of appropriate employment services.

Seventh: Governance systems have to support the 'political freedom' and 'social opportunities' of local Indigenous people (both men and women) to be engaged in policy development.

I hope Mayor Pootchamunka and his Aurukun councillors take the time to read Dr Henry's insightful paper.

And a word of warning for those delinquent youth and misguided adults of Aurukun of the company they keep – to take heed of Denis Diderot's famous quote: "We are far more liable to catch the vices than the virtues of our associates."

Denis Diderot, French philosopher and writer (1713-1784), once said: "We are far more liable to catch the vices than the virtues of our associates."

Just when you think the most vulnerable members of our Indigenous communities around the nation, women and children, are finally getting attention from the right people in positions of influence – as a consequence of the publication *The Little Children Are Sacred* report – along comes a ruling from a judge that sets our cause back to the days of the caveman.

With no offence intended for devotees of the caveman, I'm aghast at the audacity of Cairns-based District Court Judge Sarah Bradley to not impose a custodial sentence for nine perpetrators who pleaded guilty to the pack rape of a 10-year-old girl in the remote Cape York Indigenous community of Aurukun.

Tony Koch, chief reporter of *The Australian*, wrote on 10 December the most probing, yet nauseating, account of child abuse I have read.

Under the dramatic front-page headline 'Child rape sentence pathetic', Koch lays bare the savagery of abuse that continues to afflict not only Aurukun, but a significant number of our remote Indigenous communities.

Former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough raised another frightful sexual assault on a minor in Parliament on 12 September last year when he said: "I am... aware of the allegation of the rape of a 12-year-old boy in Maningrida, in Arnhem Land, in the Northern Territory... (the boy) was raped by five juveniles and five adults from that community."

In his article, Koch reported nine males who pleaded guilty last month to gang-rape of a 10-year-old girl at the Aurukun Aboriginal community on Cape York have escaped a prison term, with the sentencing judge saying the child victim probably agreed to have sex with them.

I had to stop reading when I read the phrase 'probably agreed' as it sat so incongruously with my perception of what I believed a judge's archetypal stance on such issues would be that I simply had to go over those words again in case I misread Koch's article.

The reason I was so incensed by that particular observation of the judge is because I have a daughter who has only just turned 12. In many ways, the age of the victim plays appreciably into this debate, as does race, and only exacerbates the gravity of those wretched words of an eminent judicial figure who is also the President of the Australian Association of Women Judges and a member of the District Court Judges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee.

To make matters worse, if it can be so, Koch's article also referred to Judge Bradley's order that the six teenage juveniles not even have a conviction recorded for the 2005 offence, and that they be placed on a 12-month probation order.

When sentencing the co-accused on 24 October at Aurukun, Judge Bradley noted

'So what is the future of Aurukun and other remote Indigenous communities who appear incapable of policing their own citizens?'



# Highs, lows of 2007

**T**HIS year has been one of celebration for many people involved in native title, and disappointment for others. It also saw the most significant changes to the Native Title Act in a decade.

During the year the total number of determinations of native title reached 108; 73 of them that native title exists. Most of the determinations (87) were made by agreement or were unopposed.

The importance of negotiating outcomes, and not getting bogged down unnecessarily in expensive and time-consuming litigation, was highlighted this year by Australia's 100th native title determination.

The Gunditjmarra people's determination over parts of Victoria's western district showed that native title can deliver positive results to all involved when people get together to talk through the issues and come to agreement.

The number of registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) also rose this year, to a total of 308. Together, they cover more than 11 per cent of the area of Australia.

The number of registered ILUAs has doubled over the past couple of years, showing that they have become an

## Native Title and You



By National Native Title Tribunal President GRAEME NEATE

increasingly popular way to progress native title claims and resolve other land-use issues.

Some native title determinations are helped along by the negotiation of ILUAs that resolve issues before a determination is made.

In February, for example, the Githabul people signed the largest ILUA ever made in New South Wales. It involves national parks and state forests in the Kyogle, Woodenbong and Tenterfield areas. The ILUA was a step towards a consent determination, which was made in November.

A recent native title determination in far north Queensland came about after the completion of 15 ILUAs. The Eastern Kuku Yalanji native title holders now have a greater management role in parks and some reserves, and they own 16,500ha of Aboriginal freehold land for residential and economic development. The national park estate between Cooktown and Mossman was doubled and environmental and cultural values are preserved.

The system, however, does not always produce certainty of outcomes. The long-awaited Federal Court decision about claims over a large part of the Goldfields region of Western Australia did not include a determination of native title. The Wongatha and overlapping claims were dismissed, leaving unresolved the question of whether native title exists in some or all of the area.

With the 15th anniversary of the Mabo decision being commemorated in June, we should look back beyond the past 12 months to see what has been achieved.

Native title never was, and never will be, a solution for all sources of Indigenous disadvantage, but it has provided a platform for recognising and respecting Indigenous Australians and, as a by-product, is creating economic and

other opportunities for some groups.

Along with those outcomes, there has been a change in attitudes and processes in recent decades. The resolution of Noonkanbah earlier this year provided an opportunity to see the shift. In 1979, Noonkanbah station, in Western Australia, was the centre of a highly publicised dispute over proposed petroleum drilling in the area of a sacred site. Some 28 years after that confrontation, a determination of exclusive native title was made by agreement of all parties.

With amendments to the Native Title Act implemented in 2007, we have entered the next era of native title. The amendments are part of a package of reforms aimed at encouraging agreement-making and providing outcomes more efficiently and effectively.

But those initiatives will only produce agreed outcomes sooner if parties engage with each other in good faith and with a commitment to finding practical, just and enduring outcomes.

The Tribunal looks forward to working with you next year to achieve such outcomes. In the meantime, I extend my very best wishes to you for an enjoyable and satisfying Christmas season.

# Line dancers off to Tamworth

NSW

A DANCE troupe of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people from Sydney will

showcase dance for fitness as part of an initiative called 'Dancing with The Stars Under The Stars' at Australia's biggest Country Music Festival. The Redfern-based Koori Line Dance group aims to raise

public awareness that diabetes and cardiovascular diseases are the two highest causes of death for Aboriginal people.

For the past six months, the Koori Line Dance Troupe has been raising funds in public performance and other events to fund attendance at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

As thousands are expected to

attend the northern NSW festival, the Aboriginal Medical Service in Redfern has invited some of Australia's famous Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal celebrities to also participate.

The troupe is also calling on other Aboriginal line dancing groups or individuals to join them in Tamworth to unite in the health campaign.

The line dancing troupe was born from a group of local Aboriginal women who were concerned about their own health as well as the health of their families and communities.

The Koori Line Dance Troupe is run by the Aboriginal Medical Service at Redfern in partnership with Sydney South-West Area Health Service and is held in

conjunction with a number of other health programs. It is one of Australia's most successful initiatives to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people get active and motivated in trying to improve their own health.

● To become involved in the group or to donate, contact Kerry Welsh on phone (02) 9780 2750, email [kerry.welsh@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kerry.welsh@sswahs.nsw.gov.au) or Janice Nixon on phone (02) 9319 5823, email [amsredfern@amsredfern.org.au](mailto:amsredfern@amsredfern.org.au) or Richard Porritt on phone (02) 9319 5823, or send an email to [rporritt@amsredfern.org.au](mailto:rporritt@amsredfern.org.au)

## Whadjuk Correction

In our last edition we published an article about Whadjuk Radio winning an award during its first year of operation.

However, the article incorrectly stated that Whadjuk Radio was the only Aboriginal radio program on air in Perth at the present time.

Community radio station RTRFM 92.1 features a specialist Aboriginal program called 'Bordak Bordak Ngaria' which plays 'the best Aboriginal music from around the country, along with discussion on topical issues and events'.

The program, which has been running for many years, goes to air every Monday night from 7pm and is presented by Carol Innes, Maurice Agale, Wes Ford and Jessie Lloyd.

Sorry you mob!  
— Perth Correspondent  
Ken Boase



The Koori Line Dance Troupe from Redfern.





Pam Pederson pays tribute to her mum and dad, Lady Gladys and Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls, as a statue of the couple is unveiled

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# Apology needs key elements

## YOUR POETRY

Have you published a poem in *The Koori Mail*?

If you have, then it will have been indexed in the AustLit database: [www.austlit.edu.au](http://www.austlit.edu.au)

But if you are Indigenous you can't yet be listed in the Black Words: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers and Storytellers subset until AustLit receives more information about you.

Please email your details to AustLit at [info-austlit@austlit.edu.au](mailto:info-austlit@austlit.edu.au):

- Name
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To have a look at AustLit and Black Words, go to [www.austlit.edu.au](http://www.austlit.edu.au) and when prompted use the following access details:

User name: bwkm  
Password: guest  
And keep on writing!

## Sorry

To the Federal Opposition Leader, Dr Brendan Nelson

You said you wanted to say 'sorry'. You couldn't. What stopped you? A lightning bolt, a raging fire, volcanic lava searing down a mountainside or crazy kookaburras laughing at the mere thought of the word recanting across generations.

You trod on a stick. You heard the stick break. You stepped on Indigenous hearts. You saw gross wet patches and truckloads of salt forming. In this soul-flooding moment you still weren't convinced.

"Sorry isn't about us," you said. "It's about the plundering of past generations so we have nothing to apologise for." Now the bark is shredded. Now the sap runs. Now kookaburras remain silent without the word 'sorry' being carved into the trunks of emaciated gum trees by any Coalition.

MARUNTA HOPE  
Via email

## Untitled

What you want a box at shadows for, Uncle? We know your spirit is tired of war. No one recognises your spirit now or the warriors who have gone before.

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the Government is determined to do what it can to repair the damage.

● A commitment that such policies will never again be attempted. The attitudes which shaped the removal policies are not dead. The NT Intervention shows that a Federal Government can still implement a wide-ranging initiative affecting Aboriginal people while practically ignoring the ideas and experience of community leaders.

Such an apology could be a turning point in the painful history of our relationship – if it is supported by a strong community response. We hope that, in the coming weeks, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups will meet together, all over the country, and plan local events which reflect the national apology. Let us take this chance to make a new start – to put 11 mean-spirited years behind us, and launch out together, Government and community each playing their part, to create a country in which Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders can contribute wholeheartedly to our national life.

CHRISTINE KING and  
PHIL ELSEGOOD  
Co-chairs, Stolen  
Generations Alliance  
Australians for Healing, Truth  
and Justice



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd

THE Stolen Generation Alliance warmly appreciates the Prime Minister's commitment to say sorry to the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. In our view, the apology should include:

● An acknowledgement of the impact on individuals. We hope the Parliament can hear from people who were removed. After so much obfuscation, there is a need to inform our political leaders and, through them, the Australian public, about the impact of the removal policies.

● An acceptance of responsibility for the harm that was done. We hope for a return to the practice whereby our Government accepts responsibility for the consequences of earlier Government policies, especially as the Federal Government was responsible for the Northern Territory during the years when well over 1000 Aboriginal children were removed.

● A willingness to make reparation. We are grateful for the Government's commitment to expand the services bringing together separated Aboriginal families. This is one of the few Bringing Them Home recommendations which have been implemented – though very half-heartedly. A commitment to give the report serious attention would show that

# Two Stolen Generations mobs

FOR the first time in the history of this great land, the Prime Minister is on the verge of apologising to the Stolen Generations and, if we're lucky, to all Aboriginal people.

Given the trans-generational trauma that affects all our people, today and for many tomorrows to come, this apology will help heal the past government policies and practices.

So now, when the new PM has the wisdom to consult us to ensure that he uses the right words on that very special day, what have we

got? Two mobs purporting to represent the Stolen Generations.

Two mobs who, no matter how passionate they are about why they chose separate ways to represent Stolen Generations, need to present a joint effort to advise the Prime Minister on proper way to say sorry.

For the first time in our culture's history, we have an opportunity to reflect the wisdom of our ancestors – ancestors who have prevailed over more years than any white culture, so

let's not reflect the influence of the divisive culture that permeates our land.

Let's join together for the sake of this very important opportunity. Not for ourselves but for our children so that they may look back in another 220 years and be inspired by the magnitude of their ancestors to overcome their personal issues and work together.

Two Stolen Generations mob... one sorry?

NAME AND ADDRESS WITHHELD

# Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A big thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you. We try to fit in as many reader contributions as we can. You can help us by making sure that your letters are 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. We'd prefer letters and poems to be even shorter;

this will increase your chances of being published.

Also, even if sent via email, all letters and poems 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. After that, we're happy to withhold names and addresses upon request.

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

Lastly, remember too that we're happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they're of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met.

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# A worthy memorial

By PAM PEDERSON

**D**ECEMBER in Melbourne is a hectic time. People dash from Christmas party to Christmas party, shoppers crowd streets and malls in search of gifts, workers busily finish the year's projects as everyone gets ready to celebrate the festive season with close friends and family.

This year, December in Melbourne has meant something different to me. It is a time when I have been able to reflect on the life and work of my parents and to invite hundreds of other people to join me in celebrating their lives.

I am the daughter of Pastor Sir Douglas and Lady Gladys Nicholls.

Sunday 9 December was the official unveiling of a memorial statue of my parents in Melbourne's Parliament Gardens.

It was a very touching experience and the hundreds of people who turned out meant a lot to me and my family.

Four years ago, the idea of a statue to honour my parents was suggested by Andrew Jackomos.

I remember thinking at the time what a hurdle it was going to be to firstly get local and state government to support the idea, to find the right amount of funding to meet the costs, and then for the family to be happy with the final outcome, which obviously involved lots of meetings and discussion.

And looking back, I was right, it was a long and challenging hurdle for us.

But it was worth it because it rekindled the memory of my parents and reinvigorated all of those things that they fought so hard for – justice, equality and understanding.

About a fortnight ago I was watching some old news footage. It showed Dad marching down Flinders Street with Aboriginal people from Lake Tyers who were protesting about their land being taken away. The march ended in Parliament Gardens – the very place where Mum and Dad's memorial statue now stands.

I grew up in a very loving family. My mum and dad were very generous people. I remember the many fundraising activities. In their day government was not so supportive and understanding about the needs of the Aboriginal community and there was very little government funding to go around.

Instead, many ordinary non-Aboriginal people were happy to help our cause and to give generously.

Mum started up Opportunity Shops in Fitzroy. She loved her work in the Opportunity Shop and was really happy being involved on the various committees. Dad, of course, was a famous sportsman and then humble pastor, much loved by people throughout Australia. They had many friends from all walks of life, both

here in Australia and from overseas.

I remember the church services and how Dad brought football teams into the service and how popular they were.

The Christmas trees that were organised each year for our children brought a big smile to many a young face. I still remember their beaming faces so many Christmases later.

And, of course, the holiday flats at Queenscliffe that provided the opportunity for families to spend time together right near the beach.

Dad received many awards for his work. He was a Victorian Father of the Year; he received an OBE, and was knighted; he became the first Aboriginal Governor of South Australia – the only Aboriginal Governor in Australia to date. Not bad for a man who went to third grade at a mission school!

My parents were strong people. And they were surrounded by other strong Aboriginal people who had so little, but gave so much. I know I don't just speak for myself when I say they inspired people.

I also speak for my brothers and sisters – Lilian, Nora, Bevan and my younger brother Ralph who I know is watching on.

I can see the teachings and passions of my parents in many things that I do. Dad passed on to me his love of sport, and both passed on to me the strong sense of social justice and the understanding of how important it is to give help to people in need. Growing up, I lived and breathed this philosophy.

With Christmas upon us there is so much emphasis on spending money, but it is important to focus on what is really important.

There are many people across the country who are struggling, and people in our community who need a hand.

At this time of year, I urge everyone to think about those who are less fortunate. We all have the ability to help someone in need – be it donating to a charity, buying a present for a child who won't get any gifts or simply uttering some kind words of support and love to someone who's struggling.

I remember Christmas in our house always involved lots of people – a big, happy, noisy occasion – with people joining us from all over the country. I still have these big, happy, noisy Christmases with my own family.

Although Mum and Dad aren't with us, I know they're watching over us.

The memorial to my parents has meant a great deal to me and it is fitting that its unveiling took place in the month of



The statue of Pastor Sir Douglas and Lady Gladys Nicholls, unveiled this month in Melbourne's Parliament Gardens (see report Page 3).

Christmas – also the month of my father's birthday. It is a wonderful tribute to them and to the resilience and strength of all those Aboriginal people who had so little but gave a lot.

Louis Laumen is the brilliant artist who created the statue. Louis was so inclusive of the family while he developed this labour of love and I thank him and his lovely wife for being so respectful.

My parents' statue is a first in the City of Melbourne and I hope it is not the last. I hope there are many other statues built to honour the Aboriginal community leaders who fought for equal rights and better conditions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

● Pam Pederson is a Yorta Yorta Elder who sits on the Victorian Koori Court, and is very involved in public reconciliation work.

She was in her early 20s when the 1967 Referendum on Aboriginal citizenship was held. Pam's father, Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls, was one of the people who launched the campaign for constitutional change with a petition 50 years ago (in April 1957), and as a teenager and young woman she was swept up in her parents' campaigning and lobbying. Pam is a competitive swimmer and triathlete.



## YOUR POETRY

● From previous page

What you wanta die of a broken heart  
When we should have celebrated your life.  
Strong men who never surrendered country  
Never give up without a fight.

Tired of war  
Tired of war  
Tired of war.

Why you wanta go into the night  
There are other hands to hold those spears.  
What you wanta try to negotiate  
When all they know is lies and fear.

Call up the storm and smite them now  
Bring down the reign of fear  
Whip up the winds and wipe them out.

Shake a leg and deafen ears.  
Sing like Gooroogen, brrrrr hah.  
Fall down fire and rain  
Burn down the culture of a foreign land.  
And we will begin again.

Always was, always will be  
Aboriginal land.

SHARON LIVERMORE  
Kempsey, NSW

## My Country

I love the open country  
This famous land of ours  
Where the animals and the flora  
Do us very proud

People come from everywhere  
To this our land to see  
How great it is to live  
In this land so wild and free

If I were to travel overseas  
I would not be there long  
For I'd miss the great Australia  
And our national song

Give me these wide-open spaces  
Where I love to roam  
For I am a true Australian  
And this is my own dear home.

MARGARET ARMSTRONG  
Queensland

## White Bellied Sea Eagle

Guardian of the bay  
surveyor of the sea  
soaring atop the currents  
of creativity.

With respect and  
constant wonder  
I gaze at you  
in awe.

Then reflect  
on sacred stories  
and frayed threads  
of tribal lore.

Despite the cancer  
of colonisation  
you reignite  
our imagination.

By gliding through  
the air with grace,  
a commanding presence  
in this your place.

JONATHAN HILL  
Old Erowai Bay, NSW



# White justice is wrong

I WONDER how the little ten-year-old north Queensland victim of sexual abuse feels about the very public discussion of her case. She must be cringing.

The witch-hunt is on. Prosecutor Steve Carter and Judge Sarah Bailey may have had all the relevant facts before them, but that will not save them from politicians wanting to sacrifice them to the mass hysteria.

The offenders admitted the wrong of their behaviour by pleading guilty.

To blindly impose a much harsher penalty could not help the victim, and in trying to help the little girl rebuild her life, a harsher penalty is more likely to have been counter-productive.

It is no more wrong for the court to consider the attitude of the victim's Aboriginal community she will eventually return to than it is for Premier Bligh to insist her white community attitudes must prevail.

Focusing on a harsh deterrent sentence might please the politically correct, but it would hardly be much help to the victim in this case.

She has to have her life rebuilt with the help of her family and community. The prosecutor and the judge must have had this in mind. Those who insist the little girl be kept isolated from the 'evil blacks' should revisit the child when she is 40 years old, after going from foster home to foster home, isolated in white society and not allowed back to her own.

We entrust the courts to deal with complex and sensitive legal factors, then become outraged when the result does not suit us.

We should not be wrongly accused of condoning rape because some of us better understand the complexities courts look at in order to better protect others from similar treatment. Harsh penalties have not yet stopped murders and rapes, so instead of sending a very public message that white attitudes prevail again and Aborigines have to follow suit, we should be encouraging Aboriginal communities to take full responsibility.

The sexual abuse of this ten-year-old

Aboriginal child should ideally have been dealt with by the community from which she comes. Apparently, this is not possible because of the breakdown in community authority and, it is claimed, moral standards.

If Aboriginal society is as dysfunctional as some suggest, the abusive behaviour must have been learned from, and the dysfunction caused by, influences of white society.

There is no evidence that Aboriginal

society was in the same state of social and moral decay before whites came. To yet again impose the will of outsiders, no matter how well intentioned, is to cause further dysfunction, forcing police and courts to do their best to deal with the symptoms.

Instead of Premier Bligh showing leadership on this complex issue, she further undermines Aboriginal community responsibility by insisting Aboriginal offenders are dealt with exactly as are

white offenders. Shades of John Howard.

Premier Bligh does nothing to encourage Aboriginal communities to reinvigorate the cultural integrity that includes protection of children and in the long term her approach will cause more harm than good.

**MICHAEL MANSELL**  
Legal Director, Tasmanian  
Aboriginal Centre  
Launceston, Tasmania



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### A Matter of Consequence

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observe this land  
that is now bare.

Most proceed  
without thought or  
care  
for this spiritual  
sanctuary  
we're meant to  
share.

More land is cleared  
new buildings  
raised,  
toxic waste dump  
proposals  
ensure an early  
grave.

Silently the ghosts  
of millennia past  
refuse to submit  
to modernity's farce.

They rise through  
the soil  
then into the air,  
seeking revenge  
for two centuries of  
despair.

To politicians and  
others  
who've never been  
fair,  
I strongly suggest,  
beware, beware...

The wrath of those  
spirits  
who live in the  
earth,  
those ancient  
guardians  
who lived here first.

**JONATHAN HILL**  
Old Errowal Bay,  
NSW



## Searching for Eric Parker

MY name is Kaylene Atkinson (aka Simpson). I'm 27 and originally from Griffith, NSW.

I was living in Morisset, near Newcastle, for a year in 2006 and I met a man there. We became good friends and I'm trying to find him.

He is originally from Kintore, west of Alice Springs. His name is Eric Parker (AKA Jamadi) and he is aged 24-25.

I've been trying to find him but obviously haven't succeeded.

I cherish the friendship we had, and he was the first Aboriginal person I had ever met who lived the traditional way in Kintore and he amazed me.

He inspired me to get more into our amazing culture.

Jamadi is a good man, and I would appreciate everything you could do for me to find him.

**KAYLENE ATKINSON**  
Emu Plains CC  
Penrith NSW

# Aboriginal inmates – incarcerated, forgotten

Front-page news! Jail life is boring, barbaric.

Such revelations. Why does it take the account of a millionaire to bring such an account to society?

In South Australia, 70 per cent of Aboriginal inmates are waiting for their trial. Of them, 70 per cent will receive a sentence less than the time already spent.

(South Australian Premier) Mr Rann ignores the recommendations of the Parole

Board. Young Aboriginal men break laws so as to be with fathers and uncles.

The Social Inclusion Board recommends that Aboriginal boys should be excluded from society; the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody have been thrown out the window and smashed on the North Terrace pavement.

All this without a mention in *The Australian* or payment to a charity by a

glossy magazine. Is the inference that jail is easier for one group of people than another?

And tomorrow's headline? 'Hang nails cause pain to famous model!'

**DAVID WRIGHT**  
Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, Mobile Aboriginal Patrol and Chaplain – Port Augusta Prison  
Port Augusta, SA

## Look who's talking...

In response to Michael Mansell in *The Koori Mail* (5 December), who said: "Mr Pearson broke the golden rule of the Aboriginal movement. Aboriginal issues are above party politics..."

Blah blah – look who's talking, Mr Mansell.

It seems to me that Mr Mansell is feeding his own ego lately.

**ANITA McGRATH**  
Sloping Main, Tasmania

## Dead-ends in family search

I have traced my great, great grandmother to the mission in Wellington 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 am not sure.

She married Henry Phillips in 1854 and was married by William Watson at Euromebang, in Wellington. They moved to Warren, 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 of English descent.

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

**FAY D'LOUHY**  
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Ettalong NSW 2257  
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## 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.

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# A fine actor, role model

**Stanley (Jarnoowarny) Mirindo**  
Fitzroy Crossing, WA  
10 October 1960 –  
11 October 2007

**A**BORIGINAL actor and dancer Jarnoowarny Mirindo – Stanley to his many whitefella mates – was a Gooniyandi man, born on 10 October 1960 at Fitzroy Crossing, in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

He was a striking figure, long and lanky, his wild black hair contrasting sharply with his quiet dignity and graceful hands that expressed his feelings about his land and culture.

His legs, long and thin like a brolga's, were made for dancing and tracking noiselessly through his traditional land.

Stanley put these talents to memorable use in films such as *Dead Heart*, where he starred with Bryan Brown and Ernie Dingo in a powerful drama of a clash between tribal Aboriginal and western law.

Stanley played Tjuppu Tjangala, last of the desert people, whose father's death in the town lock-up set the scene for retribution in a desolate settlement west of Alice Springs.

Stanley's father founded the Bayulu Community on land excised from Gogo Station, outside Fitzroy Crossing. He married two sisters.

Stanley's mother was a domestic worker, and his father the station gardener at Gogo. The birth certificate called him Yates, not Stanley, which he thought might be after the Yates seeds his father planted.

As a small boy, Stanley was

excited when the circus came to town. He thought, 'I want to entertain people like that'.

Then it seemed like a dream – Aboriginal entertainers were scarce in the 1960s.

At first Stanley studied book-keeping in Port Hedland, then community development at the South Australian Institute of Technology, and later in Darwin.

But more powerful was the lure of drama and dance.

In 1989, Stanley trained in Sydney with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance Theatre for six months.

In 1999, when interviewed by Marg Carroll for her book *Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives*, Stanley said he did acting to get away from trouble.

"It gave me confidence to get out of my shell. I was a wild lad, drinking, messing around with my mates," he said.

His life changed in 1990 when in Broome he saw Jimmy Chi's brilliant musical *Bran Nue Dae*, a story of an Aboriginal boy trying to find his family.

Stanley successfully auditioned for the national tour in 1993. He described performing in front of live audiences, particularly children, as a real buzz. He could see the joy, anguish, surprise – everything the actors conveyed mirrored on the kids' faces in front of them.

Stanley played a police aide, tall and skinny, who would come onstage with a short, fat policeman and walk the same way.

He loved the audience responses.

"When I came on through a smoke screen at the end painted up as a traditional dancer, people said a funny chill would

run up their spine," he said.

He was scrupulous about portraying Aboriginal experiences other than his own.

"I wouldn't jump in and do the things that are written down on paper. I'd rather find out from the old people in the area, because that pays respect to them," he said.

Indigenous actors like Ernie Dingo and David Gulpilil inspired him. In turn, he became a role model for Fitzroy Crossing kids when they saw that 'an ordinary fellow, son of a gardener and station cook, can go into acting'. As a child, he had seen the handouts to Aboriginal people – one tin for flour, one for tea and sugar. He wanted opportunities for young people to develop their skills as well as facilities where people could be trained in traditional dancing.

Stanley married Raelene and they had a daughter, April. They lived in the same house as his parents had in Bayulu Community.

At the age of 40, Stanley became leader of the Gooniyandi people, one of three major language groups around Fitzroy. He was Vice-Chairman of the Gooniyandi Cross-cultural Awareness program and developed cross-cultural programs.

"My mum told me to dedicate myself to what I want to do," he said in 1999.

"I want to give something back to white Australia. People in cities are so stressed. I take them out bush to know themselves, to rediscover simplicity. It's my aim from the heart."

Stanley educated staff of Western Metal at nearby



Stanley Mirindo

Cadjubut mine about tribal life and its values, telling them 'you are on Gooniyandi land. Use it, but don't abuse it'. He wanted the company to give opportunities, work and friendship to the younger generation and was proud that Gooniyandi kids were in training with P&O, catering for the mine.

With his nephew Laurie Shaw and wife Rosita, Stanley became a tour guide for Ngooloodoo Bush Adventure on his traditional land at Mt Pierre station.

He also did leadership and human resource training there for Adventure West, Ausworks and the Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP).

Stanley introduced ARLP participants to the beauty and simplicity of the natural world. He accompanied groups across the rugged Carr Boyd Ranges

around Lake Argyle. His eyes missed nothing, often finding items dropped in previous years. Around the campfire at night, this quiet man would become articulate about Aboriginal life. He influenced people's attitudes towards Aboriginal people, not through forceful words, but quick wit and thoughtful comments.

Stanley and Raelene's relationship broke up, but Stanley's greatest joy was his daughter April returning to live with him in 2007. He passed away on 11 October 2007 from a heart attack.

He is survived by April and Raelene, Laurie and Rosita Shaw, and his many loving relatives and friends around Australia.

● Written by Marg Carroll with help from Laurie and Rosita Shaw, and Joe Ross.

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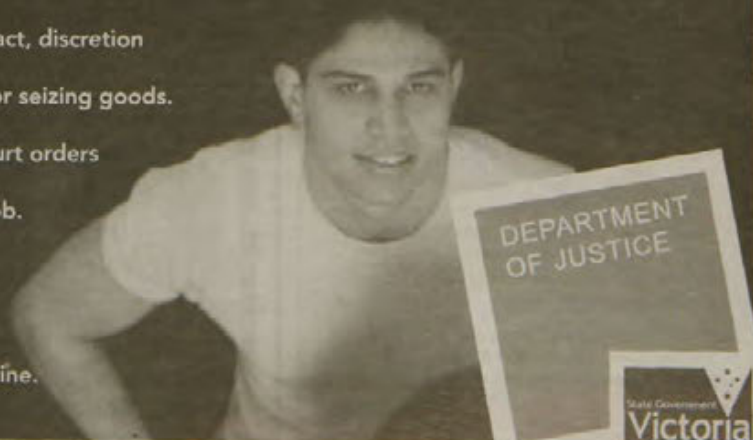
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'I think we are in danger of losing some of our most talented theatre artists if we don't gather resources to create a company that can create works of scale and develop career paths for artists'

— Freelance Writer and Director Wesley Enoch



# Nationwide theatre idea under attack

By KEN BOASE in Perth



A PROPOSAL by Murri freelance writer and director Wesley Enoch for a national Indigenous theatre company has been

challenged by a group of State-based Indigenous theatre companies.

Mr Enoch says there has been talk of establishing a national or 'flagship' Indigenous theatre company for some years, but fresh opportunities could eventuate under the new Federal Labor Government to create such a company.

"Due to the slog of working in the arts I think we are in danger of losing some of our most talented theatre artists if we don't gather resources to create a company that can create works of scale and develop career paths for artists," Mr Enoch said on an Indigenous arts website.

"We need to develop and expand the audiences for Indigenous theatre across the country and across the world.

"These aims take resources that we have been unable to secure over the past 20 years."

However, the Blackstage Alliance, consisting of Yirra Yaakin in Perth, Baru Kadal in Darwin, Ilbjerri in Melbourne, Kooemba Jdarra in Brisbane and Kurruru in Adelaide, says it does not support a national Indigenous theatre company, and the idea could seriously harm current Indigenous theatre.

In a statement, the Alliance said it supported the authentic voice of Indigenous performing cultures and arts in Australia, and recognised that

it was an art form stretching back 60,000 years with strong connection to traditions, innovations and practices.

The statement said, however, that the Alliance would not be forced to accept an agenda which 'seeks to exploit our Indigenous performing cultures, undermine the value of our sector, pillage and plunder the cannon of work that has been produced, desecrate Indigenous protocol and respect, further the self-interest of individuals and threaten already scarce funding and resources'.

"With over 800 Indigenous Nations within Australia, it is clearly apparent that one company is not adequate nor appropriate," the statement said.

## 'What works'

"What works is the support and development of existing and future Indigenous-determined companies across State borders, to enable Indigenous Australians to continue to tell their own stories."

Blackstage Alliance spokesperson Lorna O'Shane said a national and centralised Indigenous theatre company would also not have the same community contact as existing organisations, which can source stories and scripts from local people.

"It will be very difficult for a company like that to actually source stories from communities that are very far away from where that company is established," she said.

"My concern is that if a national Indigenous theatre company is established, what happens to us, and what happens to the money that currently gets allocated to Indigenous theatre?"

"There is already only a pittance that is allocated to Indigenous theatre companies in this country anyway."

Ms O'Shane said that if any national company were to be considered, there needed to be a proper national dialogue on how that could be achieved without damaging existing companies.

"We have only one model that's being put up for discussion, and it may well be that there is a model that can come into existence which can work quite well and does not have to be a national Indigenous theatre company based in either Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane," she said.

Ms O'Shane said Mr Enoch had a very clear and strong vision for what he wanted for Indigenous theatre, but other options also needed to be heard.

"The existing companies have a wealth of experience over many years, and a national company is just not needed, and for the argument to be fair and broad-based, alternative models have to be looked at and debated," she said.

"The arts is a means of self-expression, not just creative self-expression, but cultural self-expression."

"And if we essentially siphon off the bits of it that only one or two elite practitioners in this country want, then we shut down the ability of people to express themselves in outlying communities."

The Federal Labor Party has made no commitment to creating such a company, but its arts platform during the election campaign included a boost in funding for Indigenous performing arts.



'The existing companies have a wealth of experience over many years, and a national company is just not needed, and for the argument to be fair and broad-based, alternative models have to be looked at and debated' — Blackstage Alliance's Lorna O'Shane



'Sometimes it's harder for the offender to face his or her own people'

**NSW** THE court alternative of 'circle sentencing', where local Aboriginal Elders rather than a magistrate determines offenders' punishments, is proving successful in the northern New South Wales city of Lismore.

Re-offending is reported to have occurred in only one in every ten or so cases – much lower than usual – since the 'circle' began in the city about 18 months ago.

Between 50 and 60 circles have been held in Lismore in that time, considerably more than in most of the nine other jurisdictions where sentencing circle occurs in NSW, including Nowra, Dubbo, Bourke and Mt Druitt, western Sydney.

The success of the Lismore program was reflected on last month when a painting by local TAFE art students was unveiled in the Indigenous unit which services the local circle.

The painting, commissioned by the court from Indigenous art students at Lismore TAFE, depicts five Aboriginal people, the police prosecutor, the magistrate and the offender working together to return reformed offenders back to their community.

The court's Indigenous unit consists of a circle sentencing project officer, a Koori court officer and the co-ordinator of the local community justice group.

Circle Sentencing Project Officer Melissa Everson, a Wiradjuri woman born and bred in Griffith, NSW, said about four circles were held each month, involving three or four local Elders.

"The courtroom can be such an

# Court Circle setting offenders straight



Circle Sentencing Project Officer Melissa Everson with Elders Bob Moran and Maria Sharp in front of a painting unveiled recently in the Indigenous unit at Lismore Court.

intimidating place for Aboriginal people. Getting the circles away from there and holding them somewhere like a land council tends to make them a lot more relaxed, especially in terms of opening up to the Elders," Ms Everson said.

"The aim is to make the circles as far removed from a courthouse

situation as possible. The judge and court officers even take their ties off."

People facing indictable charges such as murder and sexual assault are ineligible for circle sentencing. The most common appearances are driving offences, with some burglary or domestic violence cases. A guilty plea or a finding of

guilt is essential, and contrition helps. Punishments include stints in rehabilitation and driving courses.

Lismore Elders Bob Moran and Maria Sharp conceded that the process could also be hard on the Elders.

"But with us, we can understand some more of what they're going through and we can ask them 'why do you do it?' I've said to people 'I knew your father, I knew your mother. You weren't raised to be like this'," Ms Sharp told *The Koori Mail*.

"Sometimes we'll say to the magistrate 'how about we give this young person a chance to see if they can correct themselves and do what we ask them to do'. They come back to us in about three months, but if they offend in between they know they won't be coming back to us."

"We give them the opportunity to rebuild their relationship with their partner and children and mum and dad. I'm happy because we are helping our people."

Mr Moran agreed, saying: "They get a chance to tell their side of the story." But he insisted that he and

the other Elders were no pushovers.

"Sometimes it's harder for the offender to face his or her own people than to face a magistrate," he said.

"But if you can get through to someone at an early point, you can help them get on the right track and avoid going in and out of jail their whole life. It sometimes gets very emotional. You have to hold it together, but you feel it when you get home."

Lismore Court Registrar Michael Knock said the most significant part of circle sentencing was reinforcing the role of Elders and instilling pride and values in the community.

"A lot of people who come in say how much more calming they find the circle, even though sometimes the Elders can be tougher on the offender than the courts might have been," he said.

"In the end it is about the offender coming to grips with their own actions. We are really saying to the people who come before the circle 'you are fortunate in having the community to fall back on for support'."

## Winners are grinners!



**Apart from their smiles, all these happy faces have one thing in common – their organisations were all finalists in the 2006 Indigenous Governance Awards.**

If you think your organisation is making a difference in your community then put your hand up and nominate for the 2008 Indigenous Governance Awards.

Who knows, you might just be one of next year's grinners!

And even if you don't happen to score one of the top prizes of \$10,000, there are still plenty of rewards just for entering.

The Indigenous Governance Awards were created by Reconciliation Australia and BHP Billiton to encourage, reward and promote effective Indigenous governance. They

help highlight Indigenous achievement to all Australians.

Governance is about good management and strong leadership, and Indigenous governance also incorporates the community's cultural values.

All successful organisations have good governance – you only need to look.

Applications are available from the website [www.igawards.org.au](http://www.igawards.org.au) or by

phoning Rowena Withers on (02) 6273 9200.

**Applications close Friday 21 December 2007.** Speak to Rowena if you think you need more time to complete your application.

As a bonus for early bird applicants, we'll promote your organisation and the work you're doing in this newspaper and on the Awards website.

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Recognising Excellence





# Crusader's passion hasn't flagged



ALMOST five years ago to the day, *The Koori Mail* brought readers the story of an interesting whitefella called Simon Labriola and his 'flag of freedom'.

Back then, the West Australian tradesman was about three years into his personal crusade to bring about a new Australian flag inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and for the nation to cut its ties to the British Monarchy.

Recently we caught up with Simon at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra and found that the years and thousands of kilometres of bitumen had done nothing to dampen his passion.

In that time, he has criss-crossed the country in his specially decked-out bus, spreading the word about a flag that he designed and wants the Queen to recognise. In 2005, he stood outside Buckingham Palace in England for three days to draw attention to the issue.

"I'm telling people about the flag of freedom, a new Australian flag symbolising three things: Unity, sovereignty and equality," Simon told *The Koori Mail* of the flag he describes as a black-and-white map of Australia on contrasting background.

"It's our key to accepting our traumatic history and our key to opening our and our children's future," he said.

"It's time to sow the seed within our children's minds and create a wholesome vision which will one day mature into reality."

When asked why a new flag – especially his flag – is needed, he said 'because we have division, segregation, prejudice'.

"It is hard to explain, because it's something that I've come to after eight years of knowledge and learning about Aboriginal culture," he said.

"But it marks the beginning of a republic, and in having a republic we need a symbol."

Since setting off from his home town of Bunbury, WA, in 2000, Simon has been to Broome, Darwin, Jabiru, Alice Springs, Townsville, Cooktown, Canberra,



Simon Labriola (right) with resident Brendan Coombes at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra. They're holding the Freedom Flag between them.

Melbourne, Tasmania, across the Nullarbor and back to the Kimberley, to the Tanami Desert and Halls Creek and Fitzroy.

Along the way, he has been honoured by dozens of Aboriginal people who have demonstrated their support by painting signature artworks on his bus – people like the late Paddy Fordham, from Beswick in the NT, Janangoo Butcher Cheryl, from Fitzroy Crossing, and Warren Barunga, from Derby in WA.

Simon says that not long before heading to Canberra, he stopped on the outskirts of Darwin and visited Harold Thomas, who designed the Aboriginal flag.

"I had to see him because he was the last person to seal the deal," he said.

"I felt I wanted his blessing and approval and support. Lots of other Aboriginal people have given me their blessing by painting on the side of the bus.



Simon Labriola holding his Freedom Flag in front of the Queen's home, Buckingham Palace, in London.

"I understand the word impermanence. It means you can be dead any second. So you don't fear things. You just do what you are going to do. But this flag will be kept in history."

Also camping at the Aboriginal Tent

Embassy was Anthony Coombes, a brother from Brewarrina in NSW, who was impressed with Simon's efforts.

"Here's someone who is not Aboriginal but has taken on a mission of his own and it shows that Australia is going to be one country one day. At the moment, it's two countries," Anthony said.

"If he can make the Queen come to the party, it'll really bring it on. Let's get her here. When I was going to school I was taunted and called all kinds of stuff and I'm sick of that. I have to watch my daughter go through that now.

"If a non-Aboriginal person can say they're sick of how some people treat us, let's bring more of them into our community."

Cheeky Anthony couldn't resist the chance to send a big shout out to his family in Brewarrina.

# Station sale still on despite opposition

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL people remain opposed to the sale of Angepena Station, in South Australia, to Operation Flinders, a group that takes

troubled young people on expeditions. But station owner Sid Nichols and Operation Flinders Executive Director John Shepherd both told *The Koori Mail* that the sale was proceeding.

Adnyamathanha Traditional Land Association Chairman Vince Coulthard has called on the South Australian Government to stop the sale, saying ancient sacred sites were in danger if it proceeded.

Mr Coulthard said that while the Victorian Government had moved to protect its Shrine of Remembrance from a nearby development, the South Australian Government was not prepared to intervene in the sale of Angepena.

"The Victorian Government has moved immediately to protect the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, which is a sacred site that is 73 years old, and yet our State Government says there is nothing they can do to stop the development of Angepena by Operation Flinders that threatens our sacred sites that are thousands

desecrated across the country all the time and nothing is done to protect them.

"This issue with the Shrine is not going to damage the Shrine. As I understand it, the proposed building will cast a shadow over the Shrine.

"Our sites at Angepena are under threat of desecration or

"He has the power to do this, just as Victoria has. If it were the War Memorial on North Terrace (Adelaide) he would have stopped it already. But because the sites we want protected are Aboriginal sites, this Government won't act."

Station owner Mr Nichols said, however, that as far as he was concerned, the sale was

of Aborigines that wanted it. I couldn't sell to one and not the other," he said.

Mr Nichols said concerns regarding sacred sites were 'a misunderstanding'.

"I've been here 41 years and have had no trouble with Aborigines and there's never been any trouble with sacred sites," he said.

Mr Shepherd said everyone involved with Operation Flinders was confused about the opposition to the sale.

"We've never trespassed on Aboriginal sites, nor would we. When we own the property we will continue to allow access to the land and access to sites," he said.

Mr Shepherd said it was hoped that any misunderstandings would be cleared up at a meeting, which was due to take place last Monday. "I think it should also be noted that 15 per cent of the kids who go through our program are Aboriginal kids and we've had lots of success with them," he said.

**'Our sites at Angepena are under threat of desecration or possible total destruction and the South Australian Government won't stop the sale of this property'**

**— Adnyamathanha Traditional Land Association Chairman Vince Coulthard**

of years old," he said.

"The Premier of Victoria said the Shrine was a sacred place for Victorians and for all Australians, and they will stop the new development. Well our sacred sites are important to us but also to all Australians and they should be protected in the same way.

"Aboriginal sites are being

possible total destruction and the South Australian Government won't stop the sale of this property and stop this proposed development of this pastoral lease to protect our sacred places.

"I call on (SA) Premier (Mike) Rann to follow the example set by his Victorian counterpart and stop this development now.

proceeding. 'It's all cut and dried. It's been sold. We've drawn up the contract and I can't back out and neither can they,' he said.

Mr Nichols said he was approached a number of years ago by Aborigines to buy the land, but another group also wanted to purchase it. "I considered selling but there was more than one group



# Hip hop, 3on3 action in SA centre



The local Ceduna 3on3 committee with the Vibe crew during the two days of action.



Kristy and Waylon from the Ceduna/Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service with some of the local kids during the event.



Some of the basketball action on the Ceduna courts.



Boys and girls got involved.

## Healthy vibe in Ceduna



CEDUNA far exceeded expectations at the South Australian west coast centre's second 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge.

Community members turned out over two days, celebrating living a healthy lifestyle and having fun.

Held at the Ceduna Area School over the weekend of 24-25 November, the opening ceremony featured a Welcome to Country by Elder Peter Miller on behalf of the traditional owners, and a speech by Paul Barton, of Families South Australia.

Participants from Ceduna were joined by visitors from Koonibba, Penong, Thevenard and Yalata.

"The Ceduna event exceeded all expectations," said 3on3 Managing Director and Executive Producer Gavin Jones.

### 'Excellent time'

"I am sure that every single person who came to the 3on3 had an excellent time whether they were rapping, rhyming, playing basketball or just watching their kids. Ceduna is certainly now established on the 3on3 calendar.

3on3 Producer Claude Williams said: "It was great to see kids from out of town gel so well with the locals, both on and off the courts. Participants from as far as Yalata and Penong attended, with the long haul being well worth the effort."

The role model for the 2007 Ceduna 3on3, Torres Strait Islander actor, producer and television personality Aaron Fa'aoso, said he was impressed by the talent in Ceduna.

Also attending was the Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Medical Service, which had a stall and provided information packs.

Local sponsors included the Ceduna Area School, Families SA, Ceduna Youth Centre, Centrelink, Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service, Ceduna District Health Service, Ceduna Community Gym, District Council of Ceduna, Tjutjunaku Worka Tjuta (TWT), and TAFE SA.

Vibe 3on3 sponsors include the Rio Tinto Aboriginal Foundation, the Department of Health and Ageing through the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts and the Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education Foundation.

The Vibe 3on3 is a two-day Aboriginal youth weekend festival that incorporates basketball, dancing, art, culture and health. It aims to promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem. The event also allows health services and related organisations to introduce themselves to the wider community. For more information, go to [www.vibe.com.au](http://www.vibe.com.au)



Actor Aaron Fa'aoso hosting the spinning wheel.



Back-flipping in the Vibe 'break off' dance competition.



Girls competing in the 'break off'.





## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS

The Minister for the Climate Change, Environment and Water, the Honourable Phil Koperberg MP, seeks expressions of interest from suitably qualified people for appointment to the Board of the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA).

The Board's functions are set out in section 8 of the *Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998*. These functions include: determining the policies and long term strategic plans; ensuring that the SCA meets the public health and environmental requirements set out in its operating licence and other relevant instruments; overseeing the effective, efficient and economical management of the SCA; preparing the SCA's statement of financial framework, annual reports and other reports.

In exercising these functions the Board has the duty of endeavouring to ensure that the water supplied by the SCA complies with appropriate standards of quality.

The Minister is required to appoint between four and eight board members, for a period of up to three years. The persons to be appointed to the Board must each, or together, have expertise in the areas of protection of the environment, public health, financial management and such other expertise as the Minister considers necessary to assist the SCA to meet its objectives.

One of the members to be appointed must be an elected councillor

The Minister must appoint one Board member with expertise in local government. This person must be a current elected councillor of a local government area within Sydney's drinking water supply catchment area. Nominations for this position will therefore only be accepted from sitting councillors in the following local government areas:

Blue Mountains	Kiama	Shoalhaven	Wingecarribee
Campbelltown	Lithgow	Sutherland	Wollondilly
Eurobodalla	Oban	Upper Lachlan	Wollongong
Goulburn Mulwaree	Palerang		

### General information

The New South Wales Government encourages people from non-English speaking backgrounds, men and women of all ages, Aboriginal people and people with disabilities, to serve on public sector boards.

Written expressions of interest should provide details of qualifications, skills and experience that would enable the person to effectively contribute to the Board.

An information package may be obtained by telephoning the SCA on 4725 2103. Please send your expression of interest to the Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water, Level 35, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney 2000, by 18 January 2008.



Australian Government

## Program Funding Submissions 2008-2009 Financial Year

The Australian Government is calling for submissions from eligible organisations for funding for services to Indigenous Australians in the 2008-2009 financial year under the following programs:

- National Arts and Craft Industry Support Program
- Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program
- Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records Program
- Indigenous Culture Support Program
- Indigenous Women's Program
- Indigenous Broadcasting Program
- Law and Justice Advocacy Development Program
- Prevention, Diversion, Rehabilitation and Restorative Justice Program
- Indigenous Heritage Program
- Family Violence Prevention Legal Services and Early Intervention and Prevention

A common funding application form has been developed. This will form part of an electronic Submission Kit (eSub) and will be used for the programs listed above. The Submission Kit and Program Guidelines can be accessed at: [www.indigenous.gov.au](http://www.indigenous.gov.au)

An application pack and further program information can also be obtained from your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC). ICCs are located throughout each state and the Northern Territory. To contact your nearest ICC visit: [www.icc.gov.au](http://www.icc.gov.au)

Or phone 1800 079 098, with the exception of Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348.

Funding submissions must be lodged at your nearest ICC by 5pm, Friday 22 February 2008.

Note: Not all of the programs listed above are available in all states or territories.

The Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) Program is currently being reviewed and will have a separate submission process once the review is completed. Details for this process will be published separately and made available on the web site once determined.

In addition to the programs listed above the Australian Government provides funding for other Indigenous specific programs. Details of these can also be obtained from ICCs. One of these additional programs is the Public Information Program (PIP), a small program which provides limited funding for projects that raise awareness in the wider Australian community about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, society and issues. This includes funding for NAIDOC Week activities. Applications for PIP funding can be submitted throughout the year through ICCs.

# Burney holds high hopes for new Govt

By MARGARET SMITH



IN 1857, an uprising on the Victorian Goldfields brought the country's

attention to the rights of workers, and the right to vote for Australian citizens.

Last week in Sydney the Eureka Celebration dinner, in honour of that uprising, was addressed by NSW Minister for Fair Trading and Youth Affairs Linda Burney.

She was well qualified to make the address. Ms Burney's experience includes being the first Indigenous NSW school teacher to graduate, Chief Executive of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Director-General of the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs, a member of the National Reconciliation Council and the NSW Juvenile Justice Council, serving on a United Nations Human Rights Committee, and serving as Deputy President of the Federal Labor Party.

After the Welcome to Country by Kevin Tory, Ms Burney spoke about the history of her Wiradjuri people and her hopes for the new Rudd Federal Government.

She revealed to a surprised audience that she didn't vote until she was 28, even though she was active and involved.

"I didn't feel part of the franchise. When you look into its public mirror and don't see yourself, it's understandable," she said.

"There are still many Aboriginal people who don't enrol to vote for the same reason."

Ms Burney attributed this to the 'great irony' in Australian history 'where we can have such a glorious progress in social democracy alongside such a shameful treatment of Aboriginal people'.

In her speech, she reminded listeners that first contact between white and Aboriginal people was less than a century ago in the Northern Territory, and in some cases in the Western Desert just 50 years ago. There were massacres until relatively recently, including the Forrest River Massacre in the Kimberley region in 1926, and the Coniston Massacre, north of Alice Springs in 1928.

Ms Burney's own NSW forebears were part of the Wiradjuri nation where the 'leader Windradyne and his warriors were so strong that martial law was declared in Bathurst in 1823. Two-thirds of the Wiradjuri around Bathurst were murdered during the four months of martial law'.

Ms Burney said she believed that Indigenous Australians 'value the art of the narrative,



NSW Minister Linda Burney, right, with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

because it tells us where we came from. The nation doesn't value this enough'.

She added that the 1967 Referendum giving equal rights to Indigenous Australians was an important movement for the whole nation, even though its achievements were limited.

"Yet this was the time when Australians took their chance, and took it overwhelmingly, to embrace the first peoples of this land as equals," she said.

According to the latest Census, there are more than 450,000 Indigenous people in Australia, which is thought to be about the same number that existed before 1788.

### Achievement

"This is something worth reflecting on. And for Aboriginal people, it is an achievement worth celebrating. And our numbers are growing. There are real and serious policy issues involved," Ms Burney said.

Her own travels through north-western NSW confirmed that 'non-Aboriginal people are abandoning country areas for lots of reasons - drought and retirement among them - while Aboriginal people are staying because they are on country'.

In places like Cobarr and Bourke, western NSW, the Aboriginal population has reached 26 per cent, which has big implications for government planning and consultation.

Ms Burney also spoke out about media treatment of Indigenous issues.

"We need to take a mature and considered approach to Aboriginal issues, instead of seeking to divide," she said.

"Programs to improve living

conditions need to operate in harness with symbolic actions. Australia needs a new partnership between government, the First Peoples, business and non-government organisations, with solutions based on mutual respect."

The Minister said she was heartened by some of the policies of the new Federal Government, especially its commitment to 'close the gap' between Indigenous and other Australians in child and mental health; saying sorry to Indigenous people regarding the Stolen Generations; and a commitment to sign the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

Ms Burney added that whether people saw the previous Federal Government's NT actions after revelations of child sexual abuse as an 'intervention or an invasion' depended on from where they were viewing it.

"When I was at the AECG we determined that whether you saw 1788 as a settlement or an invasion depended on whether you were on the ships or on the land," she said.

After the address, Ms Burney told *The Koori Mail* there would need to be 'significant consultation' on the issue of a national Indigenous representative body.

She said she was relieved that the CDEP work-for-the-dole scheme in the NT would not be scrapped, although there were rumours that some programs had already been damaged.

And she was also looking forward to 2009, when she will be the National Labor Party President.





Then Prime Minister John Howard and his Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough announce the NT Intervention. Both ended the year as losers – out of Government and even out of Parliament, after losing their seats to Labor Party candidates.



It wasn't all bad news during the year. Here Monique Willis and her dad Graeme, of the Alice Springs-based Doomdul Dreaming dance group, were all smiles after being chosen to perform traditional dancing in China for a month.

# What a year!

By **DARREN COYNE**



THE year 2007 will surely be best remembered for the Federal Government's decision to send the troops into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

Supposedly to stamp out systematic child sex abuse, Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough's radical intervention sent shockwaves throughout Australian – and ultimately contributed to the downfall of his government at the recent Federal election.

For many Indigenous people, it was yet another sign that the Coalition Government, led by Prime Minister John Howard, was not listening, and had passed its used-by date.

Mr Howard, desperate to win his fourth term, even admitted to having failed Indigenous people ... but he still was not prepared to say sorry.

The intervention sparked off a national debate which raised Indigenous issues to the forefront – finally, the Government appeared to be doing something to tackle Indigenous disadvantage, the only problem was, it had failed to consult with those most affected by the new laws.

Few argued against the need for more funding to deal with health, housing and law and order issues, but legislation to remove the permit system on Aboriginal land, the abolition of the CDEP program, welfare quarantining and the compulsory acquisition of land by the Government outraged those who had fought for decades for land rights.

The year started predictably enough with relationships between Indigenous Australia and the Federal and State Governments strained.

Distrust of the police following the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee in 2004 led to rioting early in the year, and while Senior Constable Chris Hurley was eventually charged with manslaughter, it surprised few but angered many when he was acquitted later in the year.

The low points didn't stop there. The Federal Government's approval of a nuclear waste facility in the NT, a gas mine on the Burnup Peninsula in Western Australia requiring the removal of ancient rock art, and the failure of the Government to address the widening life expectancy gap between



Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, brought further despair.

Residents of Alice Springs town camps, represented by Tangentyere Council, rejected a Federal offer of \$60 million to upgrade their struggling communities in exchange for surrendering control of housing to the NT Government, and the New South Wales Department of Community Services came under fire when two year-old Aboriginal boy, Dean Shillingsworth, was found dead in suitcase dumped in a western Sydney pond in October.

## Tiwi lease

Tiwi Islanders became the first Aboriginal people to agree to 99-year lease over their land in September, and a memorandum of understanding for another was signed by Gumatj leader, Galarwuy Yunupingu for his people's land in north-east Arnhem Land later that month.

Meanwhile, Indigenous leaders from around the nation gathered in Alice Springs in September to establish the National Aboriginal Alliance in response to the Federal Government's handling of Indigenous affairs.



And in a landmark judgement Stolen Generations man Bruce Trevorrow was awarded more than half a million dollars for injuries and losses suffered, and damages for his unlawful removal and false imprisonment.

The year also provided opportunities to mark off a number of milestones on the Indigenous calendar.

It was the 50th Anniversary for NAIDOC, the 10th Anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report from the inquiry into the Stolen Generations, the 10th Anniversary for Sorry Day, the 60th Anniversary of Human Rights Day, and the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, one of the most significant events to impact on Indigenous Australians.

And of course, *The Koori Mail* celebrated its 400th edition in May.

2007 was the year the Close the Gap campaign, aimed at addressing the huge disparity in life expectancy between black and white Australians, kicked off in earnest with Oxfam and others joining the fight.

On a more personal level, Cape York Institute's Tania Major was named the Young Australian of the Year on Australia

Day (a day many Indigenous people have adopted as Invasion or Survival Day), while NAIDOC's Person of the Year award went to Mark Bin Bakar, also known as the flamboyant and straight-talking Mary-G.

In the sporting arena, Indigenous Australians continued to punch above their weight, with the most notable being Anthony Mundine's second world title win in the boxing ring. And despite almost blinding himself in one eye, Mundine recently came out punching to win yet another fight, setting the scene for another crack at a world title a little further down the track.

Other winners were Jonathan Thurston, who bagged his second Dally M medal in the National Rugby League competition, and surfer Dale Richards, who came out of nowhere to win the Quiksilver Pro surfing trials, collecting a wildcard berth into the Quiksilver Pro event. Meanwhile, athlete Robbie Crowther was named the NAIDOC Indigenous Sports person of the year.

In other developments, the National Indigenous Television was launched featuring a wide-range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programming, while two Indigenous films, *Nana*, and *Nigger Lovers*, won awards at the Inside Film awards in September.

And on a lighter note, a new generation of Indigenous reality TV stars was born, with Torres Strait Islander Patti Singe just missing out on the title in the *Biggest Loser*, and Jaleesa Donovan dealing with her weight issues on *Teen Fit Camp*. Herb Patten showed the nation that his gumleaf playing was top class when he reached the finals of 'Australia's Got Talent', and the television series *The Abbey tested* Aboriginal woman Tammy Solonec as she spent 33 days and nights living the life of a Benedictine nun.

In summary, 2007 provided a roller-coaster ride for many Indigenous Australians.

But a new era appears on the horizon, with the new Federal Government led by Kevin Rudd promising to fix the Coalition's mistakes. We can only hope that 2008 will be a year of change for the better. Perhaps the best way to start is with a simple word - Sorry.

● Our edition-by-edition look at the year that was – next six pages



Journalists SOLUA MIDDLETON and DARREN COYNE compiled this edition-by-edition look at what made news in *The Koori Mail* during 2007...

**Edition 392**  
**17 January**

- A violent riot in the Cape York community of Aurukun was sparked by distrust of police after the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee in the Palm Island watch house in 2004. Indigenous leaders said.
- A new national organisation was set up as an alternative to the National Sorry Day Committee in the lead-up to the tenth anniversary, on May 26, of the Bringing Them Home report.
- Aboriginal leaders feared underlying racial tensions could erupt after the slaying of a 17-year-old youth in the western NSW city of Griffith on New Year's Eve.
- **In sport**, Broome-based Bardi man Michael Carter achieved a life-long goal of becoming a third-dan (level) black belt in the Korean martial art of taekwondo. The 39-year-old had been training for 12 years and believed he was the highest ranked Indigenous taekwondo exponent in Australia.
- The boxing community and young fans gathered in Sydney to honour the late Aboriginal boxing great Dave Sands at a memorial service in Glebe, on what would have been his 80th birthday.
- Australia's best Aboriginal Australian Rules football talent were set to line up in Darwin for the fourth Indigenous All-Stars extravaganza.

**Edition 393**  
**31 January**

- A special review found there was enough evidence to charge Queensland policeman Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley with manslaughter after the November 2004 death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee.
- Accepting her 2007 Young Australian of the Year award in Canberra, Tania Major, from Kowanyama on Queensland's Cape York, said many Indigenous people were seeing nothing of the success of modern-day Australia – just desperation.
- Aboriginal community leaders said police, politicians and the media should focus more on the adult organisers of an ongoing crime spree in Adelaide than the Aboriginal young people who were being 'used' to carry out the offences.



Cartoonist Danny Eastwood's comment in our Edition 402. The Australian public was to give John Howard and his Coalition Government the flick at the November 24 election.

- Devastating floods around Esperance, on Western Australia's southern coast, washed away part of a traditional burial site at Barndyp, known as Bandy Creek.
  - A major public artwork honouring the traditional owners of what is now the nation's capital was unveiled in Canberra by ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope.
  - **In sport**, golfers came from Mackay, Bowen, Townsville, Mt Isa, the Torres Strait and as far away as the Northern Territory for the annual Henaway Cup competition in North Queensland. Ayr golfer Henry Fuller was the overall winner.
  - A rematch between boxers Anthony Mundine and Danny Green appeared unlikely because of the pair's inability to agree to fight in the same weight division.
- ## Edition 394

## 14 February

  - Marcia Ella-Duncan, the chairperson of a task force that had revealed epidemic

**Edition 394**  
**14 February**

**Edition 395**  
**28 February**

- A proposal by Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough to axe all Federal funding for urban Indigenous housing and

divert it instead to bush communities sparked a fiery debate.

- A group of white men calling themselves Dragonfly Rhythms, who painted their skin black and donned lap-laps to play the didgeridoo in the United States, incurred the wrath of Aboriginal people, including Elders and didgeridoo masters from Arnhem Land.
- A new group was formed to work for healing and justice among all who suffered as a result of forced removal policies. The provisional name of the organisation was 'Stolen Generations Alliance: Australians for Truth, Healing and Justice'.
- Official records showed that Aboriginal woman Magdaline Johnson, from Hidden Valley Camp, Alice Springs, was aged 101 and still living with family.
- South Australian Aboriginal women attending a forum said support for a young women's leadership program, a community-driven agenda for action, a permanent forum for discussion, an information-sharing network, and better recognition of Indigenous women's contribution should be among the State's future priorities.
- **In sport**, boxer Andrew Mundine prepared for his world title fight with Sam Soliman.
- New South Wales denied Queensland a fourth consecutive victory in a thrilling Imparja Cup cricket final played in Alice Springs.
- About 150 competitors turned out for the 8th Annual Victorian Indigenous Surfing Titles held in challenging conditions at beaches across the State. Indigenous people performed well in the sport.

**Edition 396**  
**14 March**

- An independent report ordered by the Commonwealth Government recommended the abolition of the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP) and adoption of a new strategic approach to Indigenous housing.
  - The Eastern Guruma people of the Pilbara region around the town of Tom Price in Western Australia achieved a consent determination of native title, the first such ruling in Australia over rich mineral country.
  - The Githabul people of far northern
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● Old police sergeant charged ● All-Stars' unbeaten run ends





Aboriginal Diggers during the Anzac parade in Redfern this year. Picture: AMANDA JAMES

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NSW wrote themselves into the history books by entering into the biggest native title Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) negotiated on the eastern seaboard. The agreement covered a 112,000ha section of land including national parks and State forest in the Kyogle, Woodenbong and Tenterfield area.

● Australia's former top Indigenous bureaucrat, Pat Turner, was named CEO of the National Indigenous Television service.

● A white American didgeridoo group accused of cultural theft and exploitation of Aboriginal cultures issued a public apology. Dragonfly Rhythms founder Lindsay Dank said he was devastated to have caused offence and would change his website.

● In Sport, Anthony Mundine silenced his critics by knocking out Sam Soliman to take his second WBA super middleweight world title.

● Up to four NSW rugby league 'Knockouts' were proposed for the October long weekend.

● Dale Richards, of Tweed Heads, won the Quiksilver Pro surfing trials and collected a wildcard berth in the Quiksilver Pro event.

## Edition 397 28 March

● Tiwi Islanders in the Northern Territory looked like becoming the first Aboriginal people to agree to a 99-year lease over their land under the amended Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976.

● The north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island celebrated a District Court jury's acquittal of four men accused of rioting on the island on 26 November 2004.

● Aborigines in Tasmania branded a suggestion to rename the State's largest hospital 'Truganini Hospital' inappropriate, offensive and paternalistic.

● Nyoongar artist Ezzard Flowers won a major honour at the WA Multicultural Community Services Awards for his part in returning to Australia art created by mission children in the 1940s.

● A record crowd of 78,000 world music and dance fans flocked to WOMADelaide from 9-11 March. Aboriginal singers, dancers and artists mixed it with hundreds of the world's top musicians at the sell-out event.

● A new health service was launched in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia as a way of delivering a culturally secure health service for the region's 6000 Nyoongar and other Indigenous residents.

● In sport, rugby union-bound Parramatta Rugby League centre Timana Tahu said he had no hope of playing for NSW in this year's State of Origin series following his decision to switch codes. Tahu stunned the rugby league world by signing a four-year contract worth \$2 million with the NSW Waratahs and the Australian Rugby Union.

● More than \$11 million in Federal funding would be available for Indigenous sportspeople



Sporting champions Cathy Freeman and Ian Thorpe at the launch of the Close The Gap Indigenous health campaign.

over three years in a deal reached between the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts and the Australian Sports Commission's Indigenous Sports Program.

## Edition 398 11 April

● Un-Australian and embarrassing. That's how Olympic champions Cathy Freeman and Ian Thorpe described Australia's failure to close the life-expectancy gap between its Indigenous and non-Indigenous citizens, as the 'Close the Gap' health campaign was launched.

● The Larrakia people in Darwin lost their appeal against a failed bid for native title recognition in Australia's first case involving a large part of a capital city. Northern Land Council chief Norman Fry said he was 'deeply and profoundly' disappointed about the Federal Court's dismissal of the appeal.

● The Gunditjmara people of Victoria's Western Districts celebrated after winning an 11-year legal battle for native title rights over 140,000ha of Crown land.

● NSW Member of Parliament Linda Burney was elevated to Cabinet following the lemma Government's return to power in the State election on 24 March. Ms Burney was given the portfolios of Fair Trading, Youth and Volunteering.

● More than ten per cent of Queensland's Great Keppel Island was returned to its traditional owners in a handover ceremony on the island on 4 April.

● The West Australian Government announced there would be an inquiry into the



Surfer Dale Richards, of Tweed Heads.

number of Indigenous people in WA jails for road traffic offences.

● Relations between local Aboriginal people and the Lismore City Council were strained after the council initially objected to Lismore hosting the 37th NSW Rugby League Knockout Carnival.

● In sport, the Magpies beat the Tigers in the colourful Tiwi Islands Football League grand final, played at Ngulu.

● Discus thrower Benn Harradine prepared to head overseas to campaign to become the world's best in the Olympic sport.

● Fresh from a successful basketball career in the United States and the Australian Women's National Basketball League (WNBL), Perth's Narelle Henry took on coaching a side which included five Indigenous players.

## Edition 399 25 April

● Residents of poverty-stricken town camps on the outskirts of Alice Springs said they needed more time to decide if a promised \$50 million Federal upgrade of housing and basic services was worth giving up control of their land.

● As part of Anzac Day commemorations, The Koori Mail honoured Indigenous diggers. This year marked 90 years since Aboriginal soldier Corporal Harry Thorpe, from Lake Tyers Mission in Victoria, was decorated for bravery at the World War I Battle of Pozieres in France.

● The ANZ Bank introduced a special Reconciliation Plan as part of a push for the business community to help bridge the divide between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

● After 13 years of negotiations, the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people's struggle for land paid off when 15 Indigenous Land Use Agreements were signed accounting for 230,000 hectares of land covering much of the Wet Tropics Area from Mossman north to the Daintree and the Bloomfield River catchments in far north Queensland. The Federal Court officially recognised native title this month (see report in this edition).

● About 300 people attended a vocal rally in Perth to call for an independent investigation into the death in police custody of Aboriginal man Carl Woods. Meanwhile, the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) pledged a senior criminal barrister to represent the Woods family at the inquest into their son's death.

● Actor Justine Saunders, one of Aboriginal Australia's leading women, lost her battle with cancer on 15 April.

● An appeal started over the Federal Court's ruling that native title existed over the Perth greater metropolitan area.

● In sport, Sydney Swans AFL star Michael O'Loughlin played his 250th game.

● Champion NRL player Dean Widders called for a united 2007 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

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## People in the news



Tania Major, who was named 2007 Young Australian of the Year on January 26.



Linda Burney, who was appointed a Minister in the NSW Cabinet in April.



Timana Tahu ... Rugby League's loss is Rugby Union's gain.



Pat Turner ... named the new National Indigenous TV chief executive in March.



Sydney Swans AFL star Michael O'Loughlin played his 250th game in April and promised to play many more.

# ● Larrakia lose native title appeal ● Gunditjmara celebrate win





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● The Australian Indigenous Under-16 rugby league side beat New Zealand in a curtain-raiser to the Anzac Test in Brisbane.

## Edition 400 9 May

- The *Koori Mail* celebrated 400 editions. Our first edition was printed on 23 May 1991.
- The Northern Territory Government passed a Bill to override a Supreme Court ruling that the Government's approval process for expansion of the NT's largest zinc mine was flawed.
- Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser called on the Federal Government to pay compensation to members of the Stolen Generations. Mr Fraser joined Aboriginal leader Lowitja O'Donoghue in Melbourne to paint a bleak picture of Indigenous affairs one month out from the tenth anniversary of the *Bringing Them Home* report into the forced removal of Indigenous people from their families.
- 22-year-old Sydney-based Aboriginal graphic designer Tyeli Hannah won the 2007 NAIDOC National Poster Competition with his artwork *The Path We Lead*, which paid tribute to the difficult past our people have experienced and promoted a sense of hope for the future.
- The Tasmanian Government urged members of the State's Stolen Generations to apply for financial compensation under the *Stolen Generation of Aboriginal Children Act 2006*.
- Nearly three decades after hitting news headlines over a blockade against mining, the Yunggora people won formal recognition of their native title over 1811-square-kilometres of land at Noonkanbah, in Western Australia's Kimberley region.
- In sport, Nathan Merritt claimed racism was keeping him from a representative career in rugby league, but Preston Campbell urged the South Sydney champion to be patient and concentrate on his football instead of making claims his omission from the City team was racially-based.
- Adelaide United mid-fielder Travis Dodd looked overseas as his contract with the Reds entered its final phase. The Indigenous soccer star was contracted to

Adelaide for another 12 months.

- South Australian netballer Leah Torzyn retired as an unsung hero of the sport in her home State.

## Edition 401 23 May

- Residents of Alice Springs town camps, represented by Tangentyere Council, rejected a Federal offer of \$60 million to upgrade their struggling communities in exchange for surrendering control of housing to the NT Government.
- Celebrations marked 40 years since Australia's most successful referendum, in which more than 90 per cent of eligible Australians voted to change the Constitution to enable Indigenous Australians to be counted in the national Census and to give the Federal Government the power to make special laws for Indigenous people. The anniversary was a major focal point for National Reconciliation Week 2007 (27 May - 3 June) which had a theme 'Their Spirit Still Shines'.
- The 2007 Howard Government Budget failed to impress Indigenous, health and housing bodies, many of which described it as no antidote to decades of chronic underfunding in Indigenous affairs and government neglect. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said the Government would spend a 'record' \$3.5 billion on Indigenous-specific programs.
- About 200 Aboriginal people gathered at Hobart airport to greet delegates Caroline Spotswood and Greg Brown with the remains of 17 Tasmanian Aboriginal dead, repatriated from London's Natural History Museum.
- Birri Gubba Juru (Queensland) Elder Jim Gaston said he didn't wash his hand for days after meeting movie star Nicole Kidman on the set of Baz Luhrmann's film *Australia* being shot in Bowen, north Queensland. Mr Gaston performed a Welcome to Country ceremony for stars Kidman and Hugh Jackman as well as other cast and crew.
- In sport, AFL super-coach Kevin Sheedy's vision to

celebrate Indigenous AFL footballers continued with the third annual 'Dreamtime at the G' AFL match between Essendon and Richmond.

- The Aboriginal flag flew above cricket offices throughout Australia on May 11 in honour of the Aboriginal cricket team which toured England in 1868.
- A program was launched to propel Australia's most promising Indigenous athletes towards the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Under the program, Athletics



Darwin traditional owner Ali Mills does her unique Gurindji/Kriol rendition of *Waltzing Matilda* during official celebrations at Government House, Canberra, marking the 40th anniversary of the 1967 referendum.

Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Sports Commission started a talent identification and development program for Indigenous athletes.

## Edition 402 6 June

- We had coverage of the original grassroots campaigners from the 1967 Referendum, who came together in Canberra to

commemorate 40 years since the historic national vote.

- Labor Leader Kevin Rudd promised to say sorry and Prime Minister John Howard was accused of genocide on a day of high emotions marking the 40th anniversary of the referendum that gave Indigenous Australians more rights than they had ever had before under white rule.
- The tenth anniversary of the *Bringing Them Home* report was a bittersweet reminder of just how far Australia still had to go on the Stolen Generations issue.
- A new task force was set up to investigate evidence that wages had been stolen from Indigenous people in WA.
- Indigenous culture was celebrated in style at the annual *Stylin' Up* Festival in the Brisbane suburb of Inala.
- Newly-elected NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairwoman Beverly Manton said she was confident the formerly troubled body was unified enough to move into a new era.
- Alice Springs town camp Aborigines rejected, for the final time, an offer to hand control of their housing to the NT Government in return for \$60 million in Commonwealth funds.
- Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough, who spearheaded the plan, said he was deeply hurt by the rejection.
- Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough planned to make English compulsory for Aboriginal children. The move drew a mixed reaction from the Indigenous community.

● In sport, Indigenous Australians collected nine gold medals at the 2007 Arafura Games in Darwin.

● Two football codes - Australian Football and Rugby League - celebrated the contribution of Indigenous Australians to their sports.

## Edition 403 20 June

- Aboriginal children as young as three were falling victim to widespread sex abuse fuelled by alcohol, pornography and ignorance, a new report, titled *Little Children Are Sacred*, found.

The Northern Territory inquiry found child sex abuse in every community it visited. The inquiry made 97 recommendations, including a shake-up of the education system, support from government agencies and the tightening of pornography laws.

● The trial of a police officer accused over an Aboriginal death in custody on Palm Island in north Queensland started in Townsville. Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley was on trial in the Supreme Court on one charge of manslaughter and one of assault relating to the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee, which sparked rioting on Palm Island in 2004.

● Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma called on the Federal Government to address what he said were serious flaws in Indigenous affairs programs and services.

● Hundreds of Indigenous and many non-Indigenous people celebrated Mabo Day in Townsville on 3 June in recognition of the late Murray Islander Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo who championed Indigenous rights to traditional land.

● Australia's annual international Indigenous festival 'The Dreaming' lived up to its growing reputation as a feast of music, dance, theatre, ceremony, comedy, film and visual art.

● In sport, 50 teams took to the courts for the Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation (VAYSAR) Bill Muir Memorial Junior Basketball Classic in the Melbourne suburb of Mill Park.

● Two teams from Badu Island battled out the final of the Sea Swift 24th Island of Origin rugby league carnival. The younger Kulpiyam team just outlasted arch-rivals the Mulga Tigers to win 44-40.

## Edition 404 July 4

● The Federal Government announced a radical intervention into NT Aboriginal communities, with Prime Minister John Howard describing the situation as a national emergency. He said his Government had been 'forced to act after the NT Government failed to respond swiftly to the devastating findings of the Little

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# 2007 Budget fails to impress ● NT sex abuse rife - report





**Mark Bin Bakar,**  
named NAIDOC  
Person of the Year



**NRL veteran David**  
**Peachey announced**  
**his retirement.**



**SA compensation**  
**winner Bruce**  
**Trevor.**



**2007 NAIDOC**  
**Sportsman, athlete**  
**Robbie Crowther.**



**Pat Dodson, who**  
**co-produced a**  
**documentary.**



**Noel Pearson, who**  
**won funding for his**  
**welfare reform trials.**



**Rugby League star**  
**Jonathan Thurston**  
**had a huge year.**

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### Children Are Sacred report

Indigenous art stakeholders threw their support behind recommendations of a major parliamentary inquiry into Australia's lucrative Indigenous art industry, but said the inquiry should have gone further.

A national Justice for Indigenous People Day, which included marches and protests, was planned for 14 July following the acquittal of Sen-Sgt Chris Hurley on charges he killed Muirunji Doomadgee.

A welcoming ceremony was held in Canberra for six sets of remains being repatriated to the Torres Strait from an overseas collecting institution.

In sport, Anthony Mundine defeated Argentinean Pablo Daniel Zamora Nieves in a defence of his WBA Super Middleweight title.

Yarrabah-born Aboriginal boxer Fred Mundraby won the Australian bantamweight professional boxing title when he floored Leigh Lindgren three times before the referee stopped the fight at the Townsville Entertainment Centre.

Young Indigenous basketball sensation Patrick Mills, of Canberra, flew out of Australia with the Australian Emus to contest the World Under 19 Championships in Serbia.

## Edition 405 July 18

The Federal Government was under increasing pressure to justify its proposed removal of the permit system on Aboriginal land in the NT. The Government also was forced to back down or modify contentious elements of its NT 'intervention' such as compulsory medical checks and linking welfare to compliance. Nevertheless, the rollout of troops, police and medical teams continued unabated, with almost 11,000 Aboriginal children in the process of undergoing 'non-compulsory' medical checks.

Broadcaster and performer Mark Bin Bakar was named Person of the Year at the National NAIDOC Awards ceremony in Darwin.

Protests about plans to expand natural gas developments on the world-renowned Burrup Peninsula continued despite a Federal Government decision to place tracts of the area on the National Heritage List.

Indigenous people in Townsville expressed concern about new reports that a Ku Klux Klan (KKK) cell was operating in the far north Queensland city.

Australia's first national 24-hour Indigenous television service, NITV, was launched in Sydney.

New legislation that the Federal Government said would cut red tape, provide greater flexibility and offer more protection for Indigenous corporations came into effect. The Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act) started on 1 July, and was launched in Darwin on 5 July by Community Services Minister Nigel Scullion.

In sport, South Sydney fullback David

Peachey announced he would retire from the NRL at the end of the season. Peachey, 33, played more than 250 NRL games.

Australian football star Michael O'Loughlin believed his Indigenous team-mate Adam Goodes would comfortably surpass the club games record he set against Fremantle. In Sydney on 8 July, O'Loughlin made his 261st appearance, setting a new record for the most number of Swans club games.

West Australian Football League clubs South Fremantle and Claremont put together a great weekend to recognise the contribution of Indigenous footballers to their club and to the game as a whole as the

The Federal Court recognised the Strathgordon mob's rights over the 118,000ha property, known as Strathgordon, on the western side of Cape York.

Perth-based conservation group Friends of Australian Rock Art (FARA) threatened legal action against Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull and WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts over planned industrial expansion of the Burrup Peninsula in WA's Pilbara region.

In sport, Indigenous athlete Robbie Crowther was named NAIDOC Sportsman of the Year.

Michael Long was inducted into the Australian Football League's Hall of Fame.

Award's Best Female Actor in a Play for her role in Company B's *Capricornia*, based on Xavier Herbert's 1934 novel.

Indigenous kids nationwide celebrated their identity and culture on National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day.

Croc Fest was on the move again after a successful first 2007 festival on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait and a second at Derby, Western Australia.

In sport, Anthony Mundine's boxing career was in doubt after he developed an eye infection which threatened his vision.

The Newcastle Jets awarded Jade North with the club captaincy. North was one of the most highly credentialed defenders in the Hyundai A-League soccer competition.

Seven Palm Island amateur boxers competed in the prestigious Queensland Golden Gloves held in Mackay, returning home with five gold and two silver medals.

## Edition 408 29 August

Tasmania's Stolen Generations assessor, Ray Groom, confirmed that 151 applications for compensation had been received from Aboriginal people who were removed from their families as children.

'Father of Reconciliation' Patrick Dodson was the co-producer of a documentary, *Liyam Ngam*, that was launched in Sydney.

Almost four months after being handed shock findings in the *Little Children Are Sacred* report, the NT Government unveiled its response to the report that prompted the Federal intervention.

Concerns were raised about the South Australian Government's new plan to tackle crime involving Aboriginal young people.

Students at National Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Association went on strike in protest against the school's management. A number of students ended up leaving the school and a new director was eventually appointed to run NAISDA.

In sport, basketballer Patrick Mills firmed up as a likely choice for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Anthony Mundine came out of hospital and vowed to return to the boxing ring as he continued to fight a serious eye infection.

## Edition 409 12 September

For the second time in three years, Jonathan Thurston won the Daily M Medal in the National Rugby League competition.

Aboriginal community representatives from around Australia gathered in Alice Springs in the first tentative steps towards establishing a national representative body.

Native title was established over one of Australia's most famous outback towns, Tennant Creek. It was the first time such a native title determination had been made by consent rather than litigation.

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**Muirunji Doomadgee's family members and supporters in tears after a Townsville Supreme Court jury cleared Sen-Sgt Chris Hurley over the Palm Island man's death in custody.**

WAFL celebrated NAIDOC Week.

A team of Indigenous surfers from Australia returned from New Caledonia after competing in the Oceania Cup.

Chris Binge Jr, a blockbusting Aboriginal three-quarter from Lismore, is chosen in the Australian Under-15 schoolboys rugby league team.

## Edition 406 1 August

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Warren Pitt gave an undertaking that unclaimed money from the State's \$55.6 million Indigenous Wages and Savings Repatriation scheme would be used for the specific benefit of Indigenous people.

The Federal intervention in the Northern Territory was blasted as evidence that Prime Minister John Howard had failed to deliver on his promise of 'practical reconciliation'. Speaking at a national forum in Sydney, Combined Aboriginal Organisations of the NT Co-ordinator Pat Turner also predicted the intervention would fail because it was being conducted without consulting Aboriginal people.

The Federal Government pledged \$48 million in funding to Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson's plan for welfare reform trials in Queensland's Cape York communities.

## Edition 407 15 August

Aboriginal leaders descended on Canberra in a last-ditch attempt to stop or stall legislation associated with the intervention into NT Aboriginal communities, but with the Howard Government controlling both Houses of Parliament, the legislation passed unamended.

Bruce Trevor returned to Ngarindjeri country to speak about his 1 August court win against the South Australian Government over his forced removal, as a baby, from his natural family.

The Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) agreed to close a major tourist facility at Wajemup (Rottnest Island) to make way for a memorial and interpretive centre to give proper recognition and respect to the hundreds of tribal men who perished on the island in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Ursula Yovich's star continued to rise, with the NT actor taking out the Helpmann

# Fight to save Burrup rock art ● Stolen wages in the news









Tributes to Dean Shillingsworth, the small Aboriginal boy found dead in a suitcase dumped in a western Sydney lake.



Eastwood's take on the construction of a pit toilet on a sacred site by a Commonwealth NT Intervention team.

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experts said they were disappointed but not surprised at a finding by the WA Corruption and Crime Commission that police did not act unreasonably when they pepper-sprayed a 10-year-old Aboriginal girl in a Perth school yard in June last year.

● In sport, Yarrabah (Qld) team Bukki Buna held on to beat Cairns United 28-26 in a thrilling Cairns All-Blacks Rugby League Carnival grand final.

● Anthony Mundine said he would step back into the boxing ring for the first time since a serious eye problem nearly ended his career.

● David Walker, of Brisbane, returned from the Summer Olympics World Special Games in Shanghai, China, with a gold medal in basketball.

## Edition 414 21 November

● The first native title claim ever lodged, for a 180ha area at Wellington in central-western NSW, was finally settled.

● Tensions were high between Aboriginal people, conservationists and the Queensland Government over proposed 'wild rivers' legislation which could lock up 80 per cent of Cape York from Aboriginal development.

● The construction of a pit toilet on a sacred site tainted the NT Intervention Task Force and angered traditional owners.

● The WA Police Service was accused of being the most racist government organisation in Western Australia amid calls for a renewed dialogue with the Federal and WA governments on self-determination and Indigenous issues.

● In sport, champion North Queensland Cowboys Rugby League halfback Johnathan Thurston was likely to miss the first round of the 2008 NRL season after shoulder surgery.

● About 40 Victorian Indigenous children attended a surf day at Torquay Beach, south of Melbourne.

## Edition 415 December 5

● Indigenous voters in the Northern Territory, and across Australia, rejected the Liberal-National Party Coalition as Labor



Pointing the way forward ... New Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, who led the Labor Party to victory in the Federal election on November 24.

under Kevin Rudd swept the Howard Government from office.

● Australia's new Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, promised to say sorry to the Stolen Generations.

● After 12 years of hard slog, the Githabul people of northern NSW had native title rights recognised over a large parcel of their country.

● Marjorie Foster, a traditional owner, was removed by the Federal Court as the recognised native title claimant for Kamu land in the Daly River area of the Northern Territory.

● Qantas said it would double the number of its Indigenous employees over the next 12 months.

● In sport, Launceston-born Aboriginal man Daniel 'The Real Deal' Geale was ready to fight for a world boxing title.

● More than 20,000 people turned out for the 14th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane.

● A team from the Kimberley region of Western Australia won the second National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association open men's title, played in Perth.



Senior Githabul woman Cazna Williams ... delighted at the native title recognition of her country on the NSW-Queensland border.



NT politician Marion Scrymgour caused a storm when she attacked the Federal intervention in the Northern Territory. In November, however, she became the NT Deputy Chief Minister.

● **WA police 'most racist'** ● **New PM promises to say sorry**



# Wujal Wujal moves ahead

By Cairns Correspondent  
CHRISTINE HOWES



Opening the new sports oval, from left, Cr Colin Burns, Cook Shire CEO Steve Wilton, Cook Shire Mayor Bob Sullivan, WWASC Councillor David Jackson, WWASC Mayor Desmond Tayley, Deputy Mayor Keith Bush, Queensland Local Government Minister Warren Pitt and WWASC CEO Peter Opio Otim.



THE opening of a state-of-the-art sewage-treatment plant that will be the 'envy of many' was just one of three milestones achieved by Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council (WWASC), just south of Cooktown, late last month.

WWASC Mayor Desmond Tayley said the new plant, the presentation of Certificates II and III in Waste Management to local workers and the opening of new sports ovals in the community marked a new chapter in the council's history.

At a celebration hosted by the council, traditional owner Francis Walker congratulated current and previous councillors and staff for their determination to see the projects through to fruition.

"What a relief now that the system is all connected and functioning well so that the community can live in a clean environment with a system design that is capable for the future development of our community," she said.

"On behalf of all Yalanji, I'd now like to acknowledge and congratulate the present WWASC Council members and staff for their years of negotiating with government



Planting a tree alongside the new ovals were Local Government Minister Warren Pitt and WWASC Mayor Desmond Tayley.

bodies and the traditional owners to oversee the completion of this project, not forgetting the previous councils over the years who started the initial process with government.

"I'd also like to acknowledge all the

Yalanji people who have worked alongside teams of experts."

WWASC CEO Peter Opio Otim said the projects signalled a means of securing a stable and secure future for Wujal Wujal.

"If there's going to be hope for Wujal in

years to come, its future will depend very much on the skills base of its residents," he said.

Mr Tayley said the local workers who had achieved their certificates would be 'the backbone upon which the operation of the plant will rely'.

"We have a state-of-the-art sewage-treatment plant that will be the envy of many shire councils," he said.

Queensland Local Government Minister Warren Pitt officially opened the treatment plant and sports field.

"The plant achieves an A-grade standard of waste water, which is recycled as irrigation to a council-managed tree farm and to the Bloomfield River," he said.

Mr Pitt, representing Sport Minister Judy Spence, also opened the sports fields.

"The Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation funded the construction of two sports fields, one for rugby league and one for Aussie rules," he said.

Mr Tayley said the sports oval project had been on the drawing board for a long time.

"With the completion of this stage we now have excellent facilities for our people to enjoy a game of rugby league, AFL, soccer and, if I may add, a new and interesting, locally complicated version of golf," he said.

**'What a relief now that the system is all connected and functioning well so that the community can live in a clean environment with a system design that is capable for the future of our community' – Traditional Owner Francis Walker**



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**'It's important for us to ... talk about being black'**



Charlie Solomon running the boomerang painting workshop.



Thornbury school students with Nikki Ashby from the Hip Hop Movement Crew.

# Youth have deadly time

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY  
in Melbourne



A FEW words by an eloquent young man seemed to sum up the Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory

Council's (VIYAC) second annual Yan Yean Gathering, held in Melbourne at the end of November.

"It was deadly, wicked," said Lawrence Austin Jnr, from the Aborigines Advancement League. "It's important for us to get together and talk about being black."

And that's just what VIYAC set out to achieve - a day of reunion for Koori kids, a showcase of local talent and an opportunity to access information about services through the career and education market held in conjunction.

"It's about bringing people together, having fun and instilling pride in all our youth," said Statewide VIYAC Co-ordinator Jade Colgan.

As kids visited the stalls and enjoyed a good feed, it was clear that the young performers were the stars of the day.

VIYAC is a statewide community based volunteer program that engages Indigenous people aged 12 to 25 to provide a voice to government and the community on issues of importance to them.

Zack Haddock has been a long-time member, who since his 26th birthday has 'retired' to the reference committee in order to let the next generation 'take the bull by the horns'.

He told *The Koori Mail* that he has watched VIYAC shape into something 'quite well-rounded and robust'. "I'm proud of what we have achieved," he said.

VIYAC has been gaining recognition in the Victorian community, as was highlighted by the number of groups and services present and the big



Tjimba and the Yung Warriors (back row), Cappa from Alter Egoz and Nikki Ashby from the Hip Hop Movement Crew.

crowd of young Koori children.

Jamie Mason, a recent recruit of Zack's, said she was happy to see students from her local area make it down to the League, with the Sale Aboriginal Co-operative bringing a bus-load of students.

Members seemed excited and proud of the day's achievements. Tim Kanoa, who watched from a prime position on the Foundation for Young Australians' table near the main stage, said that all the smiling faces were a good indicator of the day's success.

Mr Kanoa works with the Foundation on national leadership programs, but he said VIYAC had been important in keeping him grounded in the Victorian community.

"I just want to see more people showcased and coming forward," he said.

"VIYAC is good way of getting the work of young blackfellas acknowledged. We all have deadly talents and I just want to see more people get involved."

"This way we can make our voice stronger and make sure it's heard."

Rebecca Phillips said VIYAC had allowed her to 'link up with other Indigenous Victorians and together be constructive in creating positive messages, opportunities and events to promote the values of our living culture, especially when Indigenous Australians are over-represented by negative media'.



Ilana Atkinson performed.



VIYAC State Coordinator Jade Colgan with a VIYAC member.



MC Lionel with Kutcha Edwards.



# Carmody to star

## Big names line up for new album celebration

By MARGARET SMITH

NSW

KEV CARMODY will be a special guest at next month's Sydney Festival, performing tracks from his new album *Cannot Buy My Soul*. The veteran Aboriginal singer will be joined on stage at the festival by leading performers and musicians including Missy Higgins, the Pigram Brothers from WA's Kimberley, Paul Kelly, Ruby Hunter, Archie Roach, Tex Perkins, Glenn Richards, The Herd and Clare Bowditch – who all feature on the album.

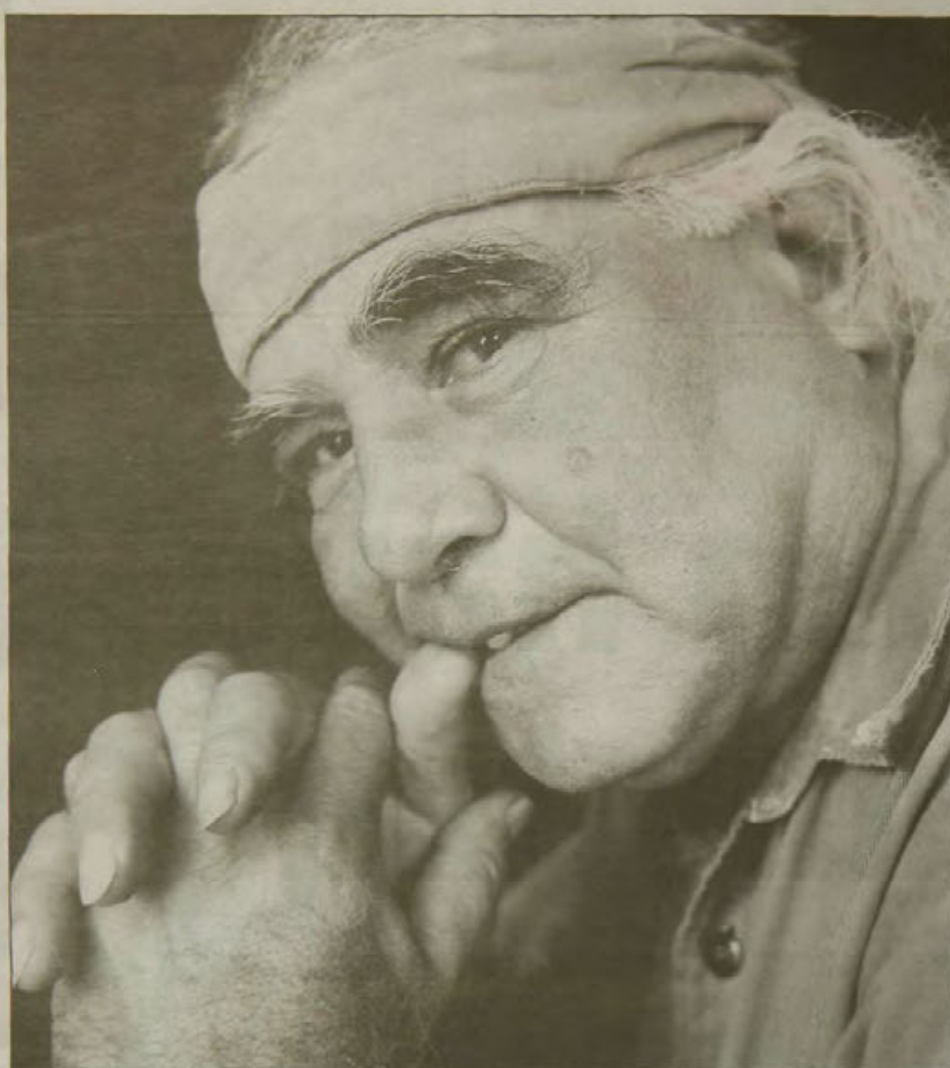
Carmody is regarded by many as ahead of his time, and his album calling for a change of heart in Australia was prophetic given Labor's win at the November Federal election.

His Sydney Festival performance is set to include such classics as *Blood Red Rose*, the ironic *Thou Shalt Not Steal*, the sad lament *The Young Dancer is Dead*, and the tribute *From Little Things Big Things Grow*, which he co-wrote with Paul Kelly.

Carmody's songs chronicle more than 60 years of Indigenous life in Australia.

He was born in 1946 on a cattle station near Dalby, Queensland, and was sent away from his family when he was aged 10 to a Christian school.

As a young man he learned to listen to the land and storytelling when he worked as a farm labourer, and later when doing a PhD in history at Queensland University his songs became even more political.



Kev Carmody ... His songs chronicle more than 60 years of Indigenous life. The performer will be a special guest at next month's Sydney Festival.

Now back on the land with his family, he says Australia has been in denial on a number of issues.

"It's climate change; no, it's a drought. When we have to go down to the public swimming pool with a bucket of water to boil a cup of tea, supporters of the 'it's a drought' argument will wake up,"

he says.

Carmody has long been concerned about the number of Indigenous people in jails, and he does programs for prisoners whenever he can.

Other big issues for him include global capitalism, and the effect on society of huge salaries paid to

corporate bosses.

His two concerts will be at the State Theatre on 10 and 11 January.

Also as part of the festival, on 22 and 23 January at the Sydney Opera House the Black Arm Band Murundak Concert will tell the story of Aboriginal Resistance.



Dan Sultan and Scott Wilson, who will be on stage with Kev Carmody at the Sydney Festival shows.



Missy Higgins, who will take the stage.



Australia's Tex Perkins will be among the big names on stage with Kev Carmody.

## Hurley's creative spirit set to live on



LEADING contemporary Aboriginal artist the late Ron Hurley is unlikely to be forgotten in Bundaberg, south-east Queensland, the country of the Gooreng Gooreng tribe.

The Gooreng Gooreng/Muninjali man's creative spirit is set to live on through one of his many artworks *Portrait of George Everett Johnson* which members of Mr Johnson's family last month handed to the Bundaberg Arts Centre.

The Johnson family's vision is for the arts centre to display the artwork for appreciation by the city's residents.

The piece was donated to

the Johnson family by the artist.

Mr Hurley's connection to his extended family and ancestral lands was an inspiration to his work. By donating this piece to the family, he reinforced the importance of this connection.

Mr Hurley was not only a cousin but a friend to the family. He was a humble man who had achieved national and international recognition for his artwork.

His outstanding achievements can still be viewed on his personal website, which was developed by his own family as acknowledgement of, and a dedication to, these achievements.

Mr Hurley, regarded by



These Gooreng Gooreng Dancers, from left, Pereiha, Adam, Ray, Travis, Jerome and Luke, are all great grandsons of the late George Everett Johnson, whose portrait they are with.

many as the first Aboriginal artist to 'totally consummate the marriage between

Aboriginal and Western art', based his work on historical and political figures and

examining the plight of Aboriginal people in urban society. He passed away just over five years ago.

*Portrait of George Everett Johnson* was included in the Urban Dreaming Odyssey exhibition of 1989. The piece has now found a final resting place at the Bundaberg Arts Centre, as Bundaberg was the final resting place of Elder George Everett Johnson, who was from the Bolgwin Bolgwin clan of the Gooreng Gooreng tribe.

While Mr Johnson was alive, he passed on his cultural knowledge to his son, Mervyn Johnson, who in turn has passed on this knowledge to the next generation of Gooreng Gooreng descendants.



# Drum program helps young people at risk



American Drum Circle guru Arthur Hull: "To play the drum, you don't have to be a drummer."



One of the workshops at the Drumbeat Festival teaching rhythm and dance.



WA Aboriginal Labor MP Ben Wyatt dropped in to the Drumbeat Festival.

## A different beat

Story by KEN BOASE  
Photos by ALITA BOASE



Nyoongar Elder Noel Nannup gave the Welcome to Country address at the festival.



YOUTH counsellors in Western Australia have come up with an innovative early intervention program for young people at risk.

The program, called Drumbeat, uses drums as a communication tool to build self-confidence and teamwork. It arose out of the failure of more conventional intervention methods for young people often socially isolated because of drugs and alcohol or because of cultural isolation often suffered by Indigenous children and non-Anglo migrants. The program involves 10 one-hour drumming lessons over 10 weeks for the young people involved. Studies have shown that the children who participate return to mainstream activities with confidence and even leadership abilities.

The program is being developed across Australia, and to celebrate its success, a Drumbeat Festival was held recently in Perth involving 150 children from 14 schools around WA.

Drumbeat Co-ordinator Simon Faulkner said many intervention methods allowed for failure which brought shame to the young people involved. The drum had been found to be effective because it was an instrument that could be played instantly, meaning it was a great learning tool.

"They learn all of these social skills and they take them into sort of mainstream areas, and the evaluations that we've done on the program have shown that those kids are more likely to get involved in group activities," Mr Faulkner said.

"They're more likely to be able to control their emotional levels a bit better and co-operate and collaborate with others a bit better."

The Drumbeat Festival involved a series of workshops using different disciplines and techniques on the drums. Facilitators included Nyoongar men Lee West and 'Uncle Peter' from Perth Aboriginal music college Abmusic.

"We were there as facilitators teaching didj and dance, and they wanted us to teach that because it's all about rhythm so we were teaching the kids how to use their feet rather than their hands," they said.

"We do a lot of this work through schools and festivals and the kids want to hear



Dance teachers Lee West and 'Uncle Peter' from Abmusic were facilitators at the Drumbeat Festival. "We were there as facilitators teaching didj and dance, and they wanted us to teach that because it's all about rhythm," they said.

stories too, so we incorporate all of those things into our teaching, and there are different dances for different age groups which most people don't realise."

The Drumbeat Festival was held on the foreshore in South Perth.

After the workshops, Nyoongar Elder Noel Nannup gave a Welcome to Country before a finale involving all students in a percussion orchestra.

### 'Ancient way'

"In our ancient Aboriginal way we have boron tuk tuk, and boron tuk tuk is a piece of wood that we tap. One, two, three, four, and as we tap we dance and we sing and we have that rhythm," Mr Nannup said during his address.

"That rhythm connects us to the land and our language is part of that rhythm as well."

The Drumbeat program attracted many Aboriginal and African students.

Two of the Aboriginal students were Nyoongars Courtney Ugle, from Djidi Djidi school in Bunbury, and Rowan McGrath,

from Brookton in the WA Wheatbelt.

"All of my uncles play the drums so I thought it would be a good experience to have a shot at them," said Courtney.

"I like the beat and the sounds that it makes and I play the trumpet as well."

Rowan said he was attracted to try the drums when his teacher invited the whole class to a workshop early this year.

"So we decided we wanted to do it and we went up to the hall and did drumming for about two hours and every Monday ever since that day and it's been good," he said.

Those at the Drum Festival were also given the wisdom of international rhythm guru Arthur Hull, known as the 'father' of the Drum Circle movement, who said that while the Australian Drumbeat program had unique qualities, there were commonalities across all cultures.

"Wherever I go and wherever I land and experience rhythm culture, they're all playing pretty much the same rhythms," Mr Hull said.

"There are universal patterns that you can find all over the world."



Rowan McGrath was one of the students involved.



Courtney Ugle enjoying the atmosphere at the festival.



# Fed Square rocks to Indigenous sounds

Archie Roach  
sends a spiritual  
vibe to the crowd.

Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM



MELBOURNE radio  
station PBS  
106.7FM  
kick-started its  
seventh annual

week-long celebration of live  
music with a free concert early this  
month. Federation Square rocked to  
the sounds of some of Australia's  
leading Indigenous roots, hip-hop,  
R'n'B and reggae artists alongside  
icons of Australian music like Paul  
Kelly, David Bridie, Shane Howard  
and Adam Harvey.

The Live Music Week launch  
concert was about showcasing some  
of Australia's leading Indigenous  
performers, with a focus on  
emerging hip-hop artists such  
as Brotha Black, Wire MC.  
Konekt-A-Dot and Tjimba and the  
Yung Warriors alongside Indigenous  
community legends like Archie  
Roach, Bart Willoughby (No Fixed  
Address and Mixed Relations),  
Kutcha Edwards and Lou Bennett  
(formerly of Tiddas).

PBS General Manager Adrian  
Basso said it was great to present  
such an impressive line-up.

"All these acts together on one  
stage has never been done before.  
Simon Raynor, presenter of our  
Indigenous music program Big Mob  
presented the programming concept  
to us and we were very excited  
about the possibilities and delighted  
with the response from the  
Indigenous performers as well as  
leading Australian performers," Mr  
Basso said.

Simon Raynor, along with David  
Bridie, is also co-founder of the  
Wantok Music Foundation, a  
not-for-profit organisation and music  
label representing Indigenous artists  
from Australia, Melanesia and the  
Pacific region.

Its aim is to develop long-term  
social, marketing and promotional  
strategies to raise the local and  
international profile of Indigenous  
and world music groups based in the  
region, to provide greater economic  
opportunities and long-term career  
sustainability for artists.

"Through events like this,  
under-represented music has a  
platform to attract new and broader  
audiences to gain the recognition  
and potential for ongoing success  
that it deserves," Mr Raynor said.

"This line-up is about bringing  
great Indigenous role models  
together with rising stars in an  
inspiring cultural environment where  
ideas can be shared, while giving  
Melbourne a unique opportunity to  
see some of this country's finest  
Indigenous and non-Indigenous  
artists - all at the one event and  
completely free," he said.



● ABOVE: Wire  
MC and  
Moo-moo.



● LEFT:  
Reflections of  
Federation  
Square.

● RIGHT: Brotha  
Black.



Starting young: These tiny music fans enjoyed  
the day.



From left, Wire MC, Brotha Black and Tjimba  
from Tjimba and the Yung Warriors with  
photographer Wayne Quilliam.



Shane Howard (far left), Archie Roach (middle), Ruby  
Hunter (wearing flag headband), and members of Tjimba  
and the Yung Warriors (in blue) with friends at Federation  
Square in Melbourne.



The Live Music Week Launch Concert in Melbourne was a  
family-friendly event.



## 'The New Black' Ten Minute Drama Initiative

The Indigenous Branch of the Australian Film Commission invite applications for a new drama  
initiative provisionally titled **The New Black**. Up to 6 x 10 minute films will be commissioned.  
The New Black is aimed at supporting and encouraging both emerging and practicing Indigenous  
filmmakers.

Applications from first time filmmakers will be considered.

Filmmakers who have previously made **two fully funded films** are not eligible to apply.

Each application must have Indigenous Australians in key creative roles.

We are calling on Indigenous program-makers from across Australia to submit 10-minute drama  
story ideas that explore individual notions and experiences of Australian life, from the unique  
perspective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Projects that exhibit innovation in storytelling and approach to production will be highly regarded.

**CLOSING DATE: Friday 8th February, 2008.**

For a copy of the guidelines contact:

Indigenous Branch, Australian Film Commission

Tel: 02 9321 6499 • Fax: 02 9357 3672 • Toll Free: 1800 226 615

Email: [indigenous@afc.gov.au](mailto:indigenous@afc.gov.au) • or visit the website: [www.afc.gov.au](http://www.afc.gov.au)

Guidelines and application forms are available from the website.

The New Black is an initiative of the Indigenous Branch of the AFC in association with  
the ABC, New South Wales Film and Television Office, the Pacific Film and Television Commission,  
and ScreenWest.



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Television Commission  
QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA





# Christian theme for Wiradjuri artist's first major exhibition



CHRISTIANITY has been as much a defining influence on Fran Dunn as her Aboriginality. That's why the 53-year-old grandmother, also known as Bourmba (which means black butterfly in her native Wiradjuri language) called her first major exhibition 'And God Said It Was Good'.

The title, taken from the Bible's Book of Genesis, was apt, given the complimentary comments *The Koori Mail* heard at its launch in Sydney this month.

The exhibition features several dozen paintings and artworks, all of which have a Christian theme and a title from the Scriptures. Works include acrylic paintings, linoprints, ochre and crayon drawings and one piece featuring snakeskin. Several painted didgeridoos are also included.

Now living at Moruya, on the NSW south coast, Mrs Dunn said she could not be happier with her latest works. "I've been a professional artist since 1988 and my works have been shown nationally and internationally, but this is my first big solo exhibition," she said.

## 'Very pleased'

"It's been a long time coming, but I'm very pleased with the results."

"I am a proud Christian Wiradjuri woman, so it was only natural that the exhibition has the theme it does."

Mrs Dunn was born at Gilgandra, in the heart of Wiradjuri country (western NSW). Her upbringing, by her mother Dorothy Towney and grandparents Pastor and Mrs WB Naden, was 'grassroots'.

"Mine was a great childhood, living in a loving Christian home and to a traditional lifestyle," she said.

"Throughout my youth and later life I've always loved art, so this exhibition is, I hope, the start of more to come."

To that end, Mrs Dunn aims next year to complete a degree in visual arts through Deakin University in Victoria.

While painting is the main medium for her art, she also enjoys pottery and writing poetry.

Mrs Dunn also paints under the name of Ulinga, Wiradjuri for 'to fly like an eagle', which is derived from her totem the wedge-tail eagle.



Wiradjuri artist Fran Dunn in front of her painting 'God Saw That It Was Good', featuring the Wiradjuri tribal totem the Goanna, and below, two more examples of her work from the exhibition.



## It's time for action on mentorship



APPLICATIONS are open until 1 February for the Lester Bostock Mentorship for Indigenous

film-makers. From experimental to documentary and drama, Metro Screen will look at all applications based on a story idea that can be told in a five-minute short film.

The Lester Bostock program produces four films annually and provides each participant with equipment, stock, post-production facilities and a \$2000 budget. In addition, each film-maker is mentored by an industry professional.

Films will screen at the Museum of Sydney during NAIDOC Week.

Past participants Wayne Blair and Rayma Johnston have won Deadly Awards for their films. Others include Adrian Wills, who won the Tudawali Award for Best Original Concept for a Short Film, and Phillip McLarne, now an internationally published and award-winning writer. Successful author Anita Heiss is working on an Indigenous TV series with the assistance of the Australian Film Commission.

"Aboriginal people have been master story-tellers since the Dreamtime. The chance to tell our stories on film is just an extension of our oral story-telling history," said Lester Bostock Mentorship graduate Melissa Abrahams.

● For more information or an application kit, contact Metro Screen on (02) 9365 1818 or go to [www.metro@metroscreen.org.au](http://www.metro@metroscreen.org.au). Email: [metro@metroscreen.org.au](mailto:metro@metroscreen.org.au)

# Seeds of success

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



EVERY year since 2005, multiple ARIA award winner John Butler (and his partner Danielle Caruana), awards grants to projects in the arts and music industry, under the JB Seed project initiative.

While 'Speak: Indigenous hip-hop' is the Indigenous category, this year there were Indigenous winners in other categories.

The Speak: Indigenous hip-hop competition winner was Impossible Odds (\$25,000), while social activism through the arts Indigenous grants went to Cultural Arts Tour (\$5000), Growing Up Two Ways (\$4350), Anmatjere Man (\$5000), StepUp (\$3400) and Biripi and Worimi Boys (\$5000).

Impossible Odds, an Indigenous Hip Hop duo act from Brisbane, are using the \$25,000 to record a five-track EP. Fred Leone and Jeremy Youse, who make up Impossible Odds, headed to Sydney at the end of November to start recording. The grant will cover related costs, and the production of 1000 copies once the EP is completed. They will also get to attend the JB Seed Management Workshop.

"It's where participants get to interact with high-profile people from every aspect of the music industry," said Fred.

"When we found out that we had won, we were going off our heads."

"We chose to do the JB Seed in particular because of what John Butler as a person and the whole JB Seed initiative stand for, a very important part of where Australia as a whole needs to get to, in order for us all to truly be one people."

The *Koori Mail* also spoke to Biripi and Worimi Boys grant recipient Shivanii Cameron, who will produce a documentary about the Indigenous bush regeneration team and the cultural canoe ecotourism enterprise of the Purfleet-Taree Local

Development Employment Projects (CDEP) and that when she heard about the JB Seed grants through a friend, 'it seemed the perfect avenue to apply for funding'.

"The film started being about an Indigenous bush regeneration team based in Purfleet-Taree and then I heard about an eco-tourism kayaking crew also doing good work through CDEP, and about the benefits to the Indigenous community of CDEP programs – so it's covering all those things," she said.

"I've always been interested in protecting

**"I've always been interested in protecting the environment and in working with Indigenous people, so I was interested (in this project) right from the start**

**– JB Seed grant recipient Shivanii Cameron**



Aboriginal Land Council.

The filming, which will wrap up this month, will be launched in Taree and submitted to a number of international and national film festivals, including the Moving Lens/Rainforest Rescue national film tour in 2008. It will also be distributed to conservation councils and Aboriginal land councils.

Ms Cameron, from Moving Lens Productions, said she wanted to make a documentary about two Taree Community

the environment and in working with Indigenous people, so I was interested from the start. I've been meeting and interviewing some of the Elders, and feel very privileged to be doing this work. I'm already planning the next project here. It's great working with the community here."

Since its inception in 2005, the JB Seed Grant Program has received more than 947 applications and, through the Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbAF), supported 115 projects throughout Australia.

The JB Seed strives to empower artists, and arts workers to effectively represent themselves in the industry in a self-sufficient manner.

The other Indigenous project grants were: ● \$5000 for 'Cultural Arts Tour', to enable Indigenous students from the Yarrabah State School in north Queensland to travel to Melbourne for a cultural dance tour.

● \$4350 for 'Growing Up Two Ways', a documentary to pass on stories of life at Finnis Springs Aboriginal Mission while giving hands-on skills in digital story-telling to Reg Dodd, a leader at the Marree Arabunna community. The final product will also be used as an Aboriginal education resource in South Australia.

● \$5000 for 'Anmatjere Man', a documentary by Tony Scrutten and Anna Cadden of PAW Media, which will explore the life of Anmatjere man Charlie Jungarrayi Cotpot, his life and his positive influence for Anmatjere people.

● \$3400 for 'StepUp', a mentoring project by the PACT Theatre Company at Erskineville, Sydney. Professional Indigenous artists will work with emerging artists, who will then mentor and share their skills with youth from the Redfern Community Centre. The process will culminate in a presentation of new contemporary Aboriginal artworks, participation in Gathering Ground for The Sydney Festival 2008 and a tour to the Nextwave Festival in Melbourne 2008.



# 2007 National Excellence



Individual Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Award winner Bernadette Shields, of Royal Darwin Hospital, with her granddaughter.



Smiley Johnstone was proud to have supported the Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation in Broken Hill which won the Working Together – Partnering for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health category.



Brisbane health consultant Mary Martin on stage with Justin Mohamed, newly elected Deputy Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.



On the right is Geraldine Hogarth, Sean Choolburra, Matthew Cooke and staff members from Townsville Aboriginal Medical Service, north Queensland.



Jimmy Little provided entertainment.



ABOVE: The awards ceremony was a colourful affair.



LEFT: Aboriginal academic Professor Mick Dodson and Dr Allen Benson, CEO of the Native Counselling Service of Alberta, Canada.



Jill Gallagher and Alan Brown, both of Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO).



Matthew Cooke (left) who won the Young Leader in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health category, with fellow finalist Ray Lovett.



Bernadette Shields of Royal Darwin Hospital (left) with her award for Individual Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, and Gracelyn Smallwood who was a finalist in the Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health category.



# Indigenous Health Awards



Winnunga Nimmityjah Health Service Chief Executive Officer Julie Tongs (left) and colleagues from the Canberra health service were thrilled with Winnunga's award for its Youth Diversion Program.



Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation chief Richard Weston with awards for being a finalist in the Excellence and Innovation in Community, and winner in the Working Together - Partnering for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

## They're working to close the gap

Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM



THE quest to close the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people within a generation has gathered considerable momentum in recent times.

And health and health care are certainly crucial and complex issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

But in all of the political discussion and debate, it is sometimes easy to forget the advances and achievements that continue to be made in the area of Indigenous health, so there was a real sense of celebration in the air when the inaugural 2007 National Excellence Awards in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health were announced last month in Sydney.

The Department of Health and Ageing 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 gulf between the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians.

The 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

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 wonderful work being done in Indigenous health so that they may share experiences, information, aspirations and outcomes. I congratulate all the finalists."

Indigenous health advocate and rights champion Mary Martin was awarded the lifetime achievement award for her 31-year career in health care, helping to change the face of planning and delivering health-care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### Better understanding

Much of her work has been about training and educating doctors and other health professionals in better understanding the health, cultural and communication needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and patients.

"The challenge of this job is looking back and moving forward at the same time, recognising the past and working with GPs to improve the future," said Ms Martin.

Northern Territory Aboriginal health worker Bernadette Shields took out the top award in the 'Individual contribution' category.

Tackling the hard issues in Aboriginal health - among them leprosy, sexually transmitted disease, AIDS, substance abuse and chronic disease - has been a feature of Ms Shields' 34 years as an Aboriginal health worker.

Following her early work with people with leprosy, she played a prominent role in establishing mobile outreach clinics for 'long grass' people in Darwin. Her concern about the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases coincided with the emerging threat of AIDS to Aboriginal communities and she travelled extensively around Australia to spread the word about prevention.

The Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical

Service won its award for a groundbreaking service which employs Aboriginal health workers to look after Aboriginal kidney patients.

The Kimberley Satellite Dialysis Service is the first community controlled Aboriginal health organisation-operated tertiary dialysis unit in Australia.

Aboriginal health workers work side-by-side with registered nurses at the service to deliver clinical care for their own people.

Broken Hill-based Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation received its award in the 'Working Together' category for its Lower Western Sector Agreement Program. It had also been nominated for its Outback Diabetes and Vascular Health Service Program in the 'Community health outcomes' category.

Both programs, based on collaborative partnerships, are helping to improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal communities in western NSW.

Maari Ma Regional Director Richard Weston said the recognition was fitting reward for the Maari Ma group.

Fifteen years ago, Canberra-based Winnunga Nimmityjah was a small health service with five staff and an annual budget of \$241,000. Today it is a comprehensive health service with 63 staff and an annual operating budget of \$6.5 million.

Two of Winnunga's programs were nominated for awards: the Midwifery Access Program (Service delivery) and, the program for which it won its award - the Youth Diversion Program (Community health outcomes).

The Youth Diversion Program tackles disproportionate rates of alcohol and other drug use among young Indigenous people. It combines formal education, training and employment with a focus on personal development and links to established referral support networks.

Winnunga CEO Julie Tongs was quick to pay tribute to her staff. "It's really about the people who work at Winnunga," she said. "It is about their commitment, dedication and hard work. And it is about how we marry up our clinical expertise with the cultural expertise. That's the main ingredient in getting it right. Then the access is easier."



CRAH Chief Mick Gooda.



Opera singer Deborah Cheetham was the MC.



Comedian Shaun Choolburra mid-flight.



## Warrnambool to host major conference



A CONFERENCE aimed at celebrating the role and contribution of non-government, not-for-profit

organisations in helping to create a healthy community will be held in Warrnambool, south-west Victoria, during February.

A range international, national and regional presenters will speak at the 'Towards a healthy community: Advancing social wellbeing in our community' conference on 21-22 February. They will include former State Premier Joan Kirner, Victorian Police Commissioner Christine Nixon and Victorian Indigenous Family Violence

Legal Service chief Antoinette Braybrook. Conference speakers will focus on issues around alcohol and drug addiction, family violence, mental health and disability as well as barriers to accessing services and the benefits of collaboration between providers in all sectors.

Delegates will be able to participate in professional development workshops,

network with other regional organisations and seek to establish ongoing collaborative relationships.

The conference will be facilitated by Dr Norman Swan, who hosts the ABC radio program *Health Report*.

For more information on the conference or to register, go to [www.communitysouthwest.com](http://www.communitysouthwest.com)



Southern graduates Suzie Smith, Della Jenkins, Dewayne Everettsmith, Tamara Styles, Donna Picken and Leonie Dickson.



Burnie health course graduates Trish Berne and Candy Bartlett.



Aboriginal Health Service staff Gail Wright, Raylene Foster, Wendy Moore, Annie Humphries and Teena Butterworth preparing for the surprise graduation lunch.



Graduate Leonie Dickson with her mother Auntie Girle Purdon and sister Verna Nichols at the graduation.

# 11 graduate from course

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



ELEVEN Aboriginal graduates from a Certificate III in Aboriginal Primary Health Care course run through the

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) are looking forward to putting their skills to use and, in some cases, extending their studies.

The TAC became a registered training organisation in July 2006, enabling it to deliver the nationally recognised training and assessment.

A team of seven delivered the training and the Aboriginal Health Service's doctors were involved in modules where required.

"We were really fortunate to have Dr Maureen Davey deliver some of the training for us. She is passionate about her public health work," TAC Training and Development Co-ordinator Annie Humphries said.

"The way she delivered anatomy and physiology was of high interest to the trainees. They pulled apart a model of a human body with all the bits and were able to dissect a dead kangaroo bought in by one of the trainees and really got down to the placement of organs."



Graduate Rachel Maynard: "I feel like I'm worth something to the community now."

Nineteen modules were delivered over a 14 months, consisting of everything from Tasmanian Aboriginal history and culture to nutrition and procedures such as taking blood pressure.

The graduates, aged from 19 to over 50, also benefited from practical experience gained through work placement with Aboriginal health services around the State.

Graduate Rachel Maynard, from Launceston, said the training had inspired her to move on to university studies. "I've started a Bachelor of Social Work at Deakin University via

correspondence, definitely a direct result of doing this work," she said.

During the training course Ms Maynard, a former administrative worker, worked in family support.

"I love it. I got to work with mums, children, families in general. It's really broad," she said.

Ms Maynard said she also loved seeing other participants 'grow and shine'. "Especially the Elders in the group. It was amazing to see their self-esteem and confidence exploding really. I feel sad it's over, but everyone's got a job out of it now," Ms Maynard said.

"But for me, the best part was, here I am at 30, I'm qualified at something. I feel like I'm worth something to the community now."

At their graduation in Hobart, the students were treated to a lunch prepared by Aboriginal Health Service staff. Families, facilitators, staff and representatives from National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation attended the graduation.

"The transformation over the 14 months has been amazing. It has imbued them with a certain amount of self-confidence and self-esteem that they didn't have before. I've grown a lot, too. I'm absolutely proud of them," said Ms Humphries.



# Kids brush up on oral health



Dezley Byron explains the detail of the 'Clean Well' painting at the Narooma ceremony.

By LAURELLE PACEY



FIVE colourful paintings by 50 Koori children at Narooma Public School on the NSW far south coast will soon be enjoyed by their peers at schools around NSW.

Their artworks will be made into posters to support a new project, 'Health Smart Deadly Art', which aims to teach school kids about the importance of oral health.

"Unless you deal with oral health issues, you perpetuate chronic diseases in the Aboriginal community," said Aboriginal Program Manager for the NSW Centre for Oral Health Strategy Marie Wilson.

Senior Dental Therapist and Project Officer Angela Rankin, of Katungul Aboriginal Medical Service, said dental decay was far more widespread in Aboriginal children than in the general population.

"One of the glaring causes of decay in early childhood is caused by babies being put to bed with a bottle," she said.

"Other reasons are diets with too many carbohydrates, drinking soft drinks and general poor oral hygiene. Some kids don't have their own toothbrush at home."

## Five 'wells'

The project is based on the idea that Indigenous children learn more through visual arts, so the idea was to develop culturally appropriate pictures to promote the oral health message around five themes - Eat Well, Drink Well, Clean Well, Play Well, Stay Well.

It was obvious from the recent launch of the artworks at the school that the kids had learned plenty and had loads of fun.

They pulled marshmallows to bits, cut up food, used litmus paper to test the acidity of soft drinks, and they often ended up covered in paint. The result was attractive posters.

Aunty Coope (Georgina) Parsons and Dezley Byron worked with the children to come up with ideas around the project's



The 50 Koori artists from Narooma Public School and their artworks with Aunty Coope (Georgina) Parsons, left, relief AEA Julie Knipier, Tashe Long of Narooma School as a Community Centre and Dezley Byron.

themes. "It was wonderful working with the kids," said Dezley.

"Aunty Coope and I were amazed with the ideas they came up with and the colours."

"It's deadly that their paintings will be used all around NSW to help other kids."

The project is funded by NSW Health's Centre for Oral Health Strategy. Narooma School was selected largely because of its high percentage of Indigenous children - more than 13 per cent of 380 children - as well as its support of Aboriginal programs.

All 50 young artists received a

certificate plus showbag containing many items, including a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss.

The project team included representatives from Narooma Public School, Narooma School as a Community Centre, Katungul Aboriginal Medical Service, the Aboriginal Programs portfolio of the Illawarra and South East Region of NSW Department of Education and Training (DET), the Centre for Oral Health Strategy NSW, and the Health Development Unit and the Oral Health Programs Units of Greater Southern Area Health Service.



DET Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Roderick Stockee presenting each of the young artists with a certificate.

# Death preventable, Coroner finds



AN Aboriginal man who bled to death on the operating table in Alice Springs died because of systemic failings and a lack of resources for emergency surgery, a coronial inquest has found.

The 28-year-old died on 22 April last year after he was stabbed and bashed with a steel pipe at a town camp by three men in a long-standing family feud.

The injured man was taken by ambulance to Alice Springs Hospital, where he died the following day having lost a great deal of blood while undergoing surgery on his thigh.

Handing down his findings on 10 December, NT Coroner Greg Cavanagh said Alice Springs had the highest reported incidence of stab wounds in the world, most of which were in the thigh because of cultural practices.

He said serious system and resource issues at the hospital meant the man's death 'was more likely to occur than it

should have been', despite the high number of cases treated there.

"Overall, I find that there were too many errors to suggest that this was a totally unexpected breakdown," he said, adding that delaying the operation by a day was a significant factor.

Mr Cavanagh recommended 'as a matter of priority' \$5 million be spent on a designated emergency theatre.

"Seventy per cent of cases requiring surgery are emergency cases, but they are currently mostly operated on in the evening, on weekends, or slotted in between elective cases," he said.

"Sadly, and unfortunately, the death of the deceased in the Alice Springs Hospital was preventable. In my view, the death occurred, inter alia, because of a lack of resources for emergency surgery."

Mr Cavanagh said the hospital had accepted the death was avoidable and immediately took steps to work out what had gone wrong and why.

Among the Coroner's findings was that

the surgical team underestimated the bleeding risk before the operation and during it.

He said it was 'perplexing and surprising' that both the senior anaesthetic registrar and the consultant surgeon either did not know about or did not think to use stored units of negative blood in the emergency department's fridge.

In addition, he said two doctors had made errors filling out forms requesting blood be 'grouped and held' in the event more was needed, a mistake compounded by others who failed to check to see it had been done.

Mr Cavanagh recommended a phone for the theatre, said there had been insufficient nursing support and that staff at the hospital, many of whom had trained elsewhere and were only there for a short time, were unfamiliar with some systems.

He said the hospital had implemented many of the recommendations following the death of the man, who cannot be named for cultural reasons. - AAP

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# Graduates lead way

## More youth workers the result

Photo by ALISON McCOLL-BULLOCK, of iCatching Photography

**VIC** A MOTHER of seven, a former street-kid and commuters from country Victoria are among the first graduates of Swinburne TAFE's Indigenous Youth Work course.

Graduates of the new Certificate IV and Diploma in Youth Work, developed in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd (VACSAL), will help ease the shortage of qualified youth workers in Victoria.

Course Co-ordinator Melinda Eason said many of the graduates already had landed their dream jobs and were inspiring role models in the Indigenous and the broader communities.

She said the success of this group of students, who graduated in Melbourne on 6 December, had contributed to focusing on the positive strengths of Indigenous communities.

"Youth work is a rewarding, demanding and challenging career choice," Ms Eason said.

"The course addresses many issues that face young people today such as drug and alcohol use, homelessness, legal issues and health."

"The students have attended classes regularly even though many have complex life demands outside of class. Some students are commuting weekly from Horsham and Shepparton."



Relieved to be finished but proud of their achievements: Graduating students from Victoria's Swinburne TAFE.

Mother-of-seven Lorna Thomas, who said she had always been passionate about helping young people, had just completed the Certificate IV in Youth Work.

"I am so proud of what I have achieved this year. This course has really turned my life around. It has been amazing for my self-esteem and confidence," she said.

"Now I can't wait to get out into the

workforce. I have a lot life experience to share with these kids. I'm really passionate about helping them and showing them that there are so many opportunities out there for them."

Ms Thomas had all her children with her for the graduation ceremony at the Carlton Football Club.

"I'm excited that my children were there."

"I've always wanted a chance to show them that I am more than just 'mum'," she said.

"I am proud of myself and graduation was my chance to give myself a well-deserved pat on the back."

Following the success of the Youth Work courses, Swinburne and VACSAL are now providing courses for other Indigenous youth.

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## Literacy project gets barristers' support



NSW barristers who were appointed as Senior Counsel this year have

announced a major donation to the Indigenous Literacy Project to help address the crisis in literacy in remote Indigenous communities.

In keeping with an annual tradition of making a donation to a charity, the 23 newly-appointed Senior Counsels (known as silks) for NSW last week donated \$65,000 to the Indigenous Literacy Project, a partnership between the Australian Book Industry and The Fred Hollows Foundation.

Indigenous Literacy Project (ILP) Chairman David Gaunt said that the donation, together with funds raised this year, would enable a dramatic expansion of the project's coverage to additional remote communities in 2008.

"Nearly 20 communities in

remote Northern Territory, Warburton in WA and six communities in NSW will benefit," Mr Gaunt said.

Peter Tomasetti, SC, in making the donation to ILP on behalf of the barristers

**'We felt that a donation to the Indigenous Literacy Project would ensure that some of the most disadvantaged people in Australia would be able to enjoy some of the benefits that come with literacy'**

appointed as Senior Counsel in 2007, said the silks believed that literacy was one of the fundamental building blocks to advancement in life.

"It is fundamental to the work we do and we felt that a donation to the Indigenous

Literacy Project would ensure that some of the most disadvantaged people in Australia would be able to enjoy some of the benefits that come with literacy," he said.

The NSW Bar has been proactive in its support for Indigenous causes and encouraging the advancement of Indigenous people in the legal profession.

The donation ceremony coincided with a mentoring day it ran for Indigenous law students.

In attendance were NSW Bar Association President Anna Katzmann, SC, association immediate past president Michael Slattery, QC, Founding Director of The Fred Hollows Foundation Gabi Hollows, and award-winning author and ILP ambassador Tara June Winch.

The barristers' donation boosted the project's fundraising for the year to nearly \$250,000.



# Land council's scholarship fund launched



Batchelor Institute Director Dr Jeannie Herbert

## Batchelor welcomes new Govt



**BATCHELOR** Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education says it is looking forward to working with the new Federal Government and the new ministerial line-up in the Northern Territory to ensure continuing improvement in education for Indigenous Australians.

Institute Director Dr Jeannie Herbert said the time had come to 'end the decades of neglect, mismanagement and ineffectual delivery of essential services to Indigenous Australians, most importantly in areas of health and education'.

"Ensuring the safety of Indigenous children and generally improving the lives of Indigenous peoples were key platforms of all major parties in the recent Federal election, and we welcome the opportunity to work with the new Federal ministers to find more practical and productive ways to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples, especially those who live in remote communities," Dr Herbert said.

"Effective change that results in real improvements will only occur when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are genuinely consulted about their needs and aspirations, and when they are recognised as the First Nations of this country and treated with the respect they deserve.

### Concerted effort

"This will require a concerted effort by policy-makers and bureaucrats to make sure that essential services are delivered in an integrated way across all policy areas, and all programs are designed to cater for the different needs of people living in a diversity of urban, rural and remote communities."

Dr Herbert said Batchelor Institute had more than 30 years of experience in building networks and trust in Indigenous communities across Australia, especially in the Northern Territory.

"The Federal intervention into Aboriginal communities in the NT has caused much heartache, fear and misunderstanding within many remote communities," she said.

"While many traditional owners are happy that at last something is being done after decades of neglect, there appears to have been little consultation with individual communities to find the most effective way forward.

"As a result, many feel they have been excluded from the processes of decision-making and this will be a critical issue for the new Federal Government to address.

"We also look forward to working closely with the new NT Minister for Indigenous Policy and Education, Marion Scrymgour, and her Parliamentary Secretary Alison Anderson, who is a graduate of Batchelor Institute, to achieve a more co-ordinated and focused approach to the delivery of education and training in Aboriginal communities.

"We are on the brink of an exciting future in Indigenous education."



AN education scholarship fund financed by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and targeted at providing Aboriginal people with a broad range of educational and vocational opportunities has been launched in Sydney.

The \$30-million NSWALC Education Endowment Fund was launched by the Chairperson of the nine-member NSWALC Governing Council, Bev Manton, and NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch at a ceremony at the organisation's Parramatta headquarters.

It is expected that up to 200 students a year will be assisted through scholarships.

Ms Manton told guests that the scholarship, achievement and leadership scheme was one of the most exciting and innovative programs in the 25-year history of land rights in New South Wales.

"I've said it before, and I will no doubt say it again, this is our education revolution," she said.

"There is a large body of research which emphasises the pivotal role of education in reducing the long-term disadvantage of our people.

"Education is a key factor in the well-being of our people. There can be no more important step for this new Council to take.

### Better future

"There can be no better dedication of compensation monies for the dispossession of our land than to help build a better future for our people by assisting them to achieve their full potential."

Ms Manton said the Council had quarantined \$30 million of its Statutory Investment Fund as seed funding for the endowment scheme.

"We will finance the scholarship each year from the interest generated from those funds," she said.

"We anticipate this will provide up to \$2 million in scholarship monies each year in perpetuity. We are advised we will be able to provide scholarships for up to 200 students each year."

Ms Manton announced the endowment fund would be administered by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF Australia), an international not-for-profit organisation which currently administers NSWALC's Freddy Fricke Scholarship.

Application forms for the fund would be available on the NSWALC and CAF Australia websites in the next few weeks or by application direct to the two organisations.

Ms Manton re-emphasised that NSWALC acknowledged education was the primary responsibility of the NSW Government, with the Commonwealth Government providing



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch and members of the NSWALC Board at the launch of NSWALC's \$30-million Education Endowment Fund, from left, Cr Steve Gordon, Cr Craig Cromelin, Cr Roy Ah-See, NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton, Mr Lynch, NSWALC Deputy Chair Cr Tom Briggs, Cr Jack Hampton and Cr Patricia Laurie.



From left, NSWALC CEO Geoff Scott, Minister Paul Lynch and newly appointed NSWALC Deputy CEO Norman Laing at the Fund launch.

Photos courtesy of NSWALC

a strategic and funding role with specific Aboriginal education initiatives.

Awards under the scheme would be open to all Aboriginal people in NSW, with preference given to members of Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

It would provide opportunities for study at schools, higher learning institutions, colleges and universities.

Scholarship monies provided would vary with the circumstances of the individual.

The eligibility criteria would cover financial need, academic performance, connection with the Aboriginal community, commitment to the field of study and leadership potential.

A supplementary focus of the scheme, in conjunction with

educational institutions and business, would be to connect Aboriginal people with job and career opportunities in key areas of Aboriginal development.

The program would have a strong community focus by encouraging communities to get behind students. The program would also allow students to attend boarding schools, where appropriate, and give them a greater chance to stay at school and qualify for tertiary study.

Mr Lynch said the scholarship would benefit Aboriginal people aspiring to tertiary and technical education.

"This ground-breaking fund is proof the NSW Aboriginal Land Council is one of the most significant political bodies for Aboriginal people in Australia," he said.



## Pilots' careers ready to take off



THE sky is the limit for two young Aboriginal pilots who have received their Diploma of Aeronautics through a West Australian Department of Education and Training initiative.

Chris Rusden and James Mills are now being interviewed by the Qantas Group and, if successful, could be offered places in its highly competitive pilot cadetship program next year.

They are the first to complete their studies under the Department of Education and Training's Indigenous Aerospace Initiative (IAI), which was established to provide opportunities for Aboriginal students to undertake pilot training and enter the Australian aviation industry.

WA Aboriginal Education and Training Director Robert Somerville said the initiative provided the students with a springboard into a rewarding profession.

"Aviation is a career that many Aboriginal people aspire to, but is out of reach for most," he said.

The IAI assists students to complete an integrated course consisting of practical flying training as well as theoretical aeronautical studies.

In addition to their Diplomas in Aeronautics, students also obtain a



IAI students Roger Pickett (left), Chris Rusden and James Mills are presented with their certificates by Ian Boyd, the Director of Transport at Swan TAFE at a commemorative dinner hosted by the WA Department of Education and Training.

Commercial Pilot Licence, sit theory examinations towards the CASA Air Transport Pilot Licence qualification and acquire other industry certificates.

Mr Somerville said the initiative came at a vital time, with growing demand for

pilots in Australia.

"There is a skills shortage in the aviation industry, which is being felt worldwide," he said.

IAI student Chris Rusden, 21, said he was glad to have completed the intensive

training process after more than two years of study.

"My initial feeling was one of relief to be finished, but over the last couple of days that's turned to excitement as I've started to realise how many job opportunities are out there," he said.

James Mills, 19, agreed, describing his recent interview with Qantas as 'surreal'.

"Even when I was going through the course, I never saw myself actually working for a big airline," he said.

"I thought you'd need to have thousands of flying hours up before you could do something like that."

As the first students to complete the IAI training, both men have already made an impact as role models in the Aboriginal community.

"I didn't think about that personally, but since I've finished my training my family and friends have been telling me how proud they are, and telling everyone they know about the Initiative, I've realised how significant it is," said Chris.

Both students celebrated their achievements at a commemorative dinner hosted by the Department of Education and Training, where they were presented with their diplomas from Swan TAFE.

A third IAI student, Roger Pickett, also received his Certificate IV in Aeronautics from Swan TAFE at the dinner.

## Simply Spectacular



Darlington Public School student Kuliam Anu presented the Welcome to Country at the Schools Spectacular in Sydney last month.



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander children were among many students who returned to their schools

on cloud nine last month after performing in what was the 'biggest and best' ever Schools Spectacular.

They were among 3000 singers, musicians and dancers who performed to sell-out audiences at the entertainment event.

And they shared their excitement with more than one million viewers Australia-wide. The Spectacular highlights were broadcast on ABC on 9 December and are due to be repeated on ABC 2 digital channel today.

Organisers said that the 24th annual extravaganza continued the



Wellington High student Bruce Carr doing his own rap song, *The Power*.

record-breaking Schools Spectacular tradition as the biggest variety spectacle staged in the world.

NSW Deputy Director-General, Schools, Trevor Fletcher praised the

efforts of everyone involved in the Spectacular, which he said was now a landmark event on the State public schools performing arts calendar.

It is a mammoth effort, made all the more impressive because performers from about 300 public schools statewide only come together for the choreographed show on the day before the first public performance.

"Students and staff across the State aspire to be part of the Schools Spectacular," Mr Fletcher said.

"For some it is a chance to experience the joy of performance and to share the stage with other talented and enthusiastic young performers."

"For others, the Spectacular is an important stepping stone along a path to a career in the performing arts."



The Gorokan High School's didgeridoo troupe featured in several segments of the Schools Spectacular.



## Outstanding Victorian students win praise



THE Victoria Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) has applauded nine Aboriginal students from Melbourne who were honoured earlier this month for academic excellence. The awards ceremony, held at Reservoir District High School on 5 December, was attended by local Federal MP and new Rudd Government Minister Martin Ferguson.

The stars of the night were Aboriginal students, who walked away with a clutch of top honours. Recipients included:

- Academic Achievement Award to Year 7 student Jessica Mitchell

- Exemplary Attitude to Learning to Year 10 student Alan Bamblett
- Brigitte Linares and Verhonda Smith Sports Awards for all-round sports achievement to Michelle Crilly
- Principal's Award for consistent attitude, support and encouragement to Michelle Lilly
- Special Learning Area Awards for students who have completed the advanced course to Sarah Charles
- Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award to Verhonda Smith
- 2/14 Battalion Scholarship, awarded to a Year 10 student whose achievements are many and varied, and who has

aspirations to complete VCE and Tertiary studies. This student has the potential to make a major contribution to Australian life and society – Sarah Charles.

Brodie Cook and Brigitte Linares were also named 2008 Reservoir District High School captains.

School officials now hope that at least five of the Aboriginal students honoured will go on to complete VCE study.

"We congratulate all nine students on their academic achievements," said VAEAI President Geraldine Atkinson.

"They are now ambassadors and role models for future generations of Aboriginal people."

The news of the success of these nine Aboriginal students contrasts with a recent international education report card that found 15-year-old Victorian students to be the worst academic performers in science, mathematics and reading among mainland Australian States.

Meanwhile, studies from around the world demonstrate that education is the key towards poverty eradication.

Ms Atkinson said she was hoping that more and more Aboriginal children would succeed academically.

"These kids give us a lot of hope for optimism that change is possible if long-term investments are made," she said.

## Palm kids soldier on

### Barracks visit an eye-opener

Story and photos by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



A TOUR of the giant Lavarack Army Barracks in Townsville by a group of Grade 8 students from Palm Island proved a great success, with some expressing an interest in a services career.

The Bwgolman State School youngsters were accompanied on an end-of-year industry trip to Townsville by teachers Dave O'Shea and Ben Whybird.

Their tour in a hired mini-bus included visits to Townsville companies Gough Plastic, Partec, Mungulla Station, near Ingham, the local TAFE, James Cook University and a boat-building business.

"The kids just loved it and other grades went on end-of-year tours to other places," Mr O'Shea said.

The 30 November visit to the Townsville Army headquarters



Some of the Palm Island Grade 8 students checking out one of the artillery pieces during the visit to Lavarack Barracks in Townsville.

was organised by Lee Smallwood, the Indigenous Liaison Officer at Lavarack Barracks.

"The group was taken on a tour of 3rd Brigade headquarters at Lavarack Barracks," Miss Smallwood said.

The *Koori Mail* was the only media invited on the tour, which took about two hours.

Army guides were Sgt Colin Brock and Sgt Mark Liesegang, and the first stop was the weapons instructions building.

From there they went to the 4th Field Regiment's Artillery and Truck Section where they were spoken to by 34-year-old Sgt Wayne Santo, a proud Murri from Charters Towers.

"I joined the Army after I left Charters Towers State High School and have been in the service for 17 years," Sgt Santo said.

"I wanted to travel and the Army looks after you as you get subsidised accommodation, three

meals a day, good pay, free dental and medical – this is a top career.

"We also get to play lots of sport in the Army, including rugby union and league, AFL, and others."

The students were given a first-hand look at a huge artillery piece which is operated by seven soldiers and can fire a shell more than ten kilometres, and also checked out Army vehicles.

Several of the Palm Island pupils expressed an interest in

wanting to be Army truck drivers in later life.

From there, the students went to another Barracks area where they were given instructions about a Bushranger Infantry Mobility vehicle.

"They stepped up into the back and were taken for a drive in two separate groups," Ms Smallwood said.

She said the tour was so successful that it would be a forerunner to more such visits.



Aboriginal soldier Sgt Wayne Santo and Palm Island students near the Army's Unimog trucks.



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Katie Papertalk, of the Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation in South Hedland (WA), Sarah Hayton, from Swinburne TAFE, and Laurence Thomas, of the NEIB Aboriginal Corporation in Kalgoorlie, WA.



Community Agent from Swinburne TAFE Shane Charles on the didgeridoo.

# Diploma focus on governance

Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM



AUSTRALIA'S first diploma designed to help build stronger Indigenous organisations and support emerging Aboriginal leaders has been launched in Melbourne.

Victoria's Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Richard Wynne, welcomed students from the Torres Strait, Northern Territory, Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia and Victoria to the first Indigenous Diploma in Business (Governance) course in Australia, which is being offered through Swinburne University.

The program is the result of a partnership between the Victorian Government and the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations (ORATSIC). Swinburne University and Horizons Education and Development have developed the course and training materials.

"There are more than 5000 Indigenous organisations in Australia that play fundamental roles in providing services to communities in areas such as health, education, housing and advocacy," Mr Wynne said.

"With good governance, these corporations and the communities they serve can grow and prosper in a way that supports the culture of their communities.

"But to do this, staff – especially senior staff and directors – must have the formal qualifications and skills necessary to build responsible, accountable and resilient organisations."

Mr Wynne said research from Harvard University in the United States showed that the keys to success in Native American organisations followed three principles – the ability to self-rule;



Diploma students Louise Manus, from the Mualgal Torres Strait Islander Corporation (Moa Island), and Meranda Madgewick, from Swinburne TAFE in Victoria.

having capable governing institutions; and the ability to align with the culture of the community in which they operate.

"This diploma teaches people how to meet the challenges of managing in two worlds, so to speak – blending Indigenous culture with mainstream governance practices," the Minister said.

Over coming months, diploma students will undertake five week-long blocks of residential training in Victoria.

The course builds on the knowledge, skills and attitudes required in corporations, including conflict



Diploma students Gavin Somers, from Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, and Francis Bond, from the Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place.



Student Liddapea Munungurr from Nhulunbuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation.

management, strategic planning, community leadership and financial management and accountability.

ORATSIC Registrar Anthony Beven said the principles behind the Managing in Two World program were developed in 2001 by an Indigenous steering committee representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia.

"The idea for Indigenous-specific governance training originated from the community so it deals directly with the unique needs of Aboriginal corporations operating within Western law," he said.



Diploma participant Alan Green, from the Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation in Sale, makes an address.



Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations Anthony Beven speaks at the launch.



# Walking together at the Port

The Walk starts, led by local Elders, residents and Council representatives signifying a commitment of the community to the reconciliation process. Those leading the walk include Keely Mundy, Lynette Crocker, Pauline O'Brian, Mayor Gary Johanson, and the Council's City Manager, Harry Wierda.



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THE City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council held its inaugural Nunga Week Celebrations during November.

As part of a week's programs throughout the community, the Council held two major events – the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards Ceremony and a Kaurna Trail Reconciliation Walk.

Both events were well supported and proved to be colourful and fun celebrations for the total community.

Mayor Gary Johanson said the Kaurna Trail Reconciliation Walk, from Old Port Reserve to St Vincent's Road, was the perfect way to end a week of activities that sought to celebrate the richness of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

"To walk alongside one another, in peace, hope and respect, is the best way to seek true reconciliation and a commitment to shared success in the future," he said.

The week also involved the 21st birthday of the Kura Yerlo Aboriginal community at Larg's Bay, Port Adelaide Enfield Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards Ceremony and the launch of the Kaurna Counting Book at the Kalaya Children's Centre in Queenstown.

"Each of these events has celebrated unique local achievements and have made Nunga Week a landmark event in Port Adelaide Enfield," Mr Johanson said.

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield has one of the largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations in the Adelaide metropolitan area.

Mr Johanson said the Council was dedicated to ensuring the Indigenous community was involved in and able to benefit from all the opportunities arising in the region in coming years, economically as well as socially.

Initiatives include:

- An Aboriginal Advisory Panel that works closely with the Council to provide advice and input into Council decisions.
  - A strategic plan that will give the Council a direction for the way it works with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community for the next five years.
  - Celebrations of NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week.
  - Participation in a new school-based apprentice program in which young Aboriginal students work on a traineeship in the Council in conjunction with their school studies for a two-year period.
  - Numerous art and cultural projects reflecting the region's strong Kaurna heritage.
- "This is good progress but it is not enough," Mr Johanson said. "There are still significant challenges and it is only as a community, as Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people working, talking and walking together, that we will succeed on this journey."

● The City of Port Adelaide Enfield was established in 1996. It is one of the largest metropolitan councils in South Australia and extends from the River Torrens to Outer Harbour, covering about 91.7 square km.



Students from Portside Christian School during Reconciliation Walk.



Deb Frank was named Aboriginal Person of the Year in the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards.



● LEFT: The start of the Reconciliation Walk.

● BELOW LEFT: Young Person of the Year, Kaeshan-Rae Khan.

● BELOW: Elder of the Year, Trevor Bromley.



Local students who helped with the Sea of Hands installation.





# National Calendar

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Also please send your Australia/Surviva / Invasions! Day events to [calendar@koorimail.com](mailto:calendar@koorimail.com) by Thursday 10 January, 2008.

**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 19 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 Anglican Church Hall, Thursday Island. Details call Charles Passi on (0428) 362 793.

**Until 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](mailto:jo@screenwest.com.au) or visit [www.screenwest.com.au](http://www.screenwest.com.au)

**Until 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](http://www.rawspace.org) or email [gallery@rawspace.org](mailto:gallery@rawspace.org)

**Until 18 January 2008:** Call for Art Work for Southern Indigenous Artist Exhibition. Artworks to be clearly labelled with artist name, title and price. Artwork needs to be framed or mounted ready for display. Details call Laney Mackean on (08) 8204 5012 or Sally Francis on (08) 8204 3096 or email [artinhealth@fmc.sa.gov.au](mailto:artinhealth@fmc.sa.gov.au)

**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](mailto:artmuseum@uq.edu.au) or visit [www.maynecentre.uq.edu.au](http://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](mailto:info@andrew-baker.com) or visit [www.andrew-baker.com](http://www.andrew-baker.com)

**Until 30 June 2008:** 2009 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

[leadership.org.au](mailto:leadership.org.au) or visit [www.indigenousleadership.org.au](http://www.indigenousleadership.org.au)

**5 January 2008:** Summafieldayze Music Festival. Australia's biggest dance music festival Summafieldayze is gearing up to rock Queensland once again in January 2008. Tickets \$99 per person. Held at Doug Jennings Park, The Spit, Main Beach Qld from midday to midnight. Details call Kelly on (07) 5571 1722 or ticket master on 136 100 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au) or [www.inthemix.com.au](http://www.inthemix.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

There will be food stalls, info stalls, youth activities and lots more. Held at Victoria Park, Sydney. Free entry. Details call (02) 9564 5090 or email [events@yabun.org.au](mailto:events@yabun.org.au) or visit [www.gadigal.org.au](http://www.gadigal.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](mailto:jo@screenwest.com.au) or visit [www.screenwest.com.au](http://www.screenwest.com.au)

**29 January-23 March 2008:** Southern Indigenous Artist Exhibition. A collaboration between Karpa Ngarrattendi

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](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**18-24 February 2008:** Short Film Screening - *Done Dirt Cheap*. Amos enlists two larkin 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](mailto:jo@screenwest.com.au) or visit [www.screenwest.com.au](http://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](mailto:buzz@adelaidefringe.com.au) or visit [www.adelaidefringe.com.au](http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au)

**21-23 January 2008:** Cricket Coaching Clinics. These clinics will put participants through their paces in all aspects of the game of cricket and will develop there skills with some of the best coaches in the business. The clinics are for boys and girls 8 to 16 years of age with all ability levels catered for. Held at Woodlawn College, Lismore, from 9am-noon. Cost \$65. Details call (02) 6618 0400.

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The annual Yabun Festival will be held in Sydney's Victoria Park on 26 January. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people come together to celebrate their cultures.

[vaysr@bigpond.com](mailto: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 [aillc@indigenous](mailto:aillc@indigenous)

Beck on (02) 9361 5318 or email [metro@metroscreen.org.au](mailto:metro@metroscreen.org.au) or visit [www.metroscreen.org.au](http://www.metroscreen.org.au)

**21 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 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-13-yr-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](mailto:metro@metroscreen.org.au) or visit [www.metroscreen.org.au](http://www.metroscreen.org.au)

**26 January 2008:** Yabun Festival. Victoria Park comes alive with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander celebrating Cultures.

(Aboriginal Health Unit) and Arts in Health at FMC. Held at Promenade Gallery, Level 2, Flinders Medical Centre, Bedford Park, SA. Details call Laney Mackean on (08) 8204 5012 or Sally Francis on (08) 8204 3096 or email [artinhealth@fmc.sa.gov.au](mailto:artinhealth@fmc.sa.gov.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 Watt 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 Ewingar and also provides a pathway for you to access further training. Indigenous

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# Early Christmas at Calunga



**STAFF** at the Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service (AADS) in Perth played Santa Claus on December 12 to the students of Calunga Aboriginal School in the Swan Valley, a specialist former

Catholic school that now offers cultural security as part of the wider school curriculum. Some of the 85 students had already left for their holiday break by the time the presents were handed out, but everyone seemed pleased that Christmas had come their way to make them feel special.

Principal Darryl Eades, who has taught at remote schools in Western Australia for most his career, said all the students at Calunga, from Kindergarten to Year 10, were given access to cultural learning as well as the eight areas of learning from the curriculum. "We have a Languages

Other Than English (LOTE) program for Nyoongar language at the school and we also have other cultural programs with parent support so that the students are comfortable in their progress through their learning journey," he said. "We make sure that they get a good education so that when

they leave they're able to go out and get a good job which is one way that our people can break that poverty cycle that so many families still suffer from." **● Pictured above: Staff and students with their presents at Calunga Aboriginal School, in the Swan Valley near Perth.**

## National Calendar

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Cricket Nets, South Tweed Heads from 9.30am-12.30pm. Cost \$65. Details call (02) 6618 0400.

**22-24 January 2008:** Cricket Coaching Clinics. These clinics will put participants through their paces in all aspects of the game of cricket and will develop their skills with some of the best coaches in the business. The clinics are for boys and girls 8 to 16 years of age with all ability levels catered for. Held at Verge Street Nets, Kempsey, from 9.30am-12.30pm. Cost \$85. Details call (02) 6618 0400.

**25-29 February 2008:** 8th Australian Performing Arts Market. APAM brings together more than 400 of the most important performing arts presenters and producers from around Australia and overseas. It is the prime destination for promotion, networking and gaining an insight into Australia's performing arts. Details call (08) 9271 1488 or email [apadmin@artsprojects.com.au](mailto:apadmin@artsprojects.com.au) or visit [www.performingartsmarket.com.au](http://www.performingartsmarket.com.au)

**26 January:** Yabun Concert Victoria Park Sydney. Stalls, live music, food, kids activities. For details call (02) 9564 5090.

**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 [katy.henson@informa.com.au](mailto:katy.henson@informa.com.au) or visit [www.informa.com.au/native](http://www.informa.com.au/native)

**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](mailto:afa@adelaidefestival.com.au) or visit [www.adelaidefestival.com.au](http://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](http://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 Gooynbooyin Woman may not be myth after all. Held in Perth. Details call Loanna Hos on (08) 9224 7424 or (0412) 385 034 or email [jo@screenwest.com.au](mailto:jo@screenwest.com.au) or visit [www.screenwest.com.au](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:youthweek@community.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au](http://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](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**5 May 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](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**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](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.festival-pacific-arts.org](http://www.festival-pacific-arts.org)



# Bush tucker business blooming

By PETER ARGENT



SOME outstanding bush tucker is coming out of South Australia's Yorke Peninsula. It's all the result of the

efforts of Port Victoria Aboriginal couple Ron and Liz Newchurch – the brains behind Bookyana – the traditional name for their native home) bush foods.

Their business has been supplying traditional Aboriginal produce, including saltbush, river mint, parsley and basil, to Reedy Creek Nursery in the State's south-east for the past couple of years.

And they are also heavily involved in 'value-added' items, including dried herb mixes for cooking, jams and sauces – all packaged under the Outback Pride project label.

Outback Pride was developed as an enterprise to enable Indigenous communities to benefit from opportunities in the Australian native food industry.

Bookyana has now signed a five-year contract to expand its supply of bush foods to the Reedy Creek Nursery.

Mr Newchurch, who started the venture about seven years ago, said the new contract was very exciting, and a \$90,000 expansion over the next couple of years at Port Victoria would focus on propagating more saltbush.

Bookyana bush foods, using the Outback Pride label, has also entered the retail arena, selling finished product along



Liz and Ron Newchurch with some of their bush tucker products.

Picture: YP Country Times

with fresh herbs from a small shop set up at the Newchurches' Port Victoria property.

Mr Newchurch believes the product range has a huge potential.

"It's products like ours that have allowed our people to survive in the desert for thousands of years," he said.

"We (the Aboriginal people) know what we're growing and

we know just how much water it needs.

"Having only bore water available is not an issue for us because native plants grow in very arid country. Our current

crops will not need water until next March."

Bookyana is also having good results with conventional herbs, such as rosemary, chives, oregano, sage and thyme, delivering them fresh to Adelaide twice a week.

While the company is not registered as an organic produce grower, the Newchurches say no chemicals are used on their property.

"We put the good stuff back in every few weeks with worm castings – that's all that's required," Mr Newchurch said.

The busy couple recently spent a weekend at the Festival of Garden Living in Veale Gardens, Adelaide, with tastings of their products including Summer Breeze dressing, Desert Passion syrup and Wild Lime marmalade.

Bookyana currently employs four Aboriginal workers who are also involved in horticulture training through Salisbury TAFE. Two more staff may be added early next year.

Mrs Newchurch, a teacher by profession, helps with staff tutoring.

On top of all his other commitments, Mr Newchurch has also just been appointed to the Australian Native Food Industry Council Board, which is looking to develop export markets for foodstuffs.

He is also keen to work with Aboriginal groups in exploring avenues of economic development in native foods.

"We are looking forward to an exciting and dynamic 2008," he said.

# New era for housing

## Victorian tenants to have choice of manager



INDIGENOUS public housing tenants will have the opportunity to have their tenancies managed by their own community

under a Victorian Government initiative.

Indigenous tenants now living in properties managed through the State Office of Housing's Aboriginal Rental Housing Program will be offered the opportunity to transfer their tenancy to Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV).

AHV is a not-for-profit, community-managed housing agency which provides housing for lower-income Aboriginal Victorians.

The claimed benefits of transferring tenancy include providing tenants with an Aboriginal landlord and a more personalised and culturally sensitive service



At the Preston home of Georgina Williams during a ceremony to mark the first sign-up in the region are, front from left, inaugural Chairperson AHV Kennedy Williams, north-eastern AHV representative Gary McGuinness, tenant and former AHV board member Georgina Williams and Deputy Chairperson AHV Graeme Austin; and rear, from left, AHV CEO Sharon Paten and Victorian Housing Minister Richard Wynne.

by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people – with a particular emphasis on meeting individual needs.

Victorian Housing Minister Richard Wynne joined officials from AHV and the State Office of Housing to welcome the

first group of tenants to transfer.

"The Brumby Government believes in increasing the options for Indigenous public housing tenants and to ensure greater self-determination," he said.

"There's nothing more important to

family and community than access to decent, affordable housing."

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Chairman Tim Chatfield said the transfer of tenancies had been a dream and vision of AHV.

"The transfer of tenancies to Aboriginal Housing Victoria shows what the community can achieve when empowered and supported," he said.

Mr Wynne said the State Government conducted a wide consultation process to help assess support from Indigenous tenants in more than 1300 properties in the Aboriginal Rental Housing Program.

"Forums were held in the Grampians and Melbourne's northern and eastern suburbs with Indigenous tenants, and a survey was sent to tenants in these areas who were unable to attend. Survey results indicated an overwhelming majority of tenants supported the initiative," he said.

"After consulting with tenants, it is clear the vast majority want to have their homes managed by their own community.

"I want to stress this is a completely voluntary process and tenants can choose to remain with the Office of Housing if they wish. However, those tenants who choose to move to AHV will receive tenancy and property management that is appropriate to their specific and cultural needs. This is the start of a new era and I commend everybody involved in this process."

A ceremony in the Melbourne suburb of Preston, which marked the first sign-up in the first region, was held at the home of Mrs Georgina Williams, an Elder and former board member of the organisation.



# Employment

## Indigenous Job Opportunities

# Enterprising Tiwis



**LEADERS** from the Tiwi Islands, off the Northern Territory Top End, have banded together to launch a contracting company, Tiwi

Enterprises, as part of a quest to capture jobs and business opportunities for local people.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed last month at Maxwell Creek forestry headquarters on Melville Island to coincide with the start of Great Southern Ltd's planting season.

The team has contracted with Great Southern for an initial \$500,000 worth of seasonal work previously done largely by backpackers.

The team also hopes to win contracts for other work currently awarded to external contractors.

Tiwi Enterprises will be led by Willie Rioli, a former AFL footballer who has been working as a Tiwi Land Ranger. Mr Rioli has a Certificate II in Land Management.

He will be supported by supervisor Clinton Rioli, an electrician working in Pirlangimpi.

An initial team of six Tiwi staff has been recruited from Pirlangimpi. Their first job is to plant about 184 hectares near Maxwell Creek over the next three months.

They have been recruited from Pirlangimpi so they can travel to work as a team each day.

Other teams will be set up in Nguiu and Milikapiti as more work becomes available.

The company has been set up by the Tiwi Land Council using money invested by Matthew Wonaeamirri, from Milikapiti, representing Yirmpinari landowners, Cyril Rioli, from Pirlangimpi, with Murnupi

landowners' money invested from the forestry project, and Walter Kerinaiaua, from Mantjupwipi landowners from Nguiu, with money invested under an agreement with the Australian Government on 99-year leases.

This is in addition to a cement truck bought this month by Yirmpinari landowners with their first royalty payment from Matilda Minerals for a mine at Andranangoo, on the north coast of Melville Island. The truck will be leased to the Bathurst Island Housing Association.

"The best thing is that we haven't gone to government for money to get Tiwi Enterprises



Tiwi Enterprises boss Willie Rioli.

started," said project co-ordinator Brian Clancy, of the Tiwi Land Council.

A business plan was funded by Indigenous Business Association (IBA) and put together by Darwin accounting firm KPMG, and a board has been set up comprising the Tiwi Land Council's eight managers.

The work will be divided into the four seasons of the forestry

cycle, starting with planting over the wet season, infill planting (where poor trees are replaced), pruning and fire-break work.

"We are trying to get our people off welfare dependency and into real jobs," said Mr Clancy.

"This is hot, hard work but the rewards will be based on their productivity.

"It's small steps. We have to

prove we can be competitive, but as long as we can meet the requirements of the contract, we hope to make a profit which will be reinvested into equipment for Tiwi Enterprises.

"Our vision is that in eight years or so, our Tiwi mob will be involved in all work in the project, from growing the seedlings, to harvesting and running a woodchip mill.

"There are 300 jobs on the islands in roads, hospitality, forestry, construction and other trades. If we can develop a work ethic and good education, there is no reason why any Tiwi person shouldn't be unemployed a generation from now.

"This will be supported by the new college opening at Pickertaramoor next year to provide Tiwi people with a good secondary education and our on-going close partnership with TITEB to provide Tiwi people with a range of accredited training.

"Now we can tell people to go to school, because there will be a job waiting for them at the end. It gives school a bit more meaning."

Until early next year, Great Southern, through its partnership with the Tiwi Land Council, will plant a further 2500 hectares, or close to three million trees, as part of the Tiwi Islands Forestry Project.

At the completion of this year's planting, about 29,000 hectares of acacia trees will have been planted for the production of woodchips, which will eventually be exported to Asia.



From left, Eric Tipiloura, Matthew Wonaeamirri, Walter Kerinaiaua Jnr, Cyril Kalippa, and Andrew Patterson, General Manager, Great Southern, Tiwi Islands Project, sign the MoU for Tiwi Enterprises.

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For enquiries regarding this position, please contact Karle Wright on 03 9603 9084.

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

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#### ABORIGINAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION OFFICER

EPO Class 2-7, Forbes, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-525. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,363 p.a. (\$49,421-\$73,732) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Contribute to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal heritage through identification, assessment, management, interpretation of objects and places. Encourage and facilitate Aboriginal community participation in cultural heritage management. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality combined with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge of Aboriginal heritage. Thorough knowledge of, and association with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of responsibility. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management. Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing conservation works. Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills for management of cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information systems. Current driver's licence and a willingness to travel, including in aircraft. Common selection criteria also apply.

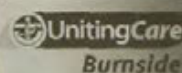
**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Christian Hampson (02) 6883 5346 Email: [Christian.Hampson@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Christian.Hampson@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Jenny Lymberatos (02) 9585 6397 or [jobs.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 04 January 2008.



[www.burnside.org.au](http://www.burnside.org.au)

### SUPPORT WORKERS COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS PROGRAM DUBBO - Casual Positions

UnitingCare Burnside Community Placements Program (CPP) is a client needs driven Intensive Out of Home Care Service for young people aged 10 to 17. The service is based in Dubbo and is available throughout the Grana and Far West Area. Burnside is seeking skilled, motivated and innovative Support Workers to provide a comprehensive and intensive OOH service. The position is for casual staff.

The Support Workers will have the following skills and experience:

- Experience in the direct care of children and young people
- Commitment to, and experience in achieving and/or working within, a personalised care environment
- Demonstrated ability to work positively with adolescents and children with complex care and high support needs
- Understanding of placement support needs for carers, children and young people and their families
- Excellent communication skills
- Experience in liaising with adolescents, families, carers and other agencies

An attractive salary package will be offered. Burnside offers a professional and supportive work environment and staff development opportunities.

You must clearly address all the selection criteria in your application.

For enquiries and an employment package please contact Naomi Hughes via email [naomi.hughes@burnside.org.au](mailto:naomi.hughes@burnside.org.au) or David Ryan, [dryan@burnside.org.au](mailto:dryan@burnside.org.au) or telephone on 02 68855010.

Applications close 4 January 2008.

This position is of child-related employment and will require a "Working with Children" check under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply.

Burnside is an EEO Employer and is committed to principles of cultural diversity.

because  
children  
matter

## HERITAGE OFFICE

### SENIOR HERITAGE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Professional Officer Level 2; Job Reference No HER07/375. Please note the deadline to submit applications for this position has been extended to 21 December 2007.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSERVATION, LANDSCAPES AND POLICY GROUP

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#### PRINCIPAL PROJECT OFFICER

EPO Class 11, Goulburn Street, Sydney, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-523. Total remuneration package valued to: \$107,129 p.a. (\$88,089-\$97,981) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Develop and deliver the Aboriginal Land Management for Biodiversity Project. Contribute significantly to strategies and programs to achieve priority outcomes and corporate goals in relation to environment protection and conservation issues. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, knowledge of contemporary Aboriginal land management issues, principles and practices; understanding of the aspirations of Aboriginal people and experience in dealing with Aboriginal organisations in relation to land management. Strong understanding of the workings of government and demonstrated understanding of the principles of effective public policy and experience at a senior level in policy development or related activity. Demonstrated superior written and verbal communication skills and strong experience in senior level negotiation, liaison and conflict resolution with the ability to maintain constructive relationships with stakeholders. Demonstrated project management experience including the development of complex schemes, legislation, electronic or administrative systems. High level initiative, creative and analytical problem solving skills, sound judgement and foresight for policy development and formation. Experience at a senior level in program and strategy development and implementation. Exposure to the complexities of the environmental debate, in particular, environment protection and conservation policy issues. Superior interpersonal skills and demonstrated team leadership skills with the ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This position will be working with Aboriginal landholders to establish biobank sites to generate income by managing the land for conservation. This is a three year project that forms part of the implementation for the BioBanking Scheme. Temporary position up to 1 December 2010. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Louisa Mamouny (02) 9995 5577 Email: [Louisa.Mamouny@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Louisa.Mamouny@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Elizabeth DeCarl (02) 9995 5575.

**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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 04 January 2008.



The Koorie Heritage Trust was established in 1985 to preserve, protect and promote Aboriginal culture from South Eastern Australia. The Trust delivers a range of cultural, educational and arts programmes targeted to both our own community and the broader community. The Trust also manages a number of important collections.

We are looking for motivated, dynamic, team orientated staff to assist us with our future development. Two positions are available:

#### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Full Time - \$65,000 - \$75,000 - 18 month contract

The Business Development Manager is a key position within the organization and is a part of the Trust's Senior Management Team.

We are looking for an experienced people manager with strong finance management and business development skills. The Business Development Manager is responsible for managing aspects of the Trust's operations that relate to strategic and business planning, finance, and risk management; including developing internal structures, systems, processes to ensure that the organization meets its objectives.

#### COMMUNITY ARTS OFFICER

4 Days per week - 3 year contract

The Koorie Heritage Trust is an active member of Victoria's Indigenous arts community. Twenty four exhibitions a year are held at the Trust, ranging from solo to group shows.

The Trust is seeking to expand our contribution to the arts sector within regional areas through the direct delivery of arts programmes and workshops in regional areas.

The Community Arts Officer will work in regional areas to support the development of innovative, new regional arts programmes and activities for Koorie artists.

**Enquiries:** Jason Eades, CEO 03 8622 2600. To obtain a position description please contact reception, telephone: 03 8622 2600.

Applications should be addressed to:

Private and Confidential  
Jason Eades, CEO  
Koorie Heritage Trust  
295 King Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS  
Friday 25 January 2008  
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



The National Gallery of Australia is seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for the following position.

## Indigenous Marketing Officer

Part time- 30 hrs per week

Marketing & Communications

NGA Level 5/6

Position Number Sup 251

\$54,385 - 68,122 (pro-rata)

The Indigenous Marketing Officer position undertakes an important role for the Gallery in providing and coordinating the marketing for the National Indigenous Art Triennial: Culture Warriors. The Triennial is a key strategic initiative of the National Gallery and will become a permanent event in the Australian and International art calendar.

The position is based in the Marketing and Communications Department and the Indigenous Marketing Officer, under broad guidance, reports to the Head of Marketing and Communications.

The incumbent must be of Indigenous Australian background, who identifies as an Indigenous Australian, and is accepted as such by the community with which he/she is associated.

This is a temporary part time position for a period of two years. The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period of employment and a security check will also apply. This is an indigenous identified position.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Applications should address the selection criteria which can be obtained by contacting the Recruitment Officer on (02) 6240 6447 or by accessing the website [www.nga.gov.au/jobs](http://www.nga.gov.au/jobs).

Further information about this position may be obtained by contacting Alison Wright on (02) 6240 6643. Applications should be forwarded to the Recruitment Officer by 20 December 2007 at GPO Box 1150, Canberra ACT 2601 or by email to [recruitment@nga.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@nga.gov.au) or facsimile (02) 6270 6407.

**national gallery of australia**

Parkes Place, Parkes ACT

innovation, diversity & excellence

## exciting openings to create a better future

### Indigenous Specific Opportunities

The University of Wollongong is ranked as one of the top 200 universities in the world by the 2007 Times Higher Education Supplement - Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings. We are looking to fill these positions to form part of the University's Aboriginal Employment Strategy which seeks to create ongoing career opportunities from these training roles:

### Indigenous Administrative Trainee (12 month appt)

Ref 21923

#### •The Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education is a widely acknowledged leader in education with an outstanding reputation as a provider of quality teacher education programs in early childhood, primary and secondary education. We are looking to appoint an administrative trainee to support the Faculty's Student Service Centre. You will need to be enthusiastic and able to interact well with clients, work as part of a dynamic team and must be eligible for admission into the TAFE Certificate III in Business (Office Administration).

### Indigenous Electrical/IT Apprentice (4 year appt)

Ref 21921

#### • The Faculty of Informatics

The School of Electrical, Computer and Telecommunications is seeking to appoint an Electronics Apprentice to assist in the technical support of the schools staff and students. You will be required to participate in the technical assistance to classroom activities and undertake related tasks to learn the electronics and IT trade. This apprenticeship will give you the opportunity to complete a trade certificate, to be studied one day per week at Ultimo TAFE, while gaining on the job experience in the electronics field. The successful candidate will be a cooperative and motivated team player and be able to balance multiple priorities. The unit is well recognised and holds a prestigious position for the success it has accomplished in the areas of Power Engineering, Robotics, Telecommunications (Smart Internet), Multiplayer Games technology and Teaching.

### Indigenous Management Cadet (5 year appt)

Ref 21922

#### • The Faculty of Commerce

The Faculty of Commerce aims to be the best environment in Australia to learn, teach and research commerce. Studying commerce at the University of Wollongong is a positive investment in creating a better future for yourself, your family and your community. A Commerce degree provides you with flexibility to enter a broad range of career pathways. The cadetship will give you the opportunity to study and work at the same time. The position will be structured so that your work complements your degree and provides you with experience in each of the administrative units of the Faculty. You will need to be client-focused, able to adapt to changing environments and willing to contribute to each of the teams that you work within.

Aboriginality is essential for these positions. Pursuant to section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, Candidates must address the selection criteria specified in the relevant position description which is available from our website. For further information about these roles, please contact Jade Kennedy on 02 4221 3268.

Applications Close 13 January 2008

Please Quote Relevant Ref No.

**how to apply:** Please go to our website <http://employment.uow.edu.au/> to submit your application online & for more information about the position and UOW.



University of Wollongong



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### Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations

The Officer of the Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations (ORATSIC) administers the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act). ORATSIC supports and regulates approximately 2500 Indigenous corporations under the Act and provides an avenue for the establishment of new Indigenous corporations where necessary.

Various Positions  
Woden

#### Team Leader

Registration and Support  
Executive Level 1

Lead a team providing assistance in the management of ORATSIC's registration and support services and providing high quality and innovative statutory functions in the context of the special needs of Indigenous clients.

An attractive remuneration package will be offered.

#### Project Officer

Special Administrations and Liquidations  
APS Level 5, \$56,774 - \$58,947

Your administrative skills will be put to good use providing assistance with the appointment of Special Administrators and the monitoring corporations in liquidation or where an external administration has been initiated.

#### Manager

Special Administrations and Liquidations  
Executive Level 1

Take this opportunity to project manage the appointment and statutory appointment arrangements for Special Administrators and monitor the progress of special administrations. Your communication skills in negotiating and communicating effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will be highly valued.

An attractive remuneration package will be offered.

#### Registration Officer

Registration and Support  
APS Level 4, \$50,294 - \$54,127

Here is an opportunity to participate in the provision of services to build and sustain Indigenous corporations. If you enjoy liaison with clients and stakeholders and can provide a professional client support service this role could be for you.

#### Senior Project Officer

Examinations  
APS Level 6, \$61,121 - \$67,964

Interested in regulation and compliance activities? In this role you will be involved in the examination of corporations to determine whether they are conducting their affairs in accordance with the legislation and provide reports and advice to management on the outcomes.

**How to apply** - For further information visit 'Careers in FaHCSIA' at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) or contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 6244 6036. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability. People with hearing or speech impairment may obtain selection documents via TTY 1800 260 402.





**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Ageing**

**There's no better time to join our team.**

The Department of Health and Ageing is focused on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians. We need capable and motivated people working with us to make this happen. Our simplified recruitment and selection process makes it easier for you to apply. If you would like to join our team, and can meet our job requirements, we invite you to apply for a position with us to build better health, better care and a better life for all Australians.

**QUEENSLAND STATE OFFICE**  
**OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH**  
**INDIGENOUS WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES SECTION**

**EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1**  
**SOLUTION BROKER**  
**\$76,718 - \$87,498**  
**SEVERAL POSITIONS**

Reference Number: 07-1238  
QUEENSLAND

You are invited to join our dynamic team of Solution Brokers, where an ability to: focus strategically, harness information and opportunities to explore innovative ideas; steer and implement change; nurture internal and external relationships; negotiate persuasively; and understand and deal sensitively with Indigenous health and aged care issues are highly valued.

As a Solution Broker you will represent and promote awareness of the Department's policy and programs to the Indigenous Coordination Centres (ICCs); take the lead in brokering innovative whole-of-government solutions to better meet the health and ageing needs of Indigenous people; explore opportunities for improved program coordination, flexibility and access; and cultivate productive relationships with key stakeholders including Indigenous communities and other government and non government agencies. As an out-posted officer based in the ICC, you will possess a strong capacity for self direction, and have the confidence to provide high level advice and challenge important issues in a constructive way. Health and/or public administration related qualifications and relevant community experience would be an advantage.

Note: A current drivers licence, and the ability to travel within rural and remote areas is required.

Contact officer: Tim Albers on 07 3360 2638 or [tim.albers@health.gov.au](mailto:tim.albers@health.gov.au)

Selection documentation: [www.health.gov.au/vacancies](http://www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or Megan O'Day on 07 3360 2625 ([megan.o'day@health.gov.au](mailto:megan.o'day@health.gov.au))

Positions close 3 January 2008, 7pm EDT

**NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE**  
**OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH**

**EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1**  
**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**  
**\$76,718 - \$87,498**

Reference Number: 07-1246  
DARWIN

As a member of the Northern Territory Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health management team, the Assistant Director is required to lead and manage a team of up to 8 staff to administer a range of indigenous health programs Northern Territory wide, and to manage health service contracts with funded organisations in a number of regions throughout the Northern Territory. Funding agreements must be negotiated and managed in line with program requirements and financial delegations. Risk assessment and management is essential to the ongoing viability of service provision. The position is a source of expert advice in relation to Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health policy and procedures, and health needs and related issues in the regions for which the position is responsible.

The requirement to brief proactively and by deadline requires an ability to analyse and assess complex issues. Cross cultural negotiation and communication is required to engage with stakeholders effectively.

Contact officer: Rachel Van Oosten on 08 8950 1621 or [rachel.van.oosten@health.gov.au](mailto:rachel.van.oosten@health.gov.au)

Selection documentation: [www.health.gov.au/vacancies](http://www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or Rachel Turvey on 08 8946 3423 ([rachel.turvey@health.gov.au](mailto:rachel.turvey@health.gov.au))

Positions close 27 December 2007, 7pm EDT

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online ([www.health.gov.au/vacancies](http://www.health.gov.au/vacancies)) or by phoning the contact person for the job.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents from the Department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Collective Agreement.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

The Department of Health and Ageing upholds the principles and practices of workplace diversity.

Visit our web site at: [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

**Indigenous Disability Advocacy Service**

**ADVOCATE**  
Based in Parramatta NSW  
Contact: Betty 029687 7688  
[betty.salvatori@idas.org.au](mailto:betty.salvatori@idas.org.au)  
Applications close:  
**January 8, 2008**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION**

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**REGIONAL CMA ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR**

EPO Class 9, Various, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC007-514. Total remuneration package valued to: \$93,478 p.a. (\$76,042-\$84,711) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Provide expert cultural heritage support and advice to the CMA Assessment Unit. Manage regional assessment projects including teams from across Aboriginal communities, CMAs and DECC. Report on local projects and provide advice on improvements. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, and detailed knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and natural resource and community structures and Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues. Well developed understanding of the workings of Government at State and Local level, and knowledge of relevant legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection and natural resource management in NSW. Demonstrated extensive project management and financial management experience and computer skills, including demonstrated ability to utilise and access information from databases and analyse data to interpret trends and recommend improvements. Demonstrated experience in undertaking targeted research, assessment and planning for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage and natural resource values. Superior written and verbal communication skills, liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills. Experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated effective analytical skills and ability to produce high quality written material, policy and management recommendations. Current Drivers Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. There are three temporary positions available for the period up to 1 December 2008. Position location is based in Dubbo, Windsor, Wagga Wagga. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Jodie Davis (02)6883 5309 Email: [jodie.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jodie.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au)  
**Information Packages:** Genevieve Thompson (02)9585 6168 / [info@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1957, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail [recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)  
**Closing Date:** Friday 04 January 2008.

**NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

**Business Manager, Procurement Framework**  
Clerk Grade 11/12  
Strategic Procurement & Contracts  
Governance & Regulation  
Head Office, Ashfield  
Permanent Full-Time  
Position No. DOH-07-08056

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (salary \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** This role exists to implement, develop and improve the Department's procurement framework across a procurement model which provides for centralised strategic policy development and largely decentralised procurement operations.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Extensive experience at a senior level in managing procurement of goods and services and services with a commercial orientation.
- Extensive experience and knowledge of government procurement policies and procedures.
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills and demonstrated skills in project and product management.
- High level written and oral communication skills, including influencing and interpersonal skills, with a demonstrated ability to liaise with internal and external stakeholders.
- Ability to work in a collaborative relationship and to work as part of a team in developing policies, strategies, action plans and tools.
- Ability to handle complexity by translating corporate direction into frameworks and systems, including the ability to implement and monitor corporately defined systems, frameworks and tools.
- Demonstrated ability to manage customer expectations, communicate regularly with customers and to give fearless advice.
- **Common selection criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethnic Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

**Job Notes:** Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains further details about the position and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Joanne Teagle (02) 8753 8390. **Information Package:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers)  
**Apply on-line:** As per link in Information Package.  
**Closing date:** Friday 4 January 2008.

**NSW HEALTH**  
**HUNTER NEW ENGLAND**

Applications can be lodged on line at [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://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.

**Aboriginal Health Coordinator**

Aboriginal Health, Population Health, Planning & Performance  
Location negotiable within Peel & Mehi Clusters  
Perm Full Time  
Position No: 57134  
Contribute to the development, planning, management and evaluation of health education programs and activities that directly contribute to sustainable health services for Aboriginal people.  
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).  
Enquiries: Tony Martin, (02) 6592 9630  
Closing Date: 28 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.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

**Looking for a rewarding full time job in Aged Care?**

Nambucca Valley Community Services Council is a multi-service provider of aged care services in the 3 LGAs of Coffs Harbour, Bellingen and Nambucca. We are a not-for-profit, benevolent organization, with a reputation for excellence. We provide a friendly and caring work environment.

**Community Services Coordinator**

Our Indigenous Community Aged Care Program provides services including Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs), Extended Aged Care in the Home (EACH) and EACH - Dementia Specific packages. These federally funded programs aim to support older people, and their carers, to maintain their independence in the community for as long as possible.

We are looking for that special someone to join our team of dedicated staff providing quality aged care for older people in our community. This position is responsible for the co-ordination of services to clients in the 3 local government areas of Coffs Harbour, Bellingen and Nambucca, along with case management, care planning, staff rostering, support and supervision.

We require a person with qualifications and experience in aged care management in community care, or a person with a Registered Nurse qualifications. Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and service provision, working with people who experience dementia and their carers is essential.

Information Kit is available from the General Manager - ring: 85682522

Closing date: 27th December 2007

Applications including resume to be forwarded to: General Manager, Nambucca Valley Community Services Council Inc, PO Box 132 Mackville NSW 2447.

Nambucca Valley Community Services Council is committed to OH&S and EEO Principles. Appointment will be conditional on satisfactory Federal Criminals Records check and medical checks.

**Salary Packaging - Innovative and Supportive Working Environment - Training and Development - Career Opportunities.**

**juvenile justice**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNSELLOR**

(Violent Offenders Program). Temporary full-time, Wollongong Juvenile Justice Community Services, Wollongong, Position No: DJJ07/210. Total remuneration package valued up to \$78,951 pa including salary (\$64,827 to \$71,546 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

This position is responsible for the assessment and treatment of young offenders who commit repeat violent offences including counselling and group work with offenders and their families, provision of court reports and liaison with schools, employers and other agencies.

**Selection Criteria:** Degree in Psychology or Social Work (or equivalent). Demonstrated experience in assessing and in counselling adolescents with a history of violent behaviour, and their families. Skills in assessment and report writing. An understanding of and sensitivity to Aboriginal issues. High degree oral and written communication skills. Ability to work cooperatively in a team. Capacity to liaise effectively with other agencies working in this field. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence. Computer and keyboard skills. A knowledge and understanding of ethical work practices, EEO, OH&S and the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement.

**Notes:** Evening work and overnight travel may be required. This position is temporary for a period from 4 February 2008 up to 4 February 2009. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1995 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

**Inquiries:** Debbie Simpson (02) 4254 6888

**Information Package:** Jackie Bannister (02) 4254 6888

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:** Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box 839, Haymarket 1240

**Closing Date:** Friday 28 December 2007



**Queensland Government**  
**Queensland Health**  
 For application kits and to apply online,  
 visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

### Allied Health/Clinical Support

**Senior Health Worker – Indigenous and Homeless Outreach Community Team, Alcohol and Drug Service, Northside Primary and Community Health Services, "Biala" City Community Health Centre, Brisbane, Northside Health Service District.** Remuneration value up to \$2836 p.m., comprising salary between \$2168.90 – \$2287.00 p.m., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (OOE) (Temporary part time position for six months, 38 hrs p.w. Applications will remain current for five months.) JAR: H07PC1430. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide best practice advanced Indigenous health services and consultation, including assessment, counselling and referral, within an interdisciplinary team to Indigenous people (who may or may not be homeless) and their families and/or significant others with concerns related to alcohol and other drug use. 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: Kim Sander (07) 3837 5766. Application Kit: (07) 3139 4972 (Voice Mail) or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus). Closing Date: Monday, 7 January 2008.

### Corporate Support Services

**Community Development and Health Promotion Coordinator – Statewide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health Program, Clinical Support Services, Division of Allied Health, Spring Hill, Royal Children's Hospital Health Service District.** Remuneration value up to \$88 503 p.a., comprising salary between \$72 403 – \$77 569 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (AO6) (Applications will remain current for four months) JAR: H07PC1271. **Duties/Abilities:** The Statewide Ear Health Program exists to improve Ear Health of Queensland's rural and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Community Development and Health Promotion Coordinator will be responsible for the development and ongoing promotion of the Statewide Ear Health Program's activities with the aim of enhancing the program's presence within target Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Enquiries: Sarah Boyse (07) 3250 8506. Application Kit: (07) 3636 1646 or (07) 3636 0380 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus). Closing Date: Monday, 7 January 2008.

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Antisocial Behaviour - Clerk Grade 5/6  
 Northern NSW Housing Services Division  
 Lower North Coast Tenancy Management Team  
 Port Macquarie  
 Permanent Full-Time  
 Position No: DOH-07-09328

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa + \$67,448 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### Job Description:

This position, in collaboration with other team members will play a significant role in planning and implementing of initiatives and strategies for improving the Department's management of antisocial behaviour.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Excellent communication skills, including in the areas of negotiation, facilitation, mediation and problem solving.
- Proven experience in developing and maintaining positive partnerships in collaboration with other services.
- Commitment and capacity to work in a cooperative way with tenants and tenant support services.
- Capacity to train, support and coach other team members in a positive and encouraging manner, to develop their skills in managing antisocial behaviour.
- Ability to problem solve and find creative solutions to managing antisocial behaviour and nuisance and annoyance.
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the operational environment.
- Proven capacity to contribute positively in a team, and to work independently.
- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in the Social Sciences, or demonstrated extensive relevant work experience, along with a current NSW driver's licence, and a willingness to travel.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Please ensure all information is attached as a single file when submitting your application.

**Enquiries:** Jon Hart (02) 6582 9280.

**Information Package:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers) or NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100.

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140 Lismore NSW 2480.

**Closing date:** Friday 4 January 2008.

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#### • community development officer – indigenous (part time)

- \$28.38 – \$32.64 per hour
- 21 hours per week

Undertaking practical tasks which identify and address local community needs, you'll work with both the Indigenous and wider community.

Your relevant experience and enthusiasm for community work will ensure this newly created position is a rewarding and challenging career opportunity.

Committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents, you'll play a key role in the newly restructured Community Services Section of Council. You are skilled and professional and approach challenges with enthusiasm and determination.

Apply by 4/1/08.



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 Built Around People

You must obtain a Job Application Pack by visiting Council's website at [www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au](http://www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au) or from Customer Services on (02) 9840 9840 quoting Ref. SP-LC-71.

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#### Indigenous Children's Project Coordinator (Identified) Caboolture

Full time until June 2008 with the possibility of extension

#### Indigenous Children's Project Worker (Identified) Caboolture

Full-time until June 2008 with the possibility of extension

#### Indigenous Support Unit Officer – Management Committees (Identified)

Far North Queensland and Brisbane  
 Full-time or Job-share

Please visit our website <http://www.candk.asn.au>  
 For more info contact Eileen Williams/Neale Brosnan on (07) 3552 5333

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**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](http://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 Briant – 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.

www.C075322



**Australian Government**

Department of Families,  
 Housing, Community Services  
 and Indigenous Affairs



**[www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)**

Help us in improving the lives of Australians

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) 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 FaHCSIA 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.

#### Leader Support Officers/Senior Leader Support Officers

##### Leadership Delivery Branch

APS Level 5 and 6, \$56,774 - \$67,964  
 Several Positions

Interested in working in a dynamic team environment within Indigenous Leadership developing and delivering innovative programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, men and youth? Demonstrate your strong management skills by leading the team or help us to provide ongoing support to participants in the leadership programs.

Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

#### How to apply

For further information visit 'Careers in FaHCSIA' at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) or contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 6244 6036.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

People with hearing or speech impairment may obtain selection documents via TTY 1800 260 402.

www.C075404



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## Policy & Research Officer

- Provide policy expertise in the rights of indigenous people
- Do you have senior knowledge of human rights issues?
- Join Australia's best minds in human rights campaigning
- This role can be based in either Hobart, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide

An exciting opportunity has arisen within Amnesty International Australia (AIA) for a dynamic and enthusiastic individual to join the Campaigns Team as a Policy & Research Officer. The successful applicant will take the lead on advising AIA on responses to developments in the areas of indigenous rights and economic, social and cultural (ESC) rights at the national level, and is responsible for coordinating research to inform AIA policy and positioning in these areas. Working with a high performing team across the nation, you will report to the Campaigns Manager in providing senior policy expertise.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate: experience in and knowledge of the field of indigenous peoples rights, including knowledge of the relevant international law, and of Australian federal and state legislation and policies; knowledge and awareness of political processes and the role of non-government organisations in achieving change through activism and persuasion; ability to build effective relationships with a range of external contacts, including proven working relationships with indigenous communities.

If you would like to be part of Amnesty International Australia's valued staff and be remunerated with a commercially equivalent salary of \$65,240, please send your application letter and resume to [recruitment@resolutioncentre.com.au](mailto:recruitment@resolutioncentre.com.au) no later than 5pm Monday 7 January, 2008.

For a detailed position description containing the selection criteria for this role, please visit: <http://action.amnesty.org.au/job>



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## KSC KeyPositions

### Community Development Officer

Part-time (21 hours)

Employer of Choice!

Attractive Salary Package!

Salary Pro Rata Range \$44202 to \$47518 (plus Super)

Council has recently adopted a new Community Strategic Plan - Kempsey Shire Our 20 year Vision. The plan has identified a number of challenges that are facing the residents of the Kempsey Shire including social, cultural, and environmental. In keeping with our commitment to the current and future generations of our shire, Council seeks to ensure that adequate and accessible services and facilities are available to meet these needs.

This position, reporting to the Coordinator Community Development, involves the providing of a wide range of community development tasks and projects including supporting local inter-agencies, providing advice and support to community organisations and undertaking research and consultation.

This position calls for a highly motivated person who holds a minimum of Certificate III in Business or Office Administration, has highly developed communication skills, interpersonal skills and demonstrated negotiation and conflict resolution skills with experience in Project Management.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Working with Children Check.

Further enquiries may be directed to Melanie Booth on (02) 6566 3221.

A position description including major responsibilities, ideal qualifications and experience for this role is available from Council's website [www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au). Applications should be emailed in Microsoft Word to [jobs@kempsey.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@kempsey.nsw.gov.au) or mailed to 'Confidential', Manager Human Resources, P O Box 78 WEST KEMPSEY NSW 2440, by close of business Friday 4 January 2008.

This position is subject to ongoing government funding and is a designated Aboriginal position.

Kempsey Shire Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

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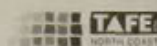
Have you got the skills we need?

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:

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSERVATION, LANDSCAPES AND POLICY GROUP

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethnic Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

#### SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

EPO Class 9, Goulburn Street, Sydney, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-522. Total remuneration package valued to: \$93,478 p.a. (\$76,042-\$84,711) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Provide a range of strategic, cross regional support services and contribute to the development of strategies and programs to assist in the successful implementation of the Aboriginal Land Management for Biodiversity Project. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; demonstrated ability to work effectively with Aboriginal communities. Knowledge of workings of government and demonstrated understanding of effective public policy principles and experience in policy development or related activity including developing and/or reviewing and implementing policy/procedures guidelines. Knowledge of environmental and conservation legislation and experience in applying environmental protection and/or conservation principles and practices. Demonstrated written and verbal communication skills and sound experience in senior level negotiation, liaison and conflict resolution with the ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships with stakeholders. Sound project management experience including the development of complex schemes; legislation, electronic or administrative systems. Demonstrated initiative, creative and analytical problem solving skills, with sound judgement and foresight for policy/program development and formation. Exposure to the complexities of the environmental debate, in particular, environment protection and conservation policy issues. Demonstrated interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This position will be working with Aboriginal landholders to establish biobank sites to generate income by managing the land for conservation. This is a three year project that forms part of the implementation for the BioBanking Scheme. Temporary position up to 1 December 2010. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Louisa Mamouney (02) 9995 5577 Email: [Louisa.Mamouney@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Louisa.Mamouney@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Elizabeth DeCarli (02) 9995 5575.

**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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au). **Closing Date:** Friday 04 January 2008.

KATHERINE ABORIGINAL FAMILIES' SUPPORT UNIT  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

## SOLICITOR

Katherine Aboriginal Families' Support Unit is a Family Violence Prevention Legal Service providing free legal advice, representation and assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by family violence, including domestic violence and sexual assault within the Katherine region in the Northern Territory.

To be considered for the position of Solicitor, the applicant must have experience in family law and domestic violence law, or a high desire to gain experience, and hold or be eligible to hold a practicing certificate.

The applicant must possess a drivers licence as the position attracts compulsory bush court travel to remote communities by vehicle and sometimes flying in small aircraft.

Applicants should address the selection criteria, which can be obtained from the Principal Solicitor, by telephoning (08) 8972 3200 or emailing [smiligan@kafsu.com.au](mailto:smiligan@kafsu.com.au)

**Applications close:** 5pm 18 January 2008.

**Applications should be addressed to:** The Principal Solicitor and marked 'private and confidential'. Applications can be received by post to PO Box 240, Katherine NT 0851, email [smiligan@kafsu.com.au](mailto:smiligan@kafsu.com.au) or fax (08) 8972 3277.



Applications are invited for the position of:

### Project Officer

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

Commencing Term 1, 2008

The role holder will assist and work alongside the Education Officer: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education in the provision of support to schools and CEO staff with the implementation of culturally appropriate curriculum, in-services, conferences, resource selection and pedagogy. The position is a contract position from January - December 2008, with the possibility of extension depending upon availability of funding.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Work with staff and schools in the provision of culturally relevant curriculum and pedagogy.
- Work with staff and schools with the support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- Assist schools with the implementation of the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS)
- Assist in the preparation of culturally specific in-services for school and Catholic Education Office staff within the Diocese.
- Assist school communities in the selection of culturally appropriate resources.

#### Skills and Qualifications:

- Current teacher registration with the Queensland College of Teachers and relevant teaching experience.
- Willingness to identify with and support the Catholic ethos of the schools.
- Current driver's licence.

A role description can be obtained on this website: [www.twb.catholic.edu.au/employment](http://www.twb.catholic.edu.au/employment). If you wish to be considered for the position, please forward a written application, which addresses the selection criteria and includes a resume' and lists three referees' to:

Margaret Hendriks  
Assistant Director: Staff & School Development  
Catholic Education Office  
PO Box 756  
Toowoomba Qld 4350.  
Kathy Foreman@twb.catholic.edu.au

**Enquires should be directed to:** Phillip Dreise - Education Officer: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education by phone on 0427 124 527.

**Closing Date:** COB 11th January 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

### ABORIGINAL ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6, Bathurst, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07691. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) Total remuneration package includes an Environmental allowance (currently \$2,229 pa) which applies during occupancy of this position, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Occupants will work with the Co-ordinator Aboriginal Assessment & Support, Correctional Centre and Community Offender Services staff, and the broader community to assess and support Aboriginal offenders in a culturally sensitive environment. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Experience in contributing to a multi-disciplinary team environment. Experience in case planning management, assessment and support of challenging clients. Demonstrated effective interpersonal and oral communication skills to encourage, influence and negotiate with Aboriginal clients/offenders. Excellent written communication skills and experience in the use of information technology to support client service delivery, including report writing, creation and maintenance of client records and extraction of database information. Demonstrated ability to build and maintain effective links with Aboriginal families, communities and agencies. Knowledge of the Department's operations within the criminal justice system and the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** In these positions, Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and authorised in terms of Section 14 of Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position is located at Bathurst Correctional Centre. Applicants with relevant qualifications should include details in their application. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions. All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

**Inquiries:** Ron Timbery Ph: (02) 9289 2676 Email: [Ronald.Timbery@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Ronald.Timbery@dcs.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Ronald Timbery@dcs.nsw.gov.au or Ph: (02) 9289 2676.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

**Closing Date:** Friday 21 December 2007.

## Research Analysts Senior Research Analysts Research Managers



Australian Government  
Productivity Commission

- Several positions
- Melbourne office
- Classifications Include:  
Staff Level 2  
(APS Levels 5 - 6)  
Staff Level 3  
(Executive Level 1)  
Staff Level 4  
(Executive Level 2)
- Total remuneration up to approximately:  
APS 5 \$75,000  
APS 6 \$85,800  
EL 1 \$112,800  
EL 2 \$142,800
- Closing date cob 2 January 2008

Secretariat for the Review of Government Service Provision  
Productivity Commission

The Secretariat for the Review of Government Service Provision is located in Melbourne. It produces two major reports for the Council of Australian Governments — the *Report on Government Services* (state by state comparisons of performance across a wide range of government services) and *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators* (a framework of indicators measuring outcomes for Indigenous people).

The Secretariat has opportunities for research analysts and research managers to contribute to this important work. Successful applicants will have proven project, people and data management skills, and highly developed conceptual, analytical and communication skills. Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline are highly desirable. Knowledge of performance measurement, policy development processes and intergovernmental relations would be an advantage. People with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background or with knowledge of Indigenous issues are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the Review's publications — more information on the Review and its reports is on the Productivity Commission's website: [www.pc.gov.au/gsp/](http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/). The Secretariat is a branch of the Productivity Commission, the Australian Government's independent review and advisory body on microeconomic policy and regulation.

The remuneration package includes salary, performance and superannuation benefits. Salaries for Research Analysts (APS Level 5 and APS Level 6) are in the range of \$55,936 – \$74,360 per annum. Salaries for Senior Research Analysts (Executive Level 1) are in the range of \$75,920 – \$97,760 per annum. Salaries for Research Managers (Executive Level 2) are in the range of \$93,600 – \$123,760. Other employment benefits are contained in the Commission's certified agreement, available on request.

Applicants must hold Australian citizenship and should address the selection criteria. Selection documents are available from our website at [www.pc.gov.au/employment](http://www.pc.gov.au/employment) or by emailing [pers@pc.gov.au](mailto:pers@pc.gov.au) or by calling Recruitment on (03) 9653 2362.

Applications may be emailed to [pers@pc.gov.au](mailto:pers@pc.gov.au), or mailed to The Recruitment Officer, Productivity Commission, 1B2, Collins Street East PO, Melbourne Vic 8003.



# ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

## ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE SPECIALIST, LISMORE

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Lismore, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number AG07/1245. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Client Service Specialist program is intended to improve communication and co-ordination between Courts and the Aboriginal community in order to provide a more effective service to Aboriginal clients. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Knowledge of the needs/issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system; Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and other government/non-government agencies; Knowledge of community resources in the legal, advocacy, community and welfare sectors; Well developed oral and written communication skills, including the ability to develop material, organise and deliver information to groups; Ability to work independently and as part of a team; Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** This is a temporary full-time position up to 5 September 2008. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

**Inquiries:** Liz West (02) 8688 7179 Email: [liz\\_west@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liz_west@agd.nsw.gov.au) **Information Packages:** Liz West (02) 8688 7179.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Applicants can apply for this position online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or by email to [agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au) or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

**Closing Date:** Friday 04 January 2008.

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# EXCO RESOURCES LTD

## Field Supervisor

Exco Resources is a well placed Junior Exploration Company with one of the most prospective ground positions in the Mount Isa Region in NW Queensland. With interests in copper, gold and uranium, the Company plans to move forward more aggressively with its exploration programs in 2008 and is looking for an experienced **Field Supervisor** to join their Queensland team.

The successful candidate will work on a flexible roster out of Cloncurry and will be responsible for the supervision of field programs and staff, execution of general field duties, logistic support, maintenance and construction of camps, active support and execution of OH&S policies and data entry. A strong commitment to safety is absolutely essential.

### Offering:

- Competitive remuneration package \$55
- Opportunity to work with a flexible team
- Opportunity to be a part of well placed projects with highly prospective ground
- Supervision and mentoring of junior staff
- Autonomous role with an opportunity to make a real difference in a company that is gaining positive exposure within Australia and internationally.

This role would be best suited to someone who has a great attitude towards work, excellent communication skills and admirable supervisory skills. The position offers the chance to join a company that can provide an interesting and varied career path. Opportunities also exist to gain field experience in other parts of Australia.

**Applications will remain open until late January 2008.**

To apply, please email your resume (in word format) to **Nicole Couper** at [info@excoresources.com.au](mailto:info@excoresources.com.au) or mail to PO Box 1726 West Perth WA 6872.

**Website:** [www.excoresources.com.au](http://www.excoresources.com.au)

# EXCO RESOURCES LTD

## Senior Project Geologists

Exco Resources is a well placed Junior Exploration Company with one of the most prospective ground positions in the Mount Isa Region in NW Queensland. With interests in copper, gold and uranium, the Company plans to move forward more aggressively with its exploration programs in 2008 and is looking for experienced **Senior Project Geologists** to join the management team.

**Two roles exist:** one reporting to the Exploration Manager and the other reporting to the Resource Manager. Both require imaginative but practical geologists, who will be responsible for generating and delineating targets for testing with the aim of increasing the existing resource base.

The successful candidates will work on a flexible roster out of Cloncurry and will be responsible for all stages of the exploration process from planning right through to execution and supervision of field programs. A strong commitment to safety is absolutely essential.

### Offering:

- Excellent remuneration packages \$55
- Opportunity to work with a flexible team
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## Eastern Health

### Yarra Valley Community Health

#### Aboriginal Health Worker - Male

(EEO Exemption Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male applicants need only apply)  
Indigenous Health Team

The successful applicant will work with and as part of the Yarra Valley Community Health Service Indigenous team. The successful applicant will be responsible for referrals to appropriate agencies, active participation in primary health care, health promotion and education, data collection and liaison between community, staff and the Indigenous Health Steering Committee. This is a part time (4EFT) permanent position  
**Enquiries:** Doreen Fergie 5957 1100

### Maroondah Community Health

#### Aboriginal Support & Liaison Officer

Part-time Limited Tenure - Ref: 24733

**Enquiries:** Penelope Vye on 9871 3156

For more information and to apply online visit:  
[www.easternhealth.org.au](http://www.easternhealth.org.au)

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## YOUTH EDUCATION SUPPORT WORKER 10 Month Funded Position Merrylands

We are seeking a highly motivated individual with a passion to enhance learning opportunities for Aboriginal youth currently enrolled at Youth Off The Streets Educational facilities. You will work with our students and staff at Surry Hills, Merrylands and Macquarie Fields.

This role includes undertaking a range of strength based support duties that contribute to the development and maintenance of positive life style choices for students experiencing difficulties.

You will contribute to a strong team environment and work in partnership with other staff to provide a coordinated and effective approach to learning, actively engaging Youth in learning activities, camps and excursions.

Cultural programs will be integrated into the curriculum to support the students overcome learning barriers through our Aboriginal Education Program.

**Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).**

### Selection criteria:

- Qualifications/experience in Youth Work, Welfare, or Education
- Demonstrated experience, understanding and support of Aboriginal Youth issues
- Evidence of established relationships with Aboriginal communities, Elders and Representatives
- Knowledge of and experience in schools/community services
- Proven ability to plan, organise, monitor, evaluate and adapt programs to meet identified outcomes.
- Current Drivers Licence

Please send your resume addressing the relevant criteria to Human Resources, PO Box 8, Merrylands NSW 2160 or email to [hr@youthoffthestreets.com.au](mailto:hr@youthoffthestreets.com.au) **Closing Date:** January 16, 2008. At Youth Off The Streets we also offer all full and part time staff access to attractive salary packaging benefits.

Successful applicants must comply with the NSW Child Protection Legislation.

YOTS is an EEO Employer



Download a job application package at:

[www.utas.edu.au/jobs](http://www.utas.edu.au/jobs)

## LAUNCESTON

### Indigenous Higher Education Programs Officer (Identified Aboriginal Position)

Riawunna  
(Ref No LA 384/07)

\$55,128 - \$73,648 p.a. including 17% superannuation.

Full-time, fixed-term for three years, to undertake, under the direction of the Director, the responsibility for the coordination of the delivery of Indigenous Higher Education Programs on the Launceston campus. The incumbent will be responsible for liaising with Aboriginal organisations and communities, government agencies, educational institutions and other schools and divisions within UTAS and the Australian Maritime College. This role is also responsible for organising promotional initiatives for the Centre and providing support for students with policy, administrative matters and enquiries. Some teaching and/or tutoring in the Aboriginal Studies major may also be required.

If you are unable to access the UTAS website and would like a job application package mailed or faxed to you please contact Kim Sellers on (03) 6226 2013 or email [Kim.Sellers@utas.edu.au](mailto:Kim.Sellers@utas.edu.au) or Melissa Burr on (03) 6324 3537 or email [Melissa.Burr@utas.edu.au](mailto:Melissa.Burr@utas.edu.au) and quote the specified reference number.

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**Location:** Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds  
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Closing Date: 4 January 2008

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The position is based in Brisbane and travel to Indigenous communities throughout Queensland is required. Note that one of your referees must be an Indigenous person who is recognised and accepted within their community.

For more information please contact Robert Walker on (07) 3360 6287 or alternatively email [Robert.Walker@cmc.qld.gov.au](mailto:Robert.Walker@cmc.qld.gov.au)

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Communities

Salary: \$69 246 - \$74 600 p.a.

Location: Woodridge

REF: QLD/COM4330/07

**Key Duties:** Supervise and lead a team of professional staff to deliver high quality youth justice services according to legislation, policies and procedures.

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Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM4377/07

**Key Duties:** Develop and maintain regional relationships with relevant non-government organisations and assist with the coordination of regional and local community development.

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Communities

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM4374/07

**Key Duties:** Provide leadership and support to Youth Justice Conferencing convenors including allocating and quality assurance of tasks. Monitor the suitability and compliance of conferencing agreements.

**Skills and Abilities:** Knowledge of restorative justice principles, Youth Justice Conferencing and Youth Justice systems. Highly developed communication skills.

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Closing Date: Monday, 7 January 2008

**Indigenous Employment and Training Manager**

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives

Employment and Industrial Relations

Salary: \$69 225 - \$74 599 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/IR4276/07

**Key Duties:** Facilitate the liaison/co-ordination/networking between Indigenous communities/organisations, government agencies/industry to build the capacity of the communities to participate in regional economic development, including the identification/creation of sustainable employment/training opportunities.

**Skills and Abilities:** Ability to recognise/articulate the interests of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander people, including a capacity to effectively communicate/sensitively consult and negotiate in accordance with Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander protocols.

Enquiries: (07) 3225 2265 or E-mail:

[recruitment.services.applications@csq.qld.gov.au](mailto:recruitment.services.applications@csq.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Wednesday, 2 January 2008

Queensland  
Government**Ranger (Indigenous Identified)**

Central Region, Parks Division

(The EPA has determined that as a genuine equal opportunity measure that an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander will fill this position.) (This position was previously advertised as QLD/EN2552/07. Previous applicants must re-apply to be considered.)

Environmental Protection Agency

Salary: \$38 066 - \$40 566 p.a.

Location: Longreach

REF: QLD/EN4316/07

**Key Duties:** Perform general estate development duties such as the construction of walking tracks, fencing and recreational facilities.

**Skills and Abilities:** Undertake general estate maintenance/development support, as well as the ability to operate/maintain plant and equipment required for general park maintenance duties, and provide support.

Enquiries: (07) 4938 6906 or Email:

[hr.rok@csq.qld.gov.au](mailto:hr.rok@csq.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Wednesday, 9 January 2008

**Senior Housing Officer**

Regional Services Northern, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$52 436 - \$57 662 pa

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO4272/07

**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: Steven Fenton (07) 4039 8982

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Closing Date: Wednesday, 2 January 2008

**Housing Officer**

Mackay/Whitsunday Area Office, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$44 346 - \$49 454 pa

Location: Mackay

REF: QLD/HO4268/07

**Key Duties:** Delivering a broad range of tenancy and property management services and providing advice to clients.

**Skills and Abilities:** Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

Enquiries: Dennis Leitch (07) 4967 0982

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Closing Date: Wednesday, 2 January 2008

**Occupational Therapist**

Wide Bay-Burnett Area Office, Client Services

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Housing

Salary: \$29 782 - \$32 522 pa

Location: Maryborough

REF: QLD/HO4371/07

**Key Duties:** Assist clients with special needs to identify their housing needs and make recommendations regarding those needs.

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ABC  
Production Manager

- Indigenous Programs Unit, ABC Television
- Ultimo, Sydney
- \$61,127 - \$66,624 + super
- Temporary Vacancy (Fixed Term - 1 Year)

ABC Television is seeking an experienced Production Manager to work in the Indigenous Programs Unit.

Located in Sydney, this key role requires extensive knowledge of television production planning, operation, management and administration. High level logistical ability is essential as this role will primarily oversee and organise the allocation of staff, facilities and equipment to assigned productions.

The successful applicant will be expected to continually review performance/expenditure trends and report to Production Supervisor and Executive Producers as required. Significant experience in studio and documentary production with demonstrable skills in budgeting and scheduling is highly desirable. Adherence to tight deadlines, advanced Excel and SAP skills combined with superior communication, organisation, financial management and team leadership abilities are essential.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. Highly developed resources and financial management skills.
2. Sound knowledge of TV production planning procedures and production scheduling.
3. A thorough knowledge of operational, administrative, human resources and general budgetary procedures preferred.
4. Good planning, organisational, communication and negotiation skills.
5. Extensive knowledge of PC spreadsheets and SAP or similar finance system.
6. Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the ability to communicate effectively with people from these backgrounds.
7. Understanding of EEO, OH&S and Cultural Diversity policies.

For further information contact Greer Simpkin on (02) 8333 4967.

Applications quoting reference number KNT749639 should be sent to Recruitment, ABC GPO Box 9994, Sydney NSW 2001 or email [recruitment@your.abc.net.au](mailto:recruitment@your.abc.net.au) by COB 18 January 2008.

Applicant must address the selection criteria. For information on how to apply visit [abc.net.au/jobs](http://abc.net.au/jobs)

The ABC is an equal opportunity employer. The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for this position.

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**TEAM LEADER**  
**After School Homework Centre**

This is an identified position for someone of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander background.

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**Closing date:** Fri 4 Jan 2008. For a full job description please phone Nancy 9218 2325 or e-mail [recruit4@barnardos.org.au](mailto:recruit4@barnardos.org.au). Applicants will need to address the selection criteria.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
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Undertake a diverse range of tasks and projects to contribute to the Aboriginal Land Management for Biodiversity Project. Develop and manage the oral history research and recording component of the project. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; demonstrated ability to work effectively with Aboriginal communities. Understanding of the workings of government and legislative policy frameworks with the capacity to interpret and apply environmental legislation. Experience in data analysis and environmental and conservation research. Experience in developing, reviewing and implementing policies, procedures, guidelines and operational performance indicators. Well developed written and verbal communication skills and experience in the preparation of reports including the presentation of conclusions from trend analysis, and sound negotiation and liaison skills. Demonstrate computer skills, with experience in the use of database management and spreadsheet applications, and other modelling tools. Understanding and knowledge of the applications of environment protection and conservation instruments or mechanisms for regulatory reform. Demonstrated ability to contribute to and work in a multi-disciplinary team environment. Common selection criteria also apply.

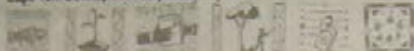
**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This position will be working with Aboriginal landholders to establish biobank sites to generate income by managing the land for conservation. This is a three year project that forms part of the implementation for the BioBanking Scheme. Temporary position up to 1 December 2010. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Louisa Mamouny (02) 9995 5577 Email: [Louisa.Mamouny@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Louisa.Mamouny@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Elizabeth DeCari (02) 9995 5575. **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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au). **Closing Date:** Friday 04 January 2008.

**Balkanu**

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Balkanu manages the implementation of new National Park Joint Management arrangements between Aboriginal traditional owners and the Queensland government and has a number of exciting opportunities in its Land Reform unit:

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3. Senior Project Officer - Land Reform
4. Field/Project Officer - Land Reform

All positions based in our Cairns office, with regular travel within Cape York Peninsula.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for all these positions.

Applications in writing by 5pm 28 December.

For detailed position descriptions please contact:

Margaret Blackman on (07) 4019 6202 or [margaret.blackman@balkanu.com.au](mailto:margaret.blackman@balkanu.com.au)

**Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service**

(Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing)

**Chief Executive Officer**

An exciting opportunity exists for an experienced Chief Executive Officer who will be responsible for over-seeing the operational management of the newly established Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service. The successful applicant will work in close consultation with the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service Governing Committee to ensure relevant funding and organisational outcomes are being achieved. Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service has a formal auspice agreement with Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service to support the financial and operational management of the organisation.

All interested applicants for the above position will need to contact Jackie Tierney on 6845 3545 to obtain an information package whilst further information pertaining to the position can be obtained by contacting Darren Ah See on 6845 3545.

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**General Information:**

The successful applicant will be required to undertake relevant criminal record and working with children's checks.

Salary and conditions for the above positions will be negotiated in accordance with the Health Services Union of Australia (Aboriginal Health Award 2002) and in line with the funding allocated by the Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health.

**Applications should be marked confidential and sent to the CEO, Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service, PO Box 236, WELLINGTON NSW 2820. Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 18 January 2008.**

No late or faxed applications will be accepted.



**Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC)**  
**Wyong New South Wales**

**Programs and Finance Officer**

Darkinjung is seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced individuals for the position of Programs and Finance Officer. This position reports directly to the DLALC CEO.

You will be required to manage various programs undertaken by DLALC as well as be responsible for the financial operations of DLALC.

The successful applicant will be proficient with MYOB and be experienced in general management of business.

The position is a "hands on" role, with limited delegation of functions. It is an opportunity for the right candidate to make a positive contribution to the enormous opportunities that are available to DLALC.

*This is an Aboriginal identified position permissible under Section 14 of NSW [Anti-Discrimination Act]*

Individuals who may be interested in applying for this position and who would like to receive an Information Package including a position description and full list of the selection criteria should contact Dr Bob Morgan, DLALC Acting CEO on 4351 2830 or [morgan@dlalc.org.au](mailto:morgan@dlalc.org.au)

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**Expressions of Interest close: 18th January 2008**

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**Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place**

**Do you want to make a real difference to the lives of Aboriginal men in the Justice System?**

The Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place will be a live-in program for up to 20 Aboriginal men on community based orders. This culturally based program will assist participants to successfully complete their orders, while learning skills that will reduce the likelihood of them offending again in the future. Wulgunggo Ngalu is committed to reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system, and to providing services that are culturally appropriate and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal offenders. Wulgunggo Ngalu is located 13 kilometres from Yarram, a 45 minute drive from Sale in East Gippsland, Victoria.

Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place will open in March 2008 and we are now seeking applications for the following positions:

**Manager**

**\$85,350 to \$114,216 pa**

The Manager will initially undertake a range of tasks to contribute to the development of the program. The Manager will then assume responsibility for all operational aspects of Wulgunggo Ngalu, including:

- Leading a multi-disciplinary team.
- Overseeing the case management and supervision of participants.
- Working with Elder/s to ensure Aboriginal culture is woven into all aspects of the program.

The Manager will have demonstrated management experience, excellent communication skills and an understanding of the issues impacting on Aboriginal offenders.

The position will attract a salary in line with Level 6 of the Victorian Public Service Agreement (\$85,350 to \$114,216 per annum, plus super).

For a position description and further information please contact Sheree Drever on (03) 8684 6527 or email [sheree.drever@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:sheree.drever@justice.vic.gov.au)

**Koori Support Workers**

**\$48,714 to \$59,148 pa**

There will be several Koori Support Workers employed at Wulgunggo Ngalu.

Koori Support Workers will undertake specialist functions to help ensure the needs of Koori offenders referred to Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place are met. These functions will include:

- Supervise Koori offenders on community corrections orders.
- Provide culturally appropriate guidance to Koori offenders.
- Assist Koori offenders to participate in programs and community work.
- Prepare reports on Koori offenders for Courts and/or agencies as required.
- Develop strong links with Koori organisations and associated service providers and agencies.

For a position description and further information please contact Shaun Braybrook on (03) 8684 6529 or email [shaun.braybrook@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:shaun.braybrook@justice.vic.gov.au), or Simon Lenten on (03) 8684 6531 or email [simon.lenten@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:simon.lenten@justice.vic.gov.au)

In the initial stage all positions will be employed by the Department of Justice under the Victorian Public Service (VPS) Agreement.

In due course an independent Board of Management will be appointed and it is envisaged that staff will transfer and be employed by the Board of Management

All positions are Identified Position in accordance with policy direction of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for these positions must be received by close of business Friday 25 January 2008.

**Administrative Support Officer**

**\$48,714 to \$59,148 pa**

The Administrative Support Officer will undertake specialist functions to help support the smooth operation of the Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place, including:

- Provide efficient and effective delivery of administration and financial functions including accounts payable, reporting, analysis and reconciliation.
- Coordinate and provide advice on HR matters to management and staff including recruitment, overtime, salary matters, staff training, travel and accommodation.
- Provide support and assistance to management and staff on various tasks and projects.
- Assist with the development of partnerships and service provision protocols with relevant Indigenous organisations and community groups.

For a position description and further information please contact Shaun Braybrook on (03) 8684 6529 or email [shaun.braybrook@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:shaun.braybrook@justice.vic.gov.au), or Simon Lenten on (03) 8684 6531 or email [simon.lenten@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:simon.lenten@justice.vic.gov.au)



## Senior Land Claims Officer and Land Claims Officer

(2 positions)

Attractive Remuneration Packages,  
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The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging roles of Senior Land Claims Officer or Land Claims Officer.

The positions, with the Senior Land Claims Officer taking a leading role, will be responsible for the research and preparation of Land Claims throughout NSW, the ongoing and timely input of data to ensure an accurate NSWALC Property Database and the provision of professional advice and training both within and external to the NSWALC to support and encourage an effective and efficient land claims system.

The successful applicants will need the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, effective communications skills; a sound understanding of Aboriginal issues together with the ability to work independently or as part of a team. The senior position holder will have the additional ability to effectively lead and direct a small team. 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 Geoff Binns by email: geoff.binns@nalc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4406.

Applications can be forwarded to geoff.binns@nalc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator, NSW Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124.

Applications close Monday 31 December 2007.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

### STEPPING OUT HOUSING PROGRAM

Case Worker: 1 x Permanent position  
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Case Worker: Casual Relief positions

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### CASE WORKER

**Responsible to:** Coordinator, may be supervised by other staff as arranged.

**Hours:** 21hr/3 days per week, permanent.

**Salary Range:** Above award conditions. NSW SACS Award Grade 5: \$50,293 - \$55,871 per annum pro-rata. (\$27.55 - \$30.61 hourly rate).

Stepping Out provides medium term accommodation and support for women survivors of child sexual assault. The role of the Case Worker is to support clients of Stepping Out to develop confidence, independence and living skills, to break from the negative effects of child sexual assault and abuse and to make positive decisions based on their own needs and beliefs.

**Essential Criteria include:** Experience working with survivors of child sexual assault or other severe trauma; assessment, advocacy, liaison, support and case management skills; a good understanding of access and equity issues; driver's license and own car.

### CASUAL AND RELIEF STAFF

**Responsible to:** Coordinator, may be supervised by other staff as arranged.

**Hours:** Casual, as required for work of a short term irregular nature, no minimum frequency of work can be guaranteed but we would prefer at least 3 weekdays per week availability.

**Hourly Rate:** \$30.62 (NSW SACS Award Grade 4 Level 1 + 15%).

Stepping Out provides medium term accommodation and support for women survivors of child sexual assault. Casual and relief staff may be employed at Stepping Out to undertake a range of activities including: Relief work to replace permanent staff on leave, short term or irregular work to meet the specific needs of tenants from diverse backgrounds including Aboriginal tenants, tenants with disabilities and tenants from rural areas; casual work to assist with specific projects and activities - these include both administrative work and tenant support, driver's license and own car.

Applicants for relief work may apply in either or both the Case Worker or Admin/Housing Worker job description areas.

**Case Worker Relief:** The role of the Case Worker is to support clients of Stepping Out to develop confidence, independence and living skills, to break from the negative effects of child sexual assault and abuse and to make positive decisions based on their own needs and beliefs.

**Essential Criteria include:** Experience working with survivors of child sexual assault or other severe trauma; assessment, advocacy, liaison, support and case management skills; a good understanding of access and equity issues; driver's license and own car.

**Administration/Housing Worker Relief:** The role of Admin/Housing Worker is to manage administrative and property matters at Stepping Out, and to support appropriate and accountable service provision.

**Essential Criteria include:** Ability to manage office systems and maintain financial operations in a housing provider context; ability to undertake and/or organise maintenance for houses; well developed computer skills, including skills in using MYOB, word processing and spreadsheet programs; basic understanding of problems associated with homelessness, child sexual assault, domestic violence, addiction and poverty, as experienced by women and children.

Indigenous applicants, bilingual/bicultural applicants, applicants with disabilities and applicants with a broad range of experience relevant to our service are encouraged to apply. We consider that on the job experience, life experience and educational qualifications may all be relevant.

Being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification within section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. All positions are subject to the Working with Children Check.

Closing date for applications 17th January 2008.

Interview date: 22nd January 2008.

Please ring (02) 9550 9398 for job description and selection criteria before applying.

## Australian Red Cross

Australian Red Cross is part of the world's largest humanitarian network. Our vision - to improve the lives of vulnerable people in Australia and internationally by mobilising the power of humanity - is shared by members, volunteers and employees.

Australian Red Cross is seeking expressions of interest from experienced community service, business and professional leaders to join the Board of the Queensland Division. We are encouraging individuals who have appropriate knowledge and experience in the following areas to apply:

Community Development  
Indigenous Community Issues  
Legal Audit & Risk

The principal function of the Board is to guide the strategic direction of Red Cross programs in Queensland and to ensure organisational accountability is maintained.

## Queensland Division Board Members

Meetings are held monthly in Brisbane and appointments are made for a period of up to 2 years. All Board members are volunteers and must be eligible for a Blue Card.

Australian Red Cross is progressive, innovative and dynamic in its service delivery models and programs that support vulnerable people throughout Queensland.

For additional information please visit our website at [www.redcross.org.au/qld](http://www.redcross.org.au/qld) or contact Executive Director, Greg Goebel at [ggoebel@redcross.org.au](mailto:ggoebel@redcross.org.au) or on (07) 3367 7201 during business hours.

Expressions of Interest  
will be received up until

5pm January 14, 2008

## Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Lease and Grant of Petroleum Lease Application

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to Authorities to Prospect 610P, 620P (Part), 632P (Part), 648P (Part) (shown below) under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) and of the proposed addition of excluded land to Petroleum Leases 179, 201, 228, 229 (shown below) under section 170 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) and the proposed grant of Petroleum Lease Applications 211, 212, 247, 257 (shown below) under section 120 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

The Authorities to Prospect currently exclude land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Authorities to Prospect.

The Petroleum Leases currently exclude land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 170 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Petroleum Leases.

The Government Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Petroleum Lease Applications (shown below) under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)

Authorities to Prospect (to add Excluded Land) to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
	Location of Excluded Land	Area of Authority to Prospect including Excluded Land	
ATP610	Approx. 12 km South East from Miles Centred at approximate Lat.26°42'30"S Long.150°17'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Murilla</b>	Area: 77 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2308 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (60.625%)  Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331 (29.375%)  SGA (Queensland) Pty Ltd 114 116 068 (10%)
ATP620 (Part)	Approx. 18 km East South East from Condamine Centred at approximate Lat.26°57'30"S Long.150°18'E Local Authority (Shire) within the areas: <b>Murilla, Tara</b>	Area: 86 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 28 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2524 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2525 a, f, i	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (59.375%)  Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331 (40.625%)
ATP632 (Part) Areas A and B	<b>Area A:</b> Approx. 18 km South East from Miles Centred at approximate Lat.26°47'30"S Long.150°17'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Murilla</b>  <b>Area B:</b> Approx. 16 km East from Condamine Centred at approximate Lat.26°54'S Long.150°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Murilla</b>	<b>Area of Area A:</b> 67 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 22 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2380 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, y, z  <b>Area of Area B:</b> 18 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2452 s, t, v, w, x, y	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (90%)  SGA (Queensland) Pty Ltd 114 116 068 (10%)
ATP648 (Part)	Approx. 48 km West from Dalby Centred at Lat.26°12'30"S Long.150°47'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the areas: <b>Wambo, Tara, Chinchilla, Jondaryan</b>	Area: 1304 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 427 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2599 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2600 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2672 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2673 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2674 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2675 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2744 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2745 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2746 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2747 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2748 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2819 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2819 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2820 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2821 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2890 h, c, d, e 2892 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2893 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (58.75%)  Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331 (31.25%)  SGA (Queensland) Pty Ltd 114 116 068 (10%)

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## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://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.

### Aboriginal Health Coordinator

Aboriginal Health, Population Health, Planning & Performance

Location negotiable within Peel & Merri Clusters  
Perm Full Time Position No: 57134  
Contribute to the development, planning, management and evaluation of health education programs and activities that directly contribute to sustainable health services for Aboriginal people.  
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).  
Enquiries: Tony Martin, (02) 6592 9630  
Closing Date: 28 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/Alternative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethnic Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

### ABORIGINAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION OFFICER

EPO Class 2/7, Jindabyne, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-528. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,363 p.a. (\$49,421-\$73,732) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Contribute to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal heritage through identification, assessment, management, interpretation of objects and places. Encourage and facilitate Aboriginal community participation in cultural heritage management. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality combined with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge of Aboriginal heritage, thorough knowledge of, and association with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of responsibility. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management. Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing conservation works. Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills for management of cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information systems. Current driver's licence and a willingness to travel, including in aircraft. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Adell Hyslop, telephone: (02) 6298 9773 or 0439 646 872 Email: [adell.hyslop@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:adell.hyslop@environment.nsw.gov.au).

**Information Packages:** Amy McCauley (02) 6298 0323 or [jobs.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au).

**Closing Date:** Friday 04 January 2008.

CAUTION



Newcastle Family Support Services

### Are you experienced in working with families living with a mental illness?

Here is your opportunity to work in an exciting new project - Headin' Up. You will be part of a dynamic and creative organisation which can offer considerable flexibility of employment and above award conditions.

### Team Leader

To implement and manage the project, supervise a small team of family and mental health workers.

Grade 5, SACS Award with above award conditions.  
Hours 28-35(full-time) pw negotiable.

### 2 Family Workers & 2 Mental Health Workers

To provide individual and group work with parents and children.

One of each of these positions is designated for an Indigenous Australian worker.

Grade 4, SACS Award with above award conditions.  
Hours 28-35(full-time) pw negotiable.

NFSS is an EEO employer.

The employment of Indigenous Australian people in these positions is authorised in accordance with part 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

For further details & information package phone 02 49263577.

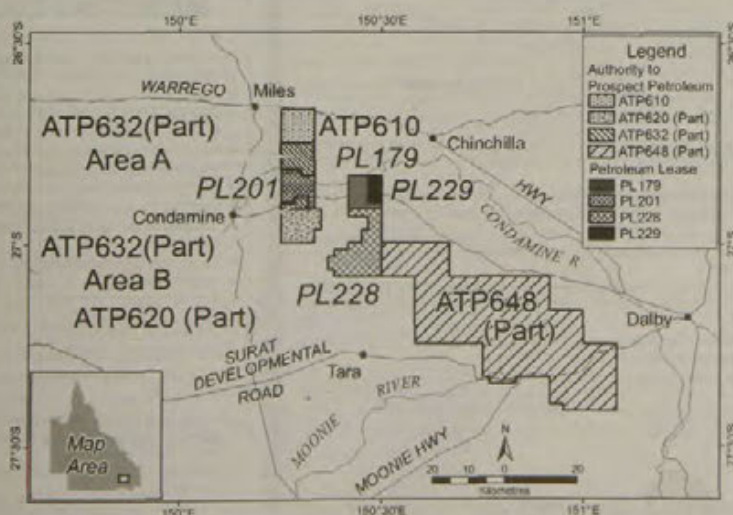
Closing date: 31st December 2007.

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Petroleum Leases (to add Excluded Land) to which this notice applies:

Petroleum Lease Number	Location of Petroleum Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
	Location of Excluded Land	Area of Petroleum Lease including Excluded Land	
PL179	Approx. 24 km South West from Chinchilla Centred at approximate Lat. 26°52'30"S Long. 150°27'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Chinchilla	Area: 52 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 17 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2454 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (59.375%) Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331 (40.625%)
PL201	Approx. 17 km North East from Condamine Centred at approximate Lat. 26°51'30"S Long. 150°17'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Murilla	Area: 67 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 22 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2380 v, w, x 2452 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, u, z	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (90%) SGA (Queensland) Pty Ltd 114 116 068 (10%)
PL228	Approx. 31 km South West from Chinchilla Centred at approximate Lat. 27°S Long. 150°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Chinchilla, Tara, Murilla	Area of Area A: 153 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2526 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2597 j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 2598 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (59.375%) Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331 (40.625%)
PL229	Approx. 20 km South West from Chinchilla Centred at approximate Lat. 26°52'S Long. 150°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Chinchilla	Area: 24 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2454 d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, u	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (59.375%) Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331 (40.625%)



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### ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE OF WA (INC.)

The Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc.) is a statewide Aboriginal controlled and community based organisation. An opportunity exists to work in this unique, challenging and rewarding environment. We extend invitations to suitable applicants to submit expressions of interest for the following positions.

### LEGAL OFFICER (JUNIOR)

KALGOORLIE

Salary Range: Grade 5 - Grade 7 (\$55,146.00 to \$81,406.00)  
Salary negotiable dependant on experience.

Additional Allowances: Salary Packaging, District Allowance; Rental Subsidy, vehicle for reasonable personal use.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:** The successful applicant will have experience appearing as an advocate in the criminal jurisdiction in the Magistrates Court. Experience in appearing in the District and Supreme Courts is desirable but not essential. The successful applicant will also have excellent interpersonal and communications skills; commitment to the provision of a high quality legal service to Aboriginal persons and the ability to consult and negotiate with clients and a wide range of stakeholders. Restricted Practitioners are encouraged to apply. The appointee will be based in Kalgoorlie and be responsible for the provision of legal services to individual Aboriginal clients and communities in the region, including circuit courts.

The position will involve some advice and representation in civil and family law matters. This position is under the direction of the Director, Legal Services.

LOCATION: KALGOORLIE

### LEGAL OFFICER (SENIOR)

SOUTH HEDLAND

Salary Range: Grade 5 - Grade 8 (\$55,146.00 to \$94,328.00)  
Salary negotiable dependant on experience.

Additional Allowances: Salary Packaging; District Allowance; Air Conditioning Allowance; Rental Subsidy; mobile phone; vehicle for reasonable personal use.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:**

Applicants must be admitted as a practitioner with a minimum of five (5) years post restricted practitioner experience. The appointee will be based in South Hedland and be responsible for the provision of legal services to individual Aboriginal clients and communities in the region, including circuit courts. The successful applicant must have extensive criminal law experience. The position will involve appearances as counsel in defended criminal hearings in Magistrates Courts, appearances in jury trials and pleas of guilty in Superior Courts (District and Supreme Courts) as well as some advice and representation in civil and family law matters. This is a senior position and the successful applicant will need to have proven management skills with regard to supervision of staff. This position is under the direction of the Director, Legal Services.

LOCATION: SOUTH HEDLAND

**ENQUIRIES:** Duty Statements (which include Conditions of Service) available upon request to the Personnel Officer - Telephone: (08) 9265 6666.

**APPLICATIONS:** Should be addressed to the Attention of the Personnel Officer, Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc.), PO Box 8194 Perth Business Centre, WA 6849 and include a Curriculum Vitae and should nominate at least two (2) professional referees and two (2) personal referees. Applicants must fully address the selection criteria for the above position.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE:** 11 JANUARY, 2008.

Aboriginal solicitors are encouraged to apply for the above position.

THE ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE OF WA (INC) IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.





# To advertise in the Koori Mail newspaper call Naomi or Stuart on 02 66 222 666

## Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Lease and Grant of Petroleum Lease Application

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Petroleum Lease Applications to which this notice applies:

Petroleum Lease Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
PL211	Approx. 18 km South South East from Miles Centred at approximate Lat. 26°47'30"S Long. 150°17'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Murilla</b>	Area: 67 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 22 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2380 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, z	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553
PL212	Approx. 16 km East from Condamine Centred at approximate Lat. 26°54'5"S Long. 150°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Murilla</b>	Area: 18 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2452 s, t, v, w, x, y	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553
PL247	Approx. 12 km South East from Miles Centred at approximate Lat. 26°42'30"S Long. 150°17'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Murilla</b>	Area of Area A: 76 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2308 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	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (60.625%) Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331 (29.375%) SGA (Queensland) Pty Ltd 114 116 068 (10%)
PL257	Approx. 25 km North East from Tara Centred at approximate Lat. 27°05'S Long. 150°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Chinchilla, Tara</b>	Area: 229 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 75 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2593 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 2600 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 2672 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	Queensland Gas Company Limited 089 642 553 (58.75%) Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331 (31.25%) SGA (Queensland) Pty Ltd 114 116 068 (10%)

\* Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-block Code) 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:** It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Authorities to Prospect under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) and to the Petroleum Leases under section 170 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld). On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Authorities to Prospect and in the existing Petroleum Leases. This authorises the holder to explore for petroleum on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Authority to Prospect and produce petroleum from the granted Petroleum Leases.

Grant of a Petroleum Lease under the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of Petroleum. It is proposed to grant the Petroleum Leases subject to section 170 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

It should be noted that this land will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of the tenure.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The application to add Excluded Land to the Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases and the grant of Petroleum Lease Applications under the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) will be granted by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

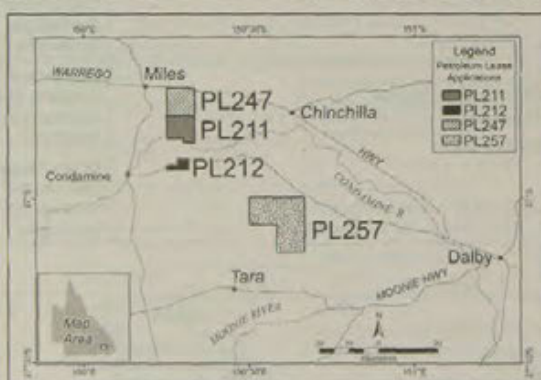
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed future acts, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Culture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 1216.

**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 application for the addition of excluded land in the Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases and the grant of the Petroleum Leases. 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: qlrdreg@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.

Notification Day: 5 January 2008



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**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water

## Indigenous Remote Communications Association IRCA

Exciting Opportunity in ALICE SPRINGS  
At the cutting edge of Remote Indigenous TELEVISION & RADIO

### MANAGER

\$55,000 - \$65,000

IRCA FUNCTIONS as a peak body and resource agency to 8 Remote Indigenous Media Organizations (RIMOs), that in turn represent over one hundred and fifty remote and very remote communities that broadcast TELEVISION and RADIO Australia-wide.

IRCA works with Indigenous media makers in remote communities to employ television and radio communications for better outcomes in health and social well-being, and to boost self-esteem, identity, and community pride. To this purpose, Indigenous Media has an essential role in celebrating culture and history, affirming the contemporary lives of community members, re-producing and maintaining language, aiding broader community development aims, promoting economic self-sufficiency, and, crucially, giving communities a means of expression.

**THE ROLE OF THE MANAGER** will be to bring together members in meetings; provide secretariat and coordination services to the Governing Committee; research and formulate policy on media training, production and distribution; actively coordinate and promote the goals of IRCA to Government and NGOs; assist with organization of the National Remote Indigenous Media Festival.

IRCA currently is the auspicing agency for the Indigenous Community Television Service (ICTV), and so, for an interim period, the IRCA MANAGER will also be required to assist with the ongoing promotion and management of the ICTV Service. Importantly, over the next 6 months IRCA will play a central role in negotiating changes to broadcasting arrangements for ICTV as remote Indigenous programming is incorporated into the new National Indigenous Television Service (NITV).

For further information regarding selection criteria contact  
IRCA Manager, Tel: 0437798076 - Email: manager@irca.net.au

Forward applications to:  
Chairperson,  
Indigenous Remote Communications Association  
PO Box 2731,  
ALICE SPRINGS, NT 0871  
Fax: 08 8125 6786 - Email: manager@irca.net.au

Applications close:  
January 25, 2008.

## JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY....

We are currently going through an exciting period of transformation that will see Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute continue to retain its position as a leading cultural centre delivering an insight into Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander arts, culture, history & heritage. We are looking for two new key team players to join us on this exciting journey.

### CULTURAL PROGRAM MANAGER

To be a part of this exciting cultural journey you will need:

- Comprehensive knowledge & experience in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island culture & arts
- Strong working knowledge of the indigenous arts and cultural sector
- Demonstrated experience with project & event management
- Demonstrated successful outcomes in sponsorship & funding submissions
- High level interpersonal skills & ability to gain cooperation and assistance
- Advanced people and staff management abilities
- Excellent communication skills: both written and oral
- Computer skills in an Office environment
- To be organised & able to meet deadlines
- Professionalism, energy and self motivation.

Full-time position: \$51,500 plus 9% super.

Tandanya is a 7 day operation throughout the year. Some out-of-hours work will be required.

### MARKETING COORDINATOR

A unique opportunity for a driven individual.

The role is varied in nature & the successful applicant will be responsible for a wide range of duties:

- Support of the Senior Management team with the ongoing development & implementation of identified strategies that support the organisations marketing initiatives
- Liaise with senior managers in respect to their marketing requirements, including materials, collateral and events
- Draft advertising, press releases and copy
- Maintain the organisations web site
- Coordinate the organisations news letters, AGM reports and publications
- Liaise with external service providers & clients
- Support coordination of events, seminars and functions.

Full-time position: \$42,000 p/us 9% super.

Some out of work hours will be required.

All initial enquiries will be treated in confidence.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Forward your Application addressing the 'Essential' points in the Job Description marked 'Confidential' to:

Liz McNeil, Corporate Services Manager.  
liz@tandanya.com.au  
253 Grenfell St Adelaide 5000. Ph 82243210

Applications Close: 28 December 2007.





**COORDINATOR  
ABORIGINAL ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT**

Clerk Grade 7/8, Malabar, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07690. Total remuneration package valued to: \$64,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896) Total remuneration package includes employers contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Assess, review and report on the development and delivery of services provided to Aboriginal offenders and clients by the NSW Department of Corrective Services. **Selection Criteria:** Experience in assessing, reviewing and reporting on Aboriginal projects, services and programs. Experience in contributing to a multi-disciplinary team environment. Experience in undertaking research, cataloguing and maintaining resources and materials. Demonstrated effective interpersonal and oral communication skills. Excellent written communication skills and experience in the use of information technology, including report writing, drafting ministerial correspondence and submissions. Demonstrated ability to build and maintain effective links with Aboriginal staff, communities and agencies. Knowledge of the Department's operations within the criminal justice system and the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** The position is located at the Aboriginal Support and Planning Unit at Long Bay Correctional Centre at Malabar. Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions. All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

**Inquiries:** Ron Timbery Ph: (02) 9289 2676 Email: Ronald.Timbery@dcs.nsw.gov.au

**Information Packages:** Ronald.Timbery@dcs.nsw.gov.au or Ph: (02) 9289 2676

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

**Closing Date:** Friday 21 December 2007.

GAUTWICH



**Australian Government  
Aboriginal Hostels Limited**

**Join our team**

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company owned and financed by the Australian Government. Through our Central Office located in Canberra, and eight Regional Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

**ALICE SPRINGS**

Sid Ross Hostel

**Domestic**

(part time 32.5 Hours per week)

**APS Level 1**

**\$473.11 - \$502.07 per week, plus superannuation**

Under direction of the Hostel Manager ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout all areas of the hostel, which includes preparation of all rooms, stock control of all linen including the changing and washing. Other tasks involve food preparation, cooking and service.

**Further inquiries:** Kevin Schnitzer, Telephone No: 08 8952 5781

**Selection documentation:** Celeste Broy, Telephone No: 08 8952 6544 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 4th January 2008 and should be sent to: **Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945, Alice Springs NT 0871.**

**BRISBANE**

Elley Bennett Hostel

**Night Attendant**

**APS Level 1**

**\$31,235 - \$33,810 pa, plus superannuation**

We are seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position of Night Attendant. The successful applicant will be responsible for the general security of the hostel and its occupants and checking in late arrivals.

**Further inquiries:** Onslow Phillips, Telephone No: 07 3358 1175

**Selection documentation:** Onslow Phillips, Telephone No: 07 3358 1175 or from our website.

**ROCKHAMPTON**

Neville Bonner Hostel

**Cook**

(part time 30 hours per week)

**APS Level 1**

**\$472.70 - \$511.67 per week, plus superannuation**

Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

**Domestic**

**APS Level 1**

**\$28,857 - \$30,624 pa, plus superannuation**

Under direction of the Hostel Manager ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout all areas of the hostel, which includes preparation of all rooms, stock control of all linen including the changing and washing. Other tasks involve food preparation, cooking and service.

**Further inquiries:** Anita Leedie, Telephone No: 07 4927 3656

**Selection documentation:** Anita Leedie, Telephone No: 07 4927 3656 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 25th January 2008 and should be sent to:

**Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 10122, Adelaide Street PO Brisbane QLD 4000.**

**Conditions of Employment**

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the 3 month probation period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Workplace Diversity.

These are identified positions.

[www.ahl.gov.au](http://www.ahl.gov.au)

**NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES  
MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M**

**TAKE NOTICE** that TORO ENERGY LIMITED (ACN 117 127 590) of 3 Boskenna Avenue, Norwood South Australia 5067, mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land:

**DESCRIPTION OF AREA  
EXPLORATION LICENCE 3040**

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 40km northwest of Tarcoola, referred to as **Rounsevell Hill Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°00'S and longitude 134°11'E, thence east to longitude 134°22'E, south to latitude 30°06'S, east to longitude 134°25'E, south to latitude 30°08'S, east to longitude 134°26'E, south to latitude 30°13'S, west to longitude 134°24'E, south to latitude 30°20'S, west to longitude 134°22'E, south to latitude 30°30'S, east to longitude 134°25'E, south to latitude 30°37'S, west to longitude 134°18'E, north to latitude 30°33'S, east to longitude 134°20'E, north to latitude 30°30'S, west to longitude 134°15'E, south to latitude 30°38'S, west to longitude 134°14'E, south to latitude 30°40'S, west to longitude 134°10'E, north to latitude 30°39'S, west to longitude 134°00'E, south to latitude 30°42'S, east to longitude 134°04'E, south to latitude 30°43'S, east to longitude 134°07'E, south to latitude 30°45'S, west to longitude 134°05'E, south to a northern boundary of Yellabinnia Regional Reserve, thence generally westerly along the boundary of the said Regional Reserve to longitude 133°52'E, north to latitude 30°40'S, east to longitude 133°57'E, north to latitude 30°37'S, east to longitude 134°05'E, north to latitude 30°34'S, east to longitude 134°12'E, north to latitude 30°26'S, east to longitude 134°16'E, north to latitude 30°16'S, east to longitude 134°20'E, north to latitude 30°13'S, west to longitude 134°19'E, north to latitude 30°07'S, west to longitude 134°18'E, north to latitude 30°04'S, west to longitude 134°16'E, north to latitude 30°03'S, west to longitude 134°13'E, south to latitude 30°05'S, west to longitude 134°11'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: approximately 1,353 square kilometres.

**DESCRIPTION OF AREA  
EXPLORATION LICENCE 3166**

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 100km northeast of Ceduna, referred to as **Childara Well Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°28'S and longitude 134°33'E, thence east to longitude 134°40'E, south to latitude 31°39'S, east to longitude 134°43'E, south to latitude 31°50'S, east to longitude 134°49'E, south to latitude 31°56'S, west to longitude 134°45'E, north to latitude 31°54'S, west to longitude 134°40'E, south to latitude 32°00'S, west to longitude 134°33'E, north to the point of commencement.

Area of the land: approximately 878 square kilometres.

**DESCRIPTION OF AREA  
EXPLORATION LICENCE 3266**

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 30km south of Tarcoola, referred to as **Deception Hill Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°54'S and longitude 134°24'E, thence east to longitude 134°36'E, south to latitude 30°55'S, east to an eastern boundary of Yellabinnia Regional Reserve, thence generally southeasterly and southerly along the boundary of the said Regional Reserve to latitude 31°11'S, west to longitude 134°20'E, north to latitude 31°00'S, east to longitude 134°30'E, north to latitude 30°57'S, west to longitude 134°24'E and north to the point of commencement.

Area of the land: approximately 795 square kilometres.

**DESCRIPTION OF AREA  
EXPLORATION LICENCE 3335**

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 110km northeast of Ceduna, referred to as **Yellabinnia Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°11'S and longitude 134°20'E, thence east to longitude 134°31'E, south to latitude 31°22'S, west to longitude 134°20'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: approximately 355 square kilometres.

**DESCRIPTION OF AREA  
EXPLORATION LICENCE 3369**

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 20km west northwest of Tarcoola, referred to as **Carnding Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

**AREA B**

Commencing at a point being the intersection of

latitude 30°39'S and longitude 134°00'E, thence east to longitude 134°10'E, south to latitude 30°43'S, west to longitude 134°04'E, north to latitude 30°42'S, west to longitude 134°00'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: approximately 103 square kilometres.

**DESCRIPTION OF AREA**

**EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 389/06**

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 80km south of Tarcoola, referred to as **Lake Everard Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°15'S and longitude 134°31'E, thence east to longitude 134°44'E, south to latitude 31°25'S, west to longitude 134°35'E, south to latitude 31°28'S, west to longitude 134°33'E, south to latitude 31°35'S, west to the eastern boundary of Yumbarr Conservation Park, thence generally northerly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to latitude 31°26'S, east to longitude 134°12'E, north to latitude 31°23'S, east to longitude 134°20'E, north to latitude 31°22'S, east to longitude 134°31'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: approximately 1,287 square kilometres.

Excluding from all the land and all the area any of that land or area that falls outside the Far West Coast Native Title Claim (SAD 6008/98).

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 geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation, which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary mud and diamond core; downhole probing.

**The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authorities under the Mining Act 1971 (SA):**

1. Exploration Licence 3040 of which RANGE RIVER GOLD LTD is the registered holder, pursuant to a Tarcoola Joint Venture Agreement, dated 10 March 2006;
2. Exploration Licences 3166 and 3266 of which MINOTAUR OPERATIONS PTY LTD is the registered holder, pursuant to:  
(a) a Tenement Access Deed, dated 2 February 2006, and  
(b) a Deed of Appointment of Mining Operator, dated 13 December 2007;
3. Exploration Licence 3335 of which HELIX RESOURCES LIMITED is the registered holder and the Exploration Licence to be granted pursuant to Exploration Licence Application 389/06 lodged by HELIX RESOURCES LIMITED, pursuant to a Tripartite Agreement - Tunkilla, dated 31 January 2006; and
4. Exploration Licence 3369 (Part B only) of which HILTABA GOLD PTY LTD is the registered holder, pursuant to a Joint Venture Letter Agreement - Warrior Project, dated 1 March 2007.

**TORO ENERGY LIMITED seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).**

If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, TORO ENERGY LIMITED may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. On such an application, that Court must make a determination authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent TORO ENERGY LIMITED as follows:

**TORO ENERGY LIMITED**

c/- FINLAYSONS

81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8235 7452

Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944

Contact: Mr George McKenzie





## COBOWRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Cobowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (Cobowra LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Cobowra LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate

advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer, Sean Burke by email: [wue.moruya@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:wue.moruya@wesleymission.org.au) or on (02) 4474 5147.

Applications can be forwarded to us by Email: [sean.burke@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:sean.burke@wesleymission.org.au) or addressed as "Confidential" and posted to: CEO Application, Wesley Uniting Employment, 44 Vulcan Street, MORUYA, NSW 2537.

Applications close Friday 11th January 2008.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

## Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service (Vic)

### COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION WORKER

Full-time position

Based at Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service (Vic), Melbourne, for travel to regional areas throughout Victoria. Salary up to \$45,000, depending on qualifications and experience.

Closing date:

5 pm, 11 January 2008.

For copy of position description, email: [vacantpositions@fvpls.org](mailto:vacantpositions@fvpls.org)

## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Northern Territory of Australia

Notification day: 2 January 2008



DI2007/002 NT Oil Ltd: EP 127 and 128 ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 29,140km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 180km north-east of Alice Springs and 215km south-east of Tennant Creek, in the vicinity of Oorattippra.

The agreement area falls within the unincorporated local government authority.

The parties to the agreement and their contact addresses are:

Johnny Barber Kngwarrey and Billy Cook Apetyarr (Registered Native Title Claimants for NTD6043/01 Oorattippra), Nugget Smith Apetyarr and Pompey Turner Apetyarr (Registered Native Title Claimants for NTD6061/01 Lake Nash), Alec Peterson Apetyarr, Banjo Morton Apetyarr, Edith Dinnie Apetyarr, Jemima Foster Apetyarr, Sammy Ladd Akemarr and Gordon Dobbs Apetyarr (Registered Native Title Claimants for NTD6069/01 Sandover River), Lindsay Bookie Penangke (Registered Native Title Claimant for NTD6005/03 Molly Hill), Raymond Webb Penangke, Ronnie Webb Peltharre, Alan George Dempsey Peltharre and Kwementyaye Cleary Angale (Registered Native Title Claimants for NTD6034/02 Dulcie Ranges), C/- Central Land Council, PO Box 3321, ALICE SPRINGS, NT 0871

Central Land Council, PO Box 3321, ALICE SPRINGS, NT 0871

Northern Territory Oil Limited (ACN 111072041), 31 Wearing Street, HIGGINS, ACT 2615

The agreement contains the following statements:

Article 3: Consent to future acts subject to conditions

The CLC for and on behalf of the Native Title Holders and the Native Title Parties agrees to the doing of the future acts subject to the terms and conditions specified in this ILUA.

Definitions:

"Native Title Holders" means the Aboriginal people who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land in the Area within the meaning of the NTA.

"Native Title Parties" means the named claimants and registered claimants to the Oorattippra Native Title Determination Application (NTD6043/01), the Sandover River Native Title Determination Application (NTD6069/01), the Lake Nash Native Title Determination Application (NTD6061/01), the Dulcie Ranges Native Title Determination Application (NTD6034/02) and the Molly Hill Native Title Determination Application (NTD6005/03).

"future acts" means the future acts referred to in paragraphs (a) to (h) of Article 2 to which Subdivision P of

Division 3 of Part 2 of the Act applies. Article 2: Coverage of this ILUA

This ILUA covers all matters relating to the grant of the Permits located within the Northern Territory, all exploration carried out in accordance with them, the grant of a Production Licence and retention licence in respect of any part of the Area and all lawful production activities carried out in accordance with it. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this includes:

- the validity of the grant of the Permits and all lawful exploration activities undertaken thereon in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum Act;
- the grant of a retention licence over any part of the Area in the event that such grant is a future act to which Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Act applies;
- the grant of a production licence over any part of the Area;
- the grant of a pipeline licence and/or construction and operation of a pipeline over any part of the Area;

(e) ongoing access for the Explorers to the Area covered by this ILUA to undertake its rights and obligations under the Petroleum Act, the Native Title Agreement and this ILUA;

(f) procedures to minimise the environmental impact of exploration and production activities and to promote the rehabilitation of any part of the Area which has been subjected to exploration or production;

(g) the protection of native title rights and interests including protection of sacred sites;

(h) the relationship between native title rights and interests, and other rights and interests in relation to the area of this ILUA.

Article 4: Subdivision P is not intended to apply

The parties agree that Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Act is not intended to apply to the future acts, specifically the grant of any retention, production or pipeline licence over any portion of the 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 Central Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

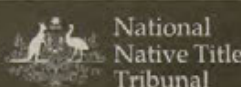
If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified as required by section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Darwin, NT 0801 by 2 April 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 Primary Industries, Fisheries & Mines (NT). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Lorna Gregory on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

### ABORIGINAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION OFFICER

EPO Class 2-7, Narrabri, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-526. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,363 p.a. (\$49,421-\$73,732) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Contribute to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal heritage through identification, assessment, management, interpretation of objects and places. Encourage and facilitate Aboriginal community participation in cultural heritage management. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality combined with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge of Aboriginal heritage. Thorough knowledge of, and association with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of responsibility. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management. Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing conservation works. Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills for management of cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information systems. Current driver's licence and a willingness to travel, including in aircraft. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Christian Hampson, telephone: (02) 6883 5346 or Email: [Christian.Hampson@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Christian.Hampson@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Information Packages: Jenny Lymberatos, telephone (02) 9585 6397 or [jobs.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: Friday 04 January 2008.

## ETSA Utilities

### Indigenous Project Officer

ETSA Utilities is South Australia's principal electricity distributor, delivering power to more than 782,000 customers. As one of South Australia's largest organisations, we employ more than 1600 people throughout metropolitan and regional South Australia.

We have recently commenced implementing an innovative program to support Indigenous people. The Indigenous Project Officer will contribute to the ongoing development of this program and co-ordinate its implementation, including:

- attraction and retention of Indigenous employees;
- support and mentoring of those employees;
- facilitating support and understanding across the organisation; and
- administration of Government contracts and funding for Indigenous initiatives.

To be successful in this role you will need to demonstrate a proven track record of building effective relationships with Indigenous leaders and communities, and the ability to mentor Indigenous employees at all levels within the organisation (including trade apprentices).

This position will initially be offered as a two year contract. An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Enquiries can be made by contacting Margot Cook on (08) 8404 5393.

Your application and CV should be forwarded by email to Margot Cook at [cook.margot@etsa.com.au](mailto:cook.margot@etsa.com.au)

Applications close 5pm Friday 4 January 2008.

We do everything in our power to deliver yours









## DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

An application for a Water Supply Works under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source

TREVOR BOYD MEGGS and WINSOME TERESE MEGGS for 1 x 150MM submersible pump at/adjacent to Lot 2 DP 558408 in the Parish of Eli Elwah, County of Waradagery, for irrigation at/adjacent to Lot 2 DP 558408 in the Parish of Eli Elwah, County of Waradagery. (Ref: 40WA405053)

Lower Murrumbidgee Deep Groundwater Source

R A BOOTH INVESTMENTS PTY LTD for 1 x bore at/adjacent to Lots 6 & 7 DP 777980 in the Parish of Waradagery, County of Waradagery, for irrigation at/adjacent to Lot 40 DP 756802, Lots 6 & 7 DP 777980 in the Parish of Waradagery, County of Waradagery. (Ref: 1586)

Written objections to the application(s) specifying grounds must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2605 before close of business 16th January 2008. GA2:525107

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager

An application for a Water Supply Works under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

Lower Murrumbidgee Deep Groundwater Source

Panfilio VITUCCI for a bore on Lot 208 DP 751709 in the Parish of Jondaryan, County of Cooper, for irrigation on Lot 208 DP 751709 in the Parish of Jondaryan, County of Cooper. (Ref: 40WA405043)

Panfilio VITUCCI for a bore on Lot 1 DP 863227 in the Parish of Camarooka, County of Cooper, for irrigation on Lot 1 DP 863227 in the Parish of Camarooka, County of Cooper. (Ref: 40WA405051)

An application for a Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

IAN DONALD and JULIE ANN ROFFE for irrigation on Lot 1 DP 560827, Lot 23 DP 754548, Lot 24 DP 754548, Lot 25 DP 754548, Lot 61 DP 754548 and Lot C DP 27156 all in the Parish of Cuddell, County of Mitchell. (Ref: 40UA405042)

Written objections to the application(s) specifying the grounds must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2605 before close of business on 16th January 2008. GA2:525108.

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager

### MURRAY VALLEY

MURRAY DOWNS DAIRY NOMINEES PTY LTD has submitted an application to amend an existing Water Supply Works & Water Uses Approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source (Murray River).

Works: 1 x 100mm Centrifugal Pump (additional)

Location: Lot 2/838611, Parish Yellymong, County Wakool

Purpose: Stock & Domestic Water Supply

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898 3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 16/01/2008. Please quote the Application No. 50CA501913 on all correspondence. (GA2: 531505).

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer  
Department of Water & Energy  
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

ROBERT WILLIAM GEACH JOLLEY and EVELYN MAJORIE JOLLEY have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

80MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP - 1

Reserve 1013826 adjacent Lot 169/44252 in the Parish of WENTWORTH, County of WENTWORTH, PIPELINE - 1

Road reserve adjacent to Lot 163/257185 in the Parish of WENTWORTH, County of WENTWORTH

Water supply for industrial purposes

at Lot 164/257185 in the Parish of WENTWORTH, County of WENTWORTH

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 03 5051 6211.

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 16/01/2008. Please quote the Application No. 1564 on all correspondence. (GA2: 512630).

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer  
Department of Water and Energy  
PO Box 363, BURONGA, NSW 2739

Commencement Date: 19/12/2007.

Closing Date: 16/01/2008.

## 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 3.1 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 6.1 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 3.1 km <sup>2</sup> 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°38'30"S Long.142°49'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 6.1 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2290 i, u	Allan Leslie JOHNSTONE
EPM13047	Approx. 41 km West North West from Eromanga Centred at Lat.26°37'S Long.142°51'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 12.3 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Bulloo</b>	Area: 18.3 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 12.2 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2363 v, w 2434 e 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 12.3 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 12.3 km <sup>2</sup> 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°31'S Long.142°58'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 12.3 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie and Bulloo</b>	Area: 107 km <sup>2</sup> 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, b, 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 12.3 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 6.1 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 3.1 km <sup>2</sup> 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 of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 2 January 2008



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest (which is not a native title interest) in the area, set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 1 April 2008. After 1 April 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 1 April 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: John Christopher Little  
Non-native title interest: Interim Licence over Crown Land for Grazing  
Federal Court File No: NSD2096/2007

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 0.39km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 20km north-east of Mudgee in the vicinity of Home Rule as shown on the locality map.

The application comprises of the whole of Lot 2019 on Deposited Plan 1002341 and other crown land. The northern boundary of the application area adjoins Mudhut Creek Road and the southern boundary adjoins Lot 70 and 98 on Deposited Plan 755451.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Mid-western Regional Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Lands (NSW).

For assistance or further information contact Tom O'Reilly on freecall

1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

## Sport

# Rugby league legends continue to inspire



QUEENSLAND rugby league legends are doing their bit to help the young people of remote Mornington Island, in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The legends belong to Former Origin Greats (FOGS), a non-profit organisation committed to helping rugby league and other communities and charities throughout Queensland.

Its members are the elite group of 163 players who have represented Queensland in State of Origin since its inception in 1980.

FOGS says its involvement with Mornington Island has had its challenges and its successes.

"Our target has been to get those children of Mornington Island, who are of a school age and not currently attending school, back into school," it says.

"FOGS also targeted children who were attending school with the challenge to improve their

attendance and learning outcomes."

It says the cornerstone of the FOGS program has been the delivery of incentives and rewards.

"Incentives form the backbone of the program and primarily involves the running of an after-school sports program," FOGS said.

"Every day, after school, an organisation called Primary After School Sports (PASS), which has been sub-contracted by FOGS, delivers a vast range of sporting and recreational activities for the young people of Mornington Island.

"These activities are a great attraction for the children as very little else happens in the afternoon after school in the community.

"The incentive in running these activities is that unless children have attended school that day, they are not allowed to participate in the sports and other events held.

"The idea is to encourage the children to want to go to school and our trial for the first year was to attach our programs directly to school attendance."

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 12.2 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 15.1 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 3.1 km <sup>2</sup> 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: <b>Quilpie</b>	Area: 3.1 km <sup>2</sup> 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 1:1 000 000.

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 a renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

**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) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

**Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application** may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or E-mail: [aldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:aldreg@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.

Notification Day: 2 January 2008



## Mining Lease Application 306 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of mining lease.

An area of 3,338 hectares situated approximately 12 kilometres north north east of Denman, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Xstrata Mangoola Pty Limited (ACN 127 535 755) is the applicant of Mining Lease Application No. 306 (Act 1992), for a mining lease which would authorise the mining for coal and be granted for a term of 21 years

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

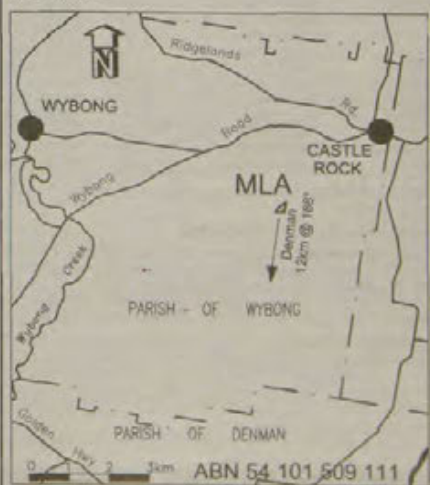
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Ian Elsholz, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Telephone (02) 4931 6456 or Fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 2 January 2008. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water



# Players urge fewer interchanges



BRISBANE Broncos forward Sam Thaiday joked that he would have to train even harder if the National Rugby League

agreed to reduce the number of interchanges during a match from 12 to ten.

And Gold Coast centre Mat Rogers reckons the NRL should go further and implement an eight-man interchange rule.

Tired of being smashed by hulking forwards fresh off the bench, the smaller men of rugby league are hoping the game's powerbrokers will listen to reason and change the rules on interchange to achieve the right balance in attack and defence.

Opportunities for playmakers like Scott Prince, Darren Lockyer and Matt Orford will open up more if they can expose tiring forwards forced to dig deeper to shut down the creative talents of their opponents.

"It just means I have to train harder so I can stay on the field longer," quipped Thaiday.

But seriously Sam? "It will open up another dimension for the game and it'll let people like the Lockyers and Matt Bowens — those people who can do those

freaky things in the last 10 minutes of the game — it'll bring their skills out further," the former Test forward remarked.

The issue was discussed at the recent annual conference of NRL chief executives held in the NSW Hunter Valley and the general consensus was that 12 interchanges are too many in the modern game.

Any tinkering to the law must be approved by the Rugby League International Federation.

Rogers, 31, still remembers the 'ridiculous' days of unlimited interchange from 1998 to 2000 when the game diminished as a spectacle as star players were on the field for 80 minutes compared with forwards rotating off the bench at the coach's whim.

"The forwards were never tired and you could never pick anybody out," he said.

"I think 10 is a pretty good balance. It wouldn't bother me if they brought it down to eight."

"The way the game is now, you've got these massive guys who are great athletes. Guys my size can't compete against them physically so they need to be worn out."

"If they're not worn out, it makes it real hard." — AAP

## 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
26/936	Melux Resources Ltd	KAZ87	146.08ha	100km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°19' Long 122°22'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
77/1007	Peters Metals NL	276328	390.43ha	55km N of Koolanbong	Lat 30°20' Long 119°27'	Yalgam

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 19 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 19 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. 19 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, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1633	Buena Resources Pty Ltd	583.96ha	28km NE of Derby	Lat 19°25' Long 124°51'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
04/1667	Asia Energy Ltd	331.57ha	17km N of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 16°37' Long 125°25'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1676-1	ASR Resources Pty Ltd	403.61ha	103km W of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°58' Long 125°39'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1675, 04/1684 & 04/1690	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	1772.39ha	165km SW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°16' Long 124°18'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1677 & 04/1691	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	1153.53ha	203km SE of Broome	Lat 19°16' Long 122°32'	Broome/Derby-West Kimberley
04/1692	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	619.46ha	24km SE of Broome	Lat 19°28' Long 122°23'	Broome/Derby-West Kimberley
04/1697-9	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	1036.89ha	21km SW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°26' Long 124°05'	Derby-West Kimberley
06/1794	Encounter Resources Ltd	15.64ha	88km S of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°59' Long 117°42'	Upper Gascoyne
08/1798	GTL Resources Ltd	141.19ha	70km SW of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°35' Long 117°08'	Ashburton
08/1810-21	Peters Metals NL	776.11ha	27km SE of Ordubay	Lat 21°49' Long 115°17'	Ashburton
08/1827 & 08/1829	Kingroy Investments Pty Ltd	56.83ha	123km S of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°43' Long 116°11'	Ashburton
08/1828	Kingroy Investments Pty Ltd	15.73ha	113km S of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°38' Long 116°09'	Ashburton
08/1831	RAG Pilbara Pty Ltd	219.44ha	49km E of Ordubay	Lat 21°47' Long 115°32'	Ashburton
08/1932	Kingroy Investments Pty Ltd	6.32ha	101km S of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°32' Long 116°14'	Ashburton
09/1475	Duketon Consolidated Ltd	296.9ha	100km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°12' Long 115°35'	Gascoyne/Upper Gascoyne
09/1497	Holocene Ltd	157.99ha	73km E of Carnarvon	Lat 25°07' Long 114°23'	Carnarvon
09/1498	Holocene Ltd	217.15ha	67km E of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°14' Long 114°34'	Carnarvon
15/088	St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	14.63ha	11km NE of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°26' Long 121°39'	Coodan
21/100	Mt Magnet Gold NL	63.74ha	26km S of Cue	Lat 27°38' Long 117°33'	Cue/Mount Magnet
24/153	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	2.96ha	18km NW of Kalbarri	Lat 30°39' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
27/066	West River Pty Ltd	29.57ha	40km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°24' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
27/067	West River Pty Ltd	50.21ha	43km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°32' Long 121°49'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
29/540	International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 615)	210.05ha	87km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°05' Long 120°27'	Menzies
29/541	International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 615)	2.99ha	90km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°05' Long 120°24'	Menzies
29/567	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	156.73ha	94km SW of Lander	Lat 29°42' Long 120°19'	Menzies
30/332	Barron Resources Ltd	2.98ha	49km W of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 120°34'	Menzies
30/333	Barron Resources Ltd	38.75ha	47km W of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 120°33'	Menzies
30/340	Regapoint Exploration Pty Ltd	145.9ha	70km W of Menzies	Lat 29°52' Long 120°17'	Menzies
37/880	Pacific Energy Ltd	54.15ha	22km N of Leonora	Lat 29°41' Long 121°24'	Leonora
37/889	Monteuma Mining Co. Ltd	48.39ha	47km SE of Lander	Lat 28°06' Long 121°07'	Leonora
37/923	Pike Resources Ltd	30.09ha	42km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 120°52'	Leonora
37/935	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	212.79ha	106km NE of Leonora	Lat 27°31' Long 121°33'	Leonora/Leonora
38/1037	A1 Minerals Ltd	75.61ha	66km W of Coonamble	Lat 29°01' Long 122°24'	Lander
38/1062	Regis Resources NL	3.01ha	26km N of Lander	Lat 28°23' Long 122°29'	Lander
38/1063	Regis Resources NL	6.03ha	32km N of Lander	Lat 28°20' Long 122°24'	Lander
38/1064	Regis Resources NL	3.01ha	37km N of Lander	Lat 28°17' Long 122°23'	Lander
38/1065	Regis Resources NL	9.02ha	40km N of Lander	Lat 28°16' Long 122°22'	Lander
38/1066	Regis Resources NL	6.03ha	45km N of Lander	Lat 28°13' Long 122°21'	Lander
38/1067	Regis Resources NL	3.03ha	49km N of Lander	Lat 28°11' Long 122°19'	Lander
38/2006	Biosphere Holdings Pty Ltd	170.8ha	94km NW of Lander	Lat 27°53' Long 121°55'	Lander/Leonora
38/2007	Biosphere Holdings Pty Ltd	168.48ha	82km NW of Lander	Lat 27°58' Long 122°00'	Lander/Leonora
38/1285	Peter Ridd	14.94ha	11km S of Lander	Lat 29°36' Long 122°33'	Menzies
39/1317	Jeffrey Conway Red				
39/1317	Rubicon Resources Ltd	26.87ha	86km S of Lander	Lat 29°24' Long 122°19'	Lander/Menzies
40/241	JML Resources Pty Ltd	11.56ha	49km S of Leonora	Lat 29°16' Long 121°29'	Menzies
40/242	JML Resources Pty Ltd	3ha	49km S of Leonora	Lat 29°16' Long 121°26'	Menzies
45/1320	Jan Kar	89.42ha	123km NW of Teller	Lat 21°13' Long 121°08'	East Pilbara
47/1796	Palina Resources Ltd	67.67ha	56km S of Karatha	Lat 21°15' Long 116°45'	Arbuckle/Riverbourn
51/1005	Allycor Pty Ltd	67.5ha	41km S of Meekathana	Lat 26°56' Long 118°38'	Meekathana
52/0397	Gina Resources NL	213.82ha	86km E of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°29' Long 118°27'	Meekathana
53/1356	Seven Star Investments Group Pty Ltd	24.58ha	27km NE of Wiluna	Lat 30°29' Long 120°25'	Wiluna
53/1357	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	39.69ha	50km N of Lander	Lat 27°14' Long 121°07'	Wiluna
53/1357	Verde Uranium Pty Ltd	15.29ha	83km SE of Wiluna	Lat 27°06' Long 120°59'	Sandstone
57/114 & 57/734	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	330.47ha	53km E of Sandstone	Lat 27°08' Long 119°50'	Sandstone
59/1307	Minjar Gold Pty Ltd	116.75ha	59km W of Paynes Ford	Lat 29°09' Long 117°02'	Perth/Kalgoorlie
59/1383	Maimaris Resources Ltd	210.52ha	79km SE of Mount Magnet	Lat 29°40' Long 118°16'	Mount Magnet
59/1386	The Lady One Pty Ltd	2.9ha	14km NE of Newman	Lat 30°06' Long 121°53'	Dundas
70/2533	Quattro Resources Pty Ltd	193.88ha	27km NE of Jerramungup	Lat 33°45' Long 119°07'	Jerramungup
70/2585	Amend Holdings Pty Ltd	167.41ha	6km NE of Jerramungup	Lat 34°12' Long 118°12'	Bridgetown/Greesham/Marjuma
70/2581	Rumell Holdings Pty Ltd	574.13ha	17km N of Yalgam	Lat 33°10' Long 117°17'	Naranyi/Wagtail/West Arthur
70/2592	Rumell Holdings Pty Ltd	199.82ha	52km E of Jerramungup	Lat 33°47' Long 119°27'	Jerramungup/Riverbourn
71/1314	Rubicon Resources Ltd	43.87ha	59km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°37' Long 119°44'	Yalgam
71/1326	Gondwana Resources Ltd	8.76ha	59km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°42' Long 119°34'	Yalgam
71/1411	Tyco Resources NL	17.61ha	4km NW of Southern Cross	Lat 31°12' Long 119°17'	Yalgam
80/3755	Furze Technologies Pty Ltd	215.22ha	112km N of Wyndham	Lat 14°32' Long 127°46'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3818-9	Raglar Exploration Pty Ltd	453.01ha	93km S of Wyndham	Lat 16°19' Long 126°04'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3921	Pleasure Resources Limited	227.06ha	43km S of Halls Creek	Lat 19°37' Long 127°32'	Halls Creek
80/3926	Sharon King	65.07ha	71km W of Halls Creek	Lat 18°10' Long 127°00'	Halls Creek
80/3930	Crespeck Resources Pty Ltd	450.05ha	129km SW of Halls Creek	Lat 19°04' Long 126°49'	Halls Creek
80/3931	Kalbarri Mines Pty Ltd	185.68ha	95km SE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°27' Long 126°21'	Halls Creek
80/3932	Kalbarri Mines Pty Ltd	55.24ha	46km W of Halls Creek	Lat 19°22' Long 127°15'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 19 December 2007

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## PUBLIC NOTICE - MINING ACTIVITIES

### NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SA MINING ACT 1971 S63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that **BENAGERIE GOLD PTY LTD** (ACN 121 124 427) of 63 Conyngham Street Glenside SA 5065 has applied for or intends to apply for a Mining Lease in respect of an area covered by 6 Mineral Claim applications (as well as the area of previously notified mineral claim number 3669) (**Land**) and upon its grant proposes to carry out mining operations on the said Mining Lease which will incorporate the Land set out below:

The Land is located approximately 95 km north of Olary bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of easting 446675 and northing 6525287 then east to easting 449138 and northing 6524854 then south to easting 448792 and northing 6522890 then east to easting 450023 and northing 6522674 then south to easting 449677 and northing 6520710 then west to easting 448445 and northing 6520926 then south to easting 448099 and northing 6518962 the west to easting 445637 and northing 6519396 and north to the point of commencement which external boundaries incorporates the area of Mineral Claim 3669 which commences a point being the intersection of easting 447560 and northing 6523107 then east to easting 448792 and northing 6522890 then south to easting 448445 and northing 6520926 then west to easting 447214 and northing 6521143 and north to the point of commencement and which area has previously been the subject of a notice pursuant to s.63M of the Mining Act 1971. The total area of the Land is approximately 1750 hectares.

All the within reference points are expressed in AGD 66.

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement

### THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Development of mining operations principally for gold and copper/gold consisting of open pit operations, waste rock stockpiles, tailing storage facility, run-of-mine ore pad, crushing facility and associated infrastructure.

**TAKE NOTICE:** If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, **BENAGERIE GOLD PTY LTD** may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact **BENAGERIE GOLD PTY LTD** through their legal advisers, McDonald Steed McGrath, Lawyers of 262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

**TAKE NOTICE:** If, within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations, **BENAGERIE GOLD PTY LTD** and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to s.63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

### Benagerie Gold Pty Ltd

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# Just how good is Nathan?



CAN new Australian basketball sensation Nathan Jawai play in the NBA? Should he be in the Olympic Games team next year?

Those at the top of Australian basketball say it's a resounding slam-dunk 'yes' to both after the 21-year-old Cairns Taipans giant lit up the NBL All-Star Game on Wednesday night of last week.

After just 16 NBL matches, Jawai outshone the competition's best players in the league's showpiece game, unleashing an array of slam-dunks allied to big-match temperament to win the most valuable player award.

Jawai, a 208cm, 130kg giant so big that opponents need a GPS navigation system to get around him, didn't pick up a basketball until he was 15 and has been dubbed 'Baby Shaq' over his likeness to NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal.

While he has plenty to do to reach O'Neal's quality, Jawai's All-Star performance not only confirmed the hype surrounding him, it intensified it to the point the match will surely be his springboard onto the international stage next year.

"I think he's the best talent that's come into our league in a long, long time. I don't think we've seen anybody like him in that position," said Boomers coach Brian Goorjian.

"Guys in the NBA from Australia that make it are usually big. He's as good a one to come in the league that I've seen."

"If Nathan Jawai was a senior at a university somewhere in the USA,

he'd be a first round draft pick.

"The sky's the limit for him and I think he can play in the NBA at some point in time."

Goorjian will now have to decide whether to select Jawai in his Olympic Games squad for 2008.

Indications are he will, just as Goorjian did in 2004 when he elevated the then little-known Andrew Bogut to his squad for the Athens Games.

A year later, Bogut was Australia's first ever No 1 draft pick in the NBA.

Only the great Australians get to play in the world's best basketball league – Luc Longley, Andrew Gaze, Shane Heal, Mark Bradtke and Chris Anstey also boast NBA seasons on their resume.

Goorjian is not alone in his assessment of Jawai – who grew up on the Bamaga Aboriginal and islander settlement, in the Cape York Peninsula.

Melbourne Tigers coach Al Westover – respected throughout the game – also believes Jawai has the tools to make it internationally.

And Townsville's exciting US import Corey 'Homicide' Williams – who has twice made it to the last cut at NBA level and twice fallen at that frustrating hurdle – believes the only thing standing in Jawai's way is Jawai.

"To be as big and agile as he is, the athletic ability he possesses, he definitely has an opportunity to be a first round pick," Williams said.

"As long as continues to remain focused, hungry and play hard. He has to have the desire. There's plenty of guys that are good but the desire's the question. If he wants it, he can get it." – AAP

Australian Nathan Jawai outshone Canadian Levon Kendall during their Under-21 Basketball World Championship third place match on 14 August, 2005 at the stadium Islas Malvinas in Mar del Plata, Argentina. After starring for the Australian All-Stars against the World team in Melbourne last week, Jawai said his focus was on playing with the Cairns Taipans and making the Olympic team. "I'm going to try my hardest to try to get in the team," he said. "I haven't really thought about it (the NBA)... if I have a chance to go I'll probably head over there... I think I'm ready, yeah." After just 16 NBL matches, Jawai outshone the competition's best players in the league's showpiece game last week, unleashing an array of slam-dunks allied to big-match temperament to win the most valuable player award. Boomers coach Brian Goorjian said: "I think he's the best talent that's come into our league in a long, long time. I don't think we've seen anybody like him in that position." – AFP photo through AAP



## 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
24/4106-4120	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	2580.67ha	61km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°22' Long 121°00'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4121-2	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	220.33ha	55km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°01'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4123-7,	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	1699.6ha	49km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°06'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4130-1,					
24/4142-3,					
24/4168 &					
24/4228					
24/4129	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	46.57ha	46km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°07'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4132-4	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	101.43ha	43km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°10'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4135	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	502.9ha	39km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°31' Long 121°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4136	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	6.07ha	42km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 121°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4237	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	2.84ha	40km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3432	Solemon (Australia) Pty Ltd	42.31ha	18km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°16'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3573	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	3.57ha	32km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°59' Long 121°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1941-5	Western Resources Pty Ltd	73.15ha	17km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/1934-6	International Goldfields Ltd	999ha	19km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	(ACN 118 108 615)	402.14ha	86km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°05' Long 120°25'	Menzies
29/1937	International Goldfields Ltd	151.94ha	86km W of Leonora	Lat 29°04' Long 120°28'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1938-9	Heron Resources Ltd	113.54ha	11km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 120°56'	Menzies
29/1961	Heron Resources Ltd	77.51ha	17km S of Menzies	Lat 29°50' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/1965-72	Darwin Resources NL	901.58ha	11km S of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°03'	Menzies
	Heron Resources Ltd				
29/1973-5	Heron Resources Ltd	584.1ha	9km S of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°01'	Menzies
29/1976	Heron Resources Ltd	163.85ha	7km S of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°01'	Menzies
29/1990	International Goldfields Ltd	85.03ha	62km W of Leonora	Lat 29°05' Long 120°31'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1991	International Goldfields Ltd	51.32ha	84km W of Leonora	Lat 28°58' Long 120°28'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1992	International Goldfields Ltd	44.69ha	90km W of Leonora	Lat 29°00' Long 120°23'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1993	International Goldfields Ltd	16.76ha	92km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°04' Long 120°23'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1994	International Goldfields Ltd	11.87ha	91km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°04' Long 120°24'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1995	International Goldfields Ltd	10.23ha	80km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°06' Long 120°24'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1996	International Goldfields Ltd	7.76ha	79km W of Leonora	Lat 28°58' Long 120°31'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1997	International Goldfields Ltd	21.34ha	84km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°05' Long 120°29'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1998	International Goldfields Ltd	15.51ha	82km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°07' Long 120°30'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/1999	International Goldfields Ltd	42.15ha	80km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°08' Long 120°30'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/2000	International Goldfields Ltd	11.29ha	77km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°09' Long 120°30'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/2001	International Goldfields Ltd	49.27ha	76km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°10' Long 120°30'	Menzies
	(ACN 118 108 615)				
29/2002	Chesapeake Pty Ltd	176.4ha	3km SE of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 121°03'	Menzies
31/1921	Australian Nickel Mines NL	189.39ha	78km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°04' Long 121°42'	Menzies
36/1680	John Gaird	154.52ha	48km N of Leonora	Lat 27°29' Long 120°37'	Leonora
36/1681-2	Enterprise Uranium Ltd	344.87ha	43km NE of Leonora	Lat 27°41' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/1683-4	Aragon Resources Limited	286.47ha	39km E of Leonora	Lat 27°58' Long 121°04'	Leonora
36/1687-9	McWade Minerals Pty Ltd	529.37ha	6km N of Leonora	Lat 27°52' Long 120°40'	Leonora
37/6966	Trevor John Dixon	127.48ha	14km E of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 121°28'	Leonora
37/6997	Trevor John Dixon	78.45ha	15km E of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°29'	Leonora
37/6998	Trevor John Dixon	168.59ha	16km E of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°29'	Leonora
37/6999	Trevor John Dixon	190.41ha	19km E of Leonora	Lat 28°55' Long 121°30'	Leonora
37/7043	Ross Frederick Crew	38.64ha	29km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°45' Long 121°35'	Leonora
37/7051	Wayne Vincent Halloran	14.58ha	33km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°30'	Leonora
37/7053	Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd	96.14ha	62km SE of Leonora	Lat 28°18' Long 121°09'	Leonora
37/7055-7	AM-Australian Minerals Exploration Pty Ltd	565.24ha	8km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°22'	Leonora
37/7071-2	Chad Graeme Johnson	254.23ha	58km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°25' Long 121°02'	Leonora
	Neale Graeme Johnson				
37/7073-4	Chad Graeme Johnson	215.42ha	48km SE of Leonora	Lat 28°17' Long 120°54'	Leonora
	Neale Graeme Johnson				
37/7075-6	Chad Graeme Johnson	299.45ha	49km SE of Leonora	Lat 28°17' Long 120°57'	Leonora
	Neale Graeme Johnson				
37/7077	Peter Ben Prugnioli	102.95ha	18km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°26'	Leonora
37/7193	Midas Resources Ltd	121.74ha	9km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°22'	Leonora
37/7240	AM-Australian Minerals Exploration Pty Ltd	9.72ha	48km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°32' Long 121°35'	Leonora
39/4471	Midas Resources Ltd	45.3ha	82km S of Leonora	Lat 29°20' Long 122°34'	Menzies
39/4642	Midas Resources Ltd	45.36ha	68km S of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 122°37'	Menzies
39/4643	Midas Resources Ltd	172.35ha	72km S of Leonora	Lat 29°15' Long 122°34'	Menzies
39/4644	Midas Resources Ltd	96.2ha	78km S of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 122°31'	Menzies
39/4645	Midas Resources Ltd	16.19ha	80km S of Leonora	Lat 29°20' Long 122°33'	Menzies
40/1154-5	City Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	328.49ha	19km S of Leonora	Lat 29°02' Long 121°17'	Leonora
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40/1221-4	Great Gold Mines NL	577.36ha	39km S of Leonora	Lat 29°12' Long 121°24'	Menzies
40/1225-9	Great Gold Mines NL	606.51ha	49km S of Leonora	Lat 29°19' Long 121°25'	Menzies
63/1659	Paul Richard Martin	820.98ha	42km S of Leonora	Lat 29°15' Long 121°30'	Menzies
		166.37ha	4km SW of Norseman	Lat 32°12' Long 123°44'	Dundas

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# Northern United again refused entry

By GRAHAM HUNT

**A PREDOMINANTLY** Aboriginal rugby league club is seeking legal advice after it was again refused entry into a northern NSW rugby league competition.

For the second year running, the Northern United Rugby League Football Club was refused entry into the Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League (NRRRL) competition.

North United was formed five years ago, initially to give Aboriginal players of the Bundjalung nation the opportunity to play in knockout carnivals. The Bundjalung nation extends from the Clarence to Moreton Bay and the hinterland.

More recently, Northern United has been attempting to enter the NRRRL competition, which covers clubs from Grafton to Tweed Heads and west to Casino and Kyogle.

At the NRRRL's 2007 annual meeting, Northern United's application to enter three teams (first, reserve and under 18s) in the 2008 competition was rejected.

The Northern United delegation, led by club director Chris Binge, was told that its application was rejected on the same grounds as given by the NRRRL the year before.

The NRRRL said its decision was based on concerns over player numbers, Northern United's financial situation, sponsorship and a questionmark on a home ground.

Binge said he addressed these very issues when he spoke at the NRRRL annual meeting.

He told NRRRL delegates that Northern United had 50 senior and 25 junior players on its books.

He also gave an undertaking that Northern United would not 'poach' players contracted with other clubs.

He assured delegates that Northern United was financially sound and had received sponsorship undertakings from two national and two international companies and would set up gold, silver and bronze levels of sponsorship.

Binge also told the NRRRL that the Lismore City Council had agreed that Northern United could use Crozier Oval, Lismore, as its home ground, using an adjoining oval for training.

Crozier Oval and the adjoining Oakes Oval

also is the home of Lismore's only senior rugby league club - Marist Brothers.

Binge said sharing Crozier Oval with Marist Brothers would not present problems. Brothers previously had shared the oval with the now defunct Lismore Workers Club.

He said what annoyed him was that in rejecting Northern United's first application last year, the NRRRL had allowed Evans Head to enter a team in its reserve grade competition.

In rejecting Northern United's bid to enter the 2008 competition, the NRRRL had allowed Evans Head to enter an under 18 team.

Binge said Northern United was not given the same considerations as Evans Head.

He said Northern United would decide on its next move after it had received legal advice, but did not rule out a court challenge.

Binge has been one of the Northern Rivers' most successful coaches after a distinguished career as a player. Last year coached the Ballina Seagulls to the NRRRL minor premiership and a grand final appearance, where his side was pipped on the post.

Binge said he had been approached by several clubs to coach next season, but he had rejected their offers.



Chris Binge

## Townsville teen to lead Queensland

### New faces in team named to wrest back Imparja Cup



**TEENAGE** Townsville wicketkeeper Bradley Stout will captain the 2007-08 Queensland

Imparja Cup team for the national Indigenous titles in Alice Springs in February.

Stout, who turns 19 next July, will take on the captaincy role after being a stand-out performer at last season's titles when Queensland finished second.

He was a member of the Australian Indigenous Talent Development squad that trained at the Centre of Excellence earlier this year and played matches in Darwin against Fiji and other emerging teams from East-Asia Pacific.

Newcomers to the team include Brisbane Norths duo Andrew Blucher and Michael Strange. Strange, a top order batsman, was a member of the Vikings team that won this

season's Under-19 title.

Blucher is an all-rounder who is in his first season in Brisbane grade cricket.

The team includes Queensland Under-19 all-rounder Preston White, as well as Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI regulars Todd Dodson, Tim Hardingham, Aaron Holt and Brett Smith.

Former Queensland pace bowler Michael Mainhardt and Jack Gibbs will coach the side.

The Imparja Cup squad fulfils a development role in Queensland Cricket's Indigenous player strategy, with the Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander XI taking on flagship status with its annual match against the Queensland Academy of Sport.

The Queensland A&TSI XI will take on the QAS at Allan Border Field on 18 February in a one-day game.

The 2007-08 Queensland Imparja Cup, Alice Springs,

11-17 February 2008: Bradley Stout (c) (Wanderers Cricket Club, Townsville), Nigel Beer (Northern Suburbs Cricket Club, Mackay), Andrew Blucher (Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club), Will Davis (Logan Village Cricket Club, Beenleigh), Todd Dodson (Mulgrave Cricket Club, Cairns), Tim Hardingham (Palmwoods Cricket Club, Sunshine Coast), Aaron Holt (Gracemere Cricket Club, Rockhampton), Ben Mainhardt (Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club), Eddie Mills-Grant (Sandgate Redcliffe District Cricket Club), Brett Smith (Innisfail Cricket Club), Michael Strange (Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club), Chris Swain (Gracemere Cricket Club, Rockhampton), Preston White (Frenchville Cricket Club, Rockhampton).

Officials: Michael Mainhardt (Coach, Brisbane), Jack Gibbs (Coach, Brisbane), Bruce Deem (Umpire, Bundaberg).

## Mills just keeps on impressing



Patrick Mills

The victory was the Gaels' fifth of 24 outings against teams from the Big East and was seen by a row of NBA scouts.

They have all, by now, heard the hottest two words to come out of the West Coast Conference in years - those two words are Patty Mills.

Meanwhile, Basketball Australia (BA) is considering a new competition as an alternative for Australians playing US college basketball.

The Herald Sun reported that BA Chief executive Scott Derwin said BA had identified a gap between the Australian Institute of Sport and the NBL, which was forcing many talented players to move to the US.

"Particularly on the men's side, one thing that we have identified during a recent review of all of our high-performance programs is that once an elite male athlete has progressed beyond the AIS, assuming that they are not ready to play with the NBL, which in most cases they are not at that point in time, then, that's probably the best choice for them to make," Derwin said.

"What we'd like to do is to have some other competition pathway in Australia that gives those boys who are considering going to college an alternative to consider.

"We could be talking about a division 2-type NBL, we think that it is important to give people the choice and I'm sure in many instances they will still make the choice to go to college."

BA estimates there are more than 200 Australians playing college basketball in the US and Derwin admitted his organisation had not done a great job of keeping track of these players.

"Certainly we have always kept an eye on the top-end kids such as Andrew Bogut and Patty (Patrick) Mills, in terms of tracking the rest of them we haven't done a great job, but we are starting to," Derwin said.



**AUSTRALIA** Post Boomers and Saint Mary's College freshman point guard Patrick Mills is continuing

to turn heads in the United States.

Mills, the son of a Torres Strait Islander father and Aboriginal mother from the Ynunga people of South Australia, has been named West Coast Conference Player of the Month for November.

The 19-year old Canberran led his side to a 5-0 start during the month, including a 99-87 win over then-No 11-ranked Oregon University where he tallied a freshman record 37 points, five assists and two steals.

Saint Mary's is a small Catholic college in California and is enjoying its best start to a season in nearly two decades, with Mills ranked sixth in the WCC in scoring with 15.8 points per game during the month of November.

Mills also led the conference in assists (5.0 per game), steals (3.0 per game), and free throw percentage (96.2 per cent).



# Sports status a first for WA

By KEN BOASE



THE West Australian Government has invested \$120,000 in a sports academy at the Forrestfield Senior High School in Perth, giving the school, which will offer a wide range of sports with fully professional coaching, 'First Sports High School' status in the State.

WA Education Minister Mark McGowan said the school would receive \$40,000 a year over the next three years to enhance the existing specialist programs of swimming, netball, cricket and boys and girls' soccer, with Australian rules football and rugby union coming on stream next year.

"As a sports academy, Forrestfield students will have access to highly specialised sports training and mentoring, along with regular academic classes," Mr McGowan said.

"Expert staff, including coaches possessing high credentials, will help students develop their sporting talents, increase self-confidence and enhance their ability to meet and balance the physical and emotional demands of their sport and academic programs."

Forrestfield Senior High School has top sporting facilities, including an heated indoor pool, gymnasium, strength and conditioning centre, tennis courts, basketball court, cricket nets, and football, rugby union and soccer fields.

Forrestfield SHS Director of Sport Greg Maynard said his school was the first to receive 'First Sports School', and this would help students further their sporting dreams and academic achievements.

Mr Maynard said Indigenous students in particular would benefit from the high standard of professional training on offer through the sports academy.

"It's a recognition of the work that the school has done over the past few years, combining and linking sport to academic performance and achievement," he said.

## \$40,000 a year

The \$40,000 a year over the next three years will be used for coaching, hiring extra teachers and acquiring extra facilities to best fit the needs of students and staff.

The WA Education Department has also included the school as part of its Gifted and Talented Education Pathways program.

"Basically, it separates us from all the schools that have different sporting programs to a status that says Forrestfield offers opportunities across a range of sports to combine sport at the highest level with academic achievement," Mr Maynard said.

"It does have provision for scholarships across a range of sports, but not specific sporting scholarships because there has to be academic performance that goes along with that, including good attendance record and good behaviour at school."

Mr Maynard said he expected Forrestfield would be a model for all West Australian schools to follow.

"We'll be looking to grow to be able to offer 16 sports within the next four years and we'll be presenting those in a specific plan to the department and hopefully bringing a few on line in 2009," he said.

"We already have a number of students who are moving into professional sporting careers and we also have a number of students who are pursuing careers in sport such as physical education teachers, sport scientists and physiotherapists."

"We're also looking at having a residential college, which will mean that Indigenous and non-Indigenous kids from country areas can have access to our program at a much cheaper rate than the elite private boarding schools."

"The program is aimed at all children, but what we're finding is that the Indigenous kids who are involved have a much higher school attendance rate and achievement rate than those at other schools."

"We have an environment here that is not culturally biased and is based on academic success, which doesn't mean they have to be brain surgeons, but they just have to do their best and that's showing through strongly so far."

"Next year we'll be offering AFL, boys and girls soccer, netball, rugby, swimming and cricket and that will be expanded even further in 2009."



Forrestfield SHS Sports Director Greg Maynard: "Indigenous kids who are involved have a much higher school attendance rate and achievement rate than for those at other schools."

# Push for Indigenous involvement

By PETER ARGENT



TWO of the four inaugural ambassadors for the 2007 Bays Sports Festival, held at the South Australian capital's beachside suburb of Glenelg between 26-31 December have strong Aboriginal links.

Janette Milera recently co-ordinated Indigenous Public Sector Employment Program and has strong networks in the Indigenous community, with fellow ambassador Naomi Carolin an Academic Adviser and Indigenous Project Officer at the University of South Australia.

"By being involved as an Ambassador for the Bay Sports Festival, we hope to increase the awareness of the event to the wider population and increase the participation of Indigenous people," the pair said.

"We have many outstanding athletes who would benefit from participating and just everyday

people who want to increase their fitness and be active."

"By promoting an event such as this to the Indigenous community, it's hoped to promote health and well-being, which is essential to our community."

Ms Carolin also has a Bachelor of Media Honours degree and plenty of university networks.

Both women will be promoting the 'be active' message and encouraging participation in the nine diverse sports which make up the 2007 Bay Sports Festival.

From elite to the weekend warrior, the festival will cover a number of activities, including the Australian Allegro Chess championships, the City of Holdfast Bay Cycling Race and the Al Digence Two Jetties 6.4km fun run on day one.

Over the weekend, further events include the Sam White Memorial Aquathlon (a swimming and running event), the canoeing paddle fest and volleyball's King and Queen of the Beach.

There is also 3ball basketball and Ultimate Frisbee event on the Saturday.

On the Sunday morning, the annual Glenelg Open Water Swim will be contested over 2km and 5km.

The carnival also includes the SA Open Beach Volleyball titles and the Coopers Bay Sheffield Professional Foot Race, which is held on the Thursday and Friday.

"This event is open to all walks of life and it's hoped we can get Indigenous people down from up north to experience the beach weather and Adelaide during the festive period," Ms Carolin said.

"We also aim to network this event to all contacts we have and see if university students would like to participate in team or individual events."

"It's not about being competitive - it's about having fun and learning from others."

The entire event is expected to have more than 4000 participants over the week between Christmas and the New Year.



Janette Milera, Bays Sports Festival Marketing Manager Phil Allen and Naomi Carolin.



# Cowboys' Christmas gift to communities

## DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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ALTHOUGH I am proud of the tradition of the Rabbits' special relationship with the Indigenous community and some of the great initiatives being developed under the Souths Cares banner, I am constantly amazed by the amount of work being done by the Cowboys in the Cape and the Gulf areas of North Queensland.

The work is particularly impressive when you consider the amount of time that players take from their end-of-season break to visit these communities.

Cowboys players and staff made the recent big trek to the Western Cape and Torres Strait for a 12-day development tour.

The tour began at Weipa with the Cape Under 11 selection trial involving 60 kids from Weipa, Mapoon, Kowanyama, Lockhart River and Pormpurrav.

A squad of 20 players was selected to represent the region at next year's Peninsula Under 12 trials.

Weipa's Michaela Smith was awarded with player of the carnival, while Joe Dix (also from Weipa) Tyson Smiler from Kowanyama and Dougie Backo, from Pormpurrav, were also standouts.

Cowboys player Ty Williams and NRL Assistant Coach Matt Parish, along with Development Manager Kristian Woolf, were on hand for coaching and presentations.

While based in Weipa, visits were also made to Mapoon, Aurakun, Pormpurrav and Lockhart River.

Once the team had completed their visits in the Western Cape, it was up to Bamaga to join Steve 'Bluey' Southern for the Cape Under 14 selection trials and more coaching clinics.

Three teams from Thursday Island, Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) and Western Cape attended the clinics, then followed up with a three-way competition.

Thursday Island proved the strongest, but not without some very competitive performances from the other two centres.

Overall, the standard of play was excellent with some standout performances from Stanley Knackawhoka (Aurakun) Liam Gebardi (NPA) and Mark Akiba (Thursday Island).

Thursday Island's Ali Sambo was awarded player of the carnival for his excellent performances and training ethic over the carnival.

A game was also played between Thursday Island's open side and the NPA Opens, with Thursday Island winning another very competitive game.

Thursday Island's Chris Pabai was named man of the match.

As always, such events could not occur without local help and the Cowboys wanted me to acknowledge and thank all the organisers and helpers present at both carnivals.

The final part of this tour was a trip to Thursday Island where Ty and Bluey mixed with locals and signed plenty of signatures.

The players asked me to make special mention of their TI tour guides Ishmael (JT) Soki and Jacky Moses.

As if this trip were not enough, Cowboys players Sione Faumina, Anthony Perkins and Obe Geia also recently gave up a week of their short break to conduct a development tour through the Gulf.

Communities visited included Normanton, Burketown, Doomadgee, Mornington Island and Kowanyama.

Each visit included school clinics run by the players, some tips from the players on healthy living and a chance to meet and get signatures.

After school, some community activities were organised, including a highly entertaining and competitive exhibition game in Doomadgee.

Overall, the trip was a great experience with all the players being extremely well looked after and received.



Some young fans the North Queensland Cowboys met while visiting Doomadgee.

It is this reception that keeps bringing the players back to these communities.

As I have always maintained in my previous articles, the players possibly get more out of these trips than the communities they visit.

The Cowboys asked me to acknowledge the continued support of the Queensland Department of Sport and Recreation in delivering these programs and also the partnership with NASCA which has allowed them to expand their activities.

Next year promises to be an exciting one for me personally, for the Rabbits as a team and for the game as a whole as it enters its Centenary Year.

The Centenary Year will feature a range

of events across the country that will allow everybody to celebrate the 'greatest game of all'.

In upcoming editions I will be writing about events of special significance for Indigenous communities.

Next year also sees a new crop of exciting young Indigenous players ready to make their mark at both the Toyota Cup and NRL levels.

I will be profiling some of these potential stars in the lead-up to the season.

At the Rabbits, it is all-systems go for a huge 2008.

Making the finals may have been a milestone for the club last season, but the playing group will not be satisfied until we are a force in finals football.

The whole squad is determined to take the club to the next level.

On a personal level, I am determined to make a positive contribution to the team's goals while improving my own game at the same time.

Off-the-field, I am equally determined to help rugby league re-establish itself in my home town of Armidale.

I am excited at the prospect of a schools-based competition being developed at the moment and will do my utmost to ensure it is a success.

Can I thank you all for your support throughout the year.

Hopefully, this column has been informative and entertaining.

Look after each other over the holiday period and try to keep our communities safe for our women and our kids in particular.

Let's all make 2008 a great year for us all!



● LEFT: Steve 'Bluey' Southern with children on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.



● RIGHT: Ty Williams and Cape York kids at Weipa.



# Power of sport

## Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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The past year has seen more than its share of controversy when it comes to off-field issues involving athletes with the whole area of illicit drugs providing the most controversy.

I have made my position on the area of illicit drugs quite clear – from my perspective there is no room for them in our game and I personally welcome any testing regime that may be imposed.

Quite simply, if a player is willing to accept all the benefits that come with signing an AFL contract, then they need to accept all the responsibilities

that are attached.

For many of us, this is not a burden.

The whole aspect of being a role model provides opportunities that just would not be presented to the great majority of people.

So it was with these thoughts in mind that I took great interest in a speech delivered by AFL CEO Andrew Demetriou recently where he argued that football was the great 'democratiser' in our country.

In the main he was arguing that sport was one of the only vehicles where people of all races, beliefs and backgrounds could come together for a common cause or interest.

Through this common interest, they can reach a greater understanding of each other and resolve issues that might otherwise seem unsolvable.

Demetriou was right to show where the AFL has taken a leadership role in tackling social issues that impact on our game and our players.

He also explained how we can use the power of a game watched by millions each week and attended by more than seven million people each year to make a difference in the wider community.

He was also right to acknowledge that we don't have all the answers.

But the game does have a strong record in confronting real issues such as racial and religious vilification.

It took a courageous player in Michael Long to stand up and say that he was no longer going

to accept racial abuse on the field.

What he was being called was impacting on him as a footballer and as a person.

His actions forced the AFL to address the issue of vilification.

The message that racial and religious vilification is never acceptable is now clear across every level of football, every sport and every part of the community.

It is seen as standard policy for sporting bodies today and those on-field attitudes have flowed through to the majority of supporters.

### No coincidence

More importantly, our game now sees Indigenous Australians make up more than 10 per cent of the AFL population.

This is no coincidence.

Programs such as KickStart, which target Indigenous communities, get to 87,000 Indigenous people every year with messages about diet, exercise, school attendance all wrapped up in a fun football message.

Michael Long's one act of courage sparked a policy change that prompted a behaviour change.

The result is that tens of thousands of Indigenous Australians have a greater connection with our AFL.

And people on the grounds and in the grandstands know that racial abuse is not acceptable.

The AFL has had similar impact on migrant communities. In 2007, 20,000 people from

migrant communities were introduced to our game for the first time – and through the game of football – introduced to their own local communities.

The same could be said of the game's Respect and Responsibility policy which was developed following a complaint of sexual assault against several players.

The Respect and Responsibility policy is helping to educate players about their attitudes towards women and to promote a respectful, safe and inclusive environment for women and girls.

At its heart, the Respect and Responsibility message is about changing attitudes and changing cultures.

It is also a call to action to other sporting codes, to business, to governments, to our institutions to prevent any harm to women and children in our lives.

Perhaps the most important work the AFL is undertaking is in establishing a responsible alcohol code because alcohol remains perhaps the most significant issue, both in the community and in football.

As with all the other issues, it is about making the right choices.

There is no doubt it is a privilege to play AFL.

Players get paid well and have opportunities that few others have.

We have to accept an individual and collective responsibility for our own actions.

No matter how many programs the AFL has in place,

players will still have to make the choices.

But all of these programs use the power of our game to send a strong message to the community.

Those messages are that:

- It is not okay to racially abuse
- It is not okay to disrespect women or support an environment that is not safe and secure for women.
- It is not okay to discriminate against people because of their race or culture
- It is not okay to take drugs
- It is not okay to act in an irresponsible manner.

### Strong values

As we approach the Christmas and New Year period, these are not bad values to hold to.

Above all else, it is a period where some of us should consider the impact that grog has on people in our communities.

In most instances of physical and verbal abuse, grog is at the centre.

In most instances, it is our women and children who suffer the most.

Alcohol kills our hopes and our dreams.

To hope and to dream are the two most precious gifts we can give our kids.

If all the work that sport does in our communities is to have any lasting benefit, then we need to take control of this issue.

That is my end-of-year message to you all... Keep Dreaming!

# North Queensland boxers strike gold

By **ALF WILSON**



SEVEN Indigenous boxers from north Queensland shone at the Australian Amateur Boxing League National Titles at Parkes, NSW, from 30 November to 2 December, each bringing home a gold medal.

Kye Wehrmann, from Townsville's Aitkenvale PCYC, took gold in the junior 51kg, while Palm Island's Luke Lenoy won gold in the 63.5kg, beating a NSW opponent. Lenoy also won a silver medal when beaten in the 60kg junior final.

Highly impressive Jamie McIntyre, 19, from Townsville Aitkenvale PCYC, won gold in the senior 71kg, while his gym mate Paul Abdul Rahman snared gold in the senior 91kg final and looks to have a bright future.

Palm Island's Selwyn Seaton won gold in the junior 57kg final, beating Kolby Johnson, of Mount Isa, in the final.

Hosea Murphy, from Palm Island, won gold in his 44.5kg division and backed up for a silver medal when beaten by Rockhampton's Harley Broom in a junior final.

Another Indigenous boxer, Jordon

Gee-Hoy, from Townsville, won gold in the 67kg senior final, beating Edward Able, of Victoria, in the final.

The Koori Mail was at Townsville airport when the Aitkenvale PCYC trio of McIntyre, Wehrmann and Abdul Rahman returned on a flight with Palm Island's Murphy, Lenoy and Seaton. All were proudly wearing their medals.

PCYC trainer Wayne Parker Snr said he was happy for his lads to come back with three gold medals.

"It was hot competition down there," Parker said.

Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis said that north Queensland boxers performed very well against the best amateur boxers.

"We ended up with a swag of medals," Dennis said.

Generous sponsors enabled the three Palm Island boxers to compete at the titles.

Despite their outstanding prospects, Dennis feared that the prohibitive costs of attending the titles would prevent his lads from 'having a go at gold'.

But then Chloe Hooper, a writer from Fitzroy, in Victoria, politician Mike Reynolds, and the News Ltd-owned Townsville Bulletin came to the rescue with sponsorship.

"These people came to our rescue and

paid our airfares and accommodation in Parkes. We couldn't have gone without them. Chloe was the first to help. She paid our airfares from Townsville to Parkes and then Mike Reynolds arranged a grant and the Townsville Bulletin chipped in," Dennis said.

He also thanked the Palm Island Aboriginal Council for their devoted support and assistance.

"I think all three of them can go on to bigger and better things and this will be

a stepping stone," he said.

● The Australian Amateur Boxing League was formed some years ago as a breakaway organisation from Boxing Australia – the officially recognised amateur boxing authority in Australia. Boxers affiliated with the Boxing League cannot represent their country in Olympic or Commonwealth Games. The Boxing League's national titles in Parkes were held about the same time as Boxing Australia's national titles in Brisbane.

## Mundraby still unbeaten – but only just

By **ALF WILSON**

Cairns-based Indigenous boxer Fred Mundraby, the current Australian professional champion in the bantamweight division, fought a draw with Brisbane opponent Emmanuel Micallef in the main bout of a gala fight day at Townsville's Jupiter Hotel on 9 December.

The draw enabled the 20-year-old Mundraby to maintain his unbeaten record from six bouts.

It was a non-title fight over six rounds, and the event was promoted by Dennis Clancy.

While Mundraby showed his customary speed, missing were his renowned hooks and uppercuts, and Micallef showed determination and courage to clinch a draw against his more favoured opponent.

Another Indigenous boxer, Ingham-based Barry Prior scored a unanimous points decision win over 34-year-old Justin Bayley.



# Call goes out for rugby 7s teams



EXPRESSIONS of interest are being sought from Indigenous rugby union players to play in the inaugural Ella 7s Carnival to be held at Coffs

Harbour or Port Macquarie, northern NSW, on 1 March.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 21 December. Nomination fees must be lodged no later than 1 February.

Those who lodge an expression of interest will be first choice in entering a team.

Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team Executive Officer Tom Evans said an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander team recently participated in an IRB second-tier endorsed tournament in Port Moresby, PNG.

"Other countries invited were PNG

(two teams), Tonga, Samoa, Niue, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands," he said.

"The competition was very strong, with the Aboriginal team only winning two games against these Islander countries."

Evans said that for Indigenous rugby to be competitive at all levels and contribute to mainstream rugby, there must be an avenue for younger players to participate.

"The competition in Port Moresby was a perfect opportunity to blood new and exciting players and the events organisers are committed to fund and support an Indigenous team for the next three years," he said.

"Accordingly, the time is right for community-minded people and rugby supporters to further promote Indigenous rugby by organising a Sevens tournament where all of the best

players could participate in one location rather than trying to discover players individually."

Evans said the proposed tournament on the mid-north coast of NSW, either Coffs Harbour or Port Macquarie, would provide the stepping stone for aspiring Indigenous rugby players who could be selected for further representation.

The goal of the Ella 7s Carnival is to have a minimum of 16 teams and a maximum of 24.

In the women's division, it is planned to have between four and eight teams.

The cost of nominating a team is \$1000. That will include a set of 12 jumpers, shorts and socks.

Each team will be provided with a training ball and players also will receive a recovery pack.

All players must be over the age of 18. There can be two non-Indigenous players in a team.

There will be a minimum of four games and there will be unlimited interchange. The maximum number of players for each team is 12.

Players must have a coach and manager. No captain-coaches will be allowed.

The event will be run on Cup, Plate and Bowl basis, with the top two in the pools contesting the Cup and Plate competition.

The bottom two will contest the Bowl competition.

All games will be seven minutes each way except the finals, which will be for 10 minutes each way with a two-minute break at half-time.

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# The Cowboys in '08

Concluding David Liddiard's four-part look back at National Rugby League season 2007

ONE of the season's highlights for me in terms of individual games was the Reconciliation Cup between the Bulldogs and the Cowboys at Suncorp Stadium.

It was an exhilarating game of football where mistakes led to passages of open-field running that would excite any follower of sport.

In many respects, this game reflected the theme of the season for both sides.

The Cowboys scored an unexpected victory with an injury-ravaged side that was inspired by the magic of Jonathan Thurston and Matt Bowen - I will return to them at the finish of my season's review.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs, despite an impressive line-up of talent, never really lived up to expectations.

It wasn't a year the Bulldogs club would quantify as successful, despite their being involved in the finals series.

The team failed to find any real consistency in their performances and lost that aura they have held of being a dominant, feared band of brothers, particularly in the forwards.

There was always this anticipation... an expectation from the league world that the 'real' Bulldogs would turn up, especially come finals.

But sadly, the real Bulldogs were the side we had seen all year; a side devoid of much pace and a side playing without much creativity.

The result was back-to-back finals losses against the Cowboys and Parramatta and a trip straight out the back door... to the doghouse, so to speak.

One glimmer of hope for the Bulldogs was the gradual return to form of Willie Tonga after a frustrating spate of injuries.

Although not quite back to the level of play that gained him

representative status, the pace and characteristic sidestep were once again evident in his play.

He is on track to challenge for State of Origin selection in 2008.

Luke Patten was great at the back for the Bulldogs, deservedly winning his second consecutive Player of the Year award from the club.

The custodian plays at representative standard, but with the NRL's massive talent pool at fullback, he barely gets a look in for the big games.

The year was one of great development for centre Daryl Millard and forwards Nick Kouparitsas and Jarrad Hickey.

The big question will be how the Bulldogs cope with the departure of Willie Mason, Mark O'Meley and Brent Sherwin.

From my point of view, it will not be all bad.

The Bulldogs need an overhaul to compete in the modern game.

No longer able to intimidate in the forwards, the side needs a new defensive structure and a more regimented and clinical attack.

Changes will be easier to make with new players on the scene as the coaching staff and other players try to evolve.

It will be an interesting process.

Meanwhile, another team that has failed to live up to expectations in previous years - the Parramatta Eels - had a surprisingly strong season.

Not much was expected from the Eels at the beginning of 2007.

They would be there, or thereabouts, but most likely making up the numbers, according to most experts.

The side spent a good chunk of the year in the top four but still were barely talked about as premiership contenders.

But even the most hardened critic would have been impressed when the Eels sat at 10-all into the second half of their grand final qualifier against Melbourne; the



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brash Eels went close - but eventually they were not quite close enough.

Timana Tahu missed nine games during the year, but was around for the big games and he gave fans plenty of moments to remember on his way to rugby union.

Tahu will not only be missed by the Eels; he is a loss to the game as well.

Timana is one of the supreme athletes who have played our game and in 2007 showed his defence could be as potent as his attack.

The Eels were impressive in 2007 and will enter 2008 with plenty of expectation.

The young talent coming through the ranks is exciting, while the 'senior' members of the squad still have plenty of good football in front of them.

Meanwhile across 'the ditch', the Warriors were attempting to re-establish themselves as a force in the NRL.

At one stage this season they looked like wasted space,

especially when after 13 rounds, with their bye already gone, they were equal last.

But the sleeping giant awoke and the side piled on the wins, storming all the way to fourth by the time the regular season concluded.

Sure, back-to-back finals losses put a dampener on the year once more, but in the grand scheme of things, it was a year that proved the Warriors' development cycle is ready to hit its peak.

The Warriors were a deadly bunch when they were on their game.

Their only problem then was the momentum gained in the latter part of the competition just couldn't be maintained, and the run ended as the finals came with consecutive losses to Parramatta and North Queensland.

Steve Price was unbelievable on the way to earning a Test recall by season's end.

Consistently gaining over 200 metres a game, the Warriors skipper led from the front all season and continued the form for Queensland as they retained the Origin Shield.

Fullback Wade McKinnon was superb, carving sides up at will from the back and becoming the best support player in the league.

Special mention to Michael Witt, who finally became a regular first grader after showing potential for a number of years, and Sam Rapira, who looks a prop capable of taking over from Price when the veteran eventually hangs up the boots.

As far as 2007 goes, it was a year the Warriors learned how to come back from adversity - something that can only help them down the track.

The Cowboys are now officially a club where success calls home.

So long the whipping boys of the competition, the boys from the north of Queensland can now lay claim to being a club others respect.

For most of the season they did it tough, against the odds.

You see, the side was playing with a second-string forward pack due to injuries and suspensions, and their skipper and now dual Dally M winner Johnathan Thurston was playing with two bung shoulders.

But despite this, the plucky Cowboys fought valiantly to the end - and wowed us along the way.

Thurston and Matt Bowen put on a constant party for the fans, their wizardry enough to sell out Dairy Farmers Stadium almost every time.

With Thurston and Bowen calling the shots, the Cowboys were dynamite in attack.

The turning point for the team came on a Monday night in the inner Sydney suburb of Leichhardt when the Cowboys were hammered 54-10.

It extended their streak to three losses and things looked grim, with Thurston favouring his shoulder heavily.

But instead of throwing in the towel, the mob got together and vowed that if they were to go down, they'd go down fighting. Seven straight wins later, they were facing Manly for a spot in the decider.

This was truly a team effort but the dynamic duo can't be forgotten; Thurston stormed home to win the Dally M Medal for the second time in three years, and while Bowen wasn't far behind in that count, he did beat out his mate for the club's highest honour - the Paul Bowman Medal.

This side may have relied heavily on Thurston and Bowen, but it was the bit parts, played by everyone else, that allow their brilliance to shine.

With a bit more luck with injuries, there is no reason to suggest this mob of Cowboys can't improve.

They are my early tip for the title in the Centenary Year.

Have a great Christmas and bring on the 2008 season!



Allan Oliver is so fanatical about rugby league that his wife once served him...

# Football for lunch!

By CHRISTINE HOWES in Cairns



IT took 52 years of playing, coaching, training, selecting, refereeing, administering and no less than five nominations, but rugby league 'dreamer' Allan Oliver has achieved life membership – the first for an Indigenous member – in the Cairns and District Rugby League.

The 68-year-old father of ten – almost his own team – has been a proud league supporter since he made a decision in his early 20s to go with football over boxing, neither of which, he said, were 'gentle' in those days.

Oliver became involved with the CDRL after becoming a representative player for Cairns in the 1956 under 17 side.

He also represented in the under 19s, but that was the end of his representative career 'because I got married'.

He did, however, play local competition for his beloved Southern Suburbs – in between a short stint with the Ivanhoes – for nearly 20 years.

He also coached for 17 years, and was a selector for Cairns senior and junior rep teams for 22 years.

"I've seen a heck of a lot of people around Cairns grow up," he said.

## Jack of all trades

And somewhere between all of that, he's sold bingo and gate tickets, refereed for various clubs and jumped in as linesman where he's been needed.

He has also been a dedicated committee member for his own team as well as attending meetings with the CDRL.

"Monday nights we used to have meetings, Tuesday nights training, Wednesday nights darts, Thursday nights training again, Friday nights running the clubhouse bingo, Saturday I'd be out selling tickets and Sunday football," he said.

All of this was with the support of his family, including wife May, who used to wash players' guernseys and help at games on Sundays.

Although, he said, she 'caught me a good one once'.



Allan Oliver proudly shows off his life membership badge of the Cairns and District Rugby League. The honour was bestowed upon him after 52 years of involvement in Cairns rugby league.

"It was a Sunday, I said I was as hungry as a horse and I forgot to take any money with me. She said 'Your dinner is on the table with a tea towel over it,'" he said.

"I went straight out there to the table, took the tea towel off and it was a football, knife and fork and a tomato.

"She said 'football is all you live for so you might as well start eating it'.

"She used to do a lot too in the kiosk on a Sunday. The kids used to come out and help, it was good, it kept us all together.

"Football has always been part of my

life, that's the way you keep kids off the streets, doesn't matter who they are, black or white, talk to them and they'll come and have a game."

Southern Suburbs President John Riehl said Oliver's passion for the game was still as strong as the day he started.

## Still doing it

"He still turns up every week, he still cleans up the grounds after every home game and he's still an active member of the committee all these years later," Riehl said.

"He should have been a life member of the CDRL years ago, I reckon."

CDRL Secretary and Operations Manager Pat Bailey said it was an honour to hold life membership.

Oliver said he was retired now after 22 years of working in health for the Mulgrave Shire Council, although he was still involved in football at committee level as well as helping out with the public address system and the grounds on game days.

"I used to dream about football, I was so involved," he said.

# Tuqiri sees bright future for Tahu



Timana Tahu in his rugby league days with Parramatta. He is the most recent celebrated convert to rugby union and Waratahs team-mate Lote Tuqiri can't wait to have him in the team.



WALLABIES winger Lote Tuqiri hopes to put last year's off-field headlines behind him and has predicted a big

future for new Waratahs' team-mate and fellow league convert Timana Tahu.

Tuqiri, Australian rugby's most successful league convert, last week returned to NSW training along with the Waratahs' other Wallabies.

The match-winning winger attracted the wrong type of headlines last year when he was suspended for two Tri Nations Tests and fined \$20,000 following his failure to attend a Wallabies team medical and recovery session back in July and then testing above the team alcohol limit.

"You go through those things in life and hopefully come out better the other side and I've worked through that and tried to put it

behind me," Tuqiri said.

He said he had already spoken to Tahu a couple of times and was enthusiastic about their potential partnership.

"He's looking pretty good, he will be really good for us, he's a natural footballer and he's got a footy brain," Tuqiri said.

"He's a big boy as well, so I think he will be well suited to the way we want to play this year."

Tahu is expected to line up in the centres, with outside centre likely to be his major position.

Tuqiri, who has also played the odd game at outside centre, felt he could be a beneficiary of Tahu's line-breaking ability and unselfish attitude.

"He can break the line and hopefully I can be there on his outside to score a few meat pies," Tuqiri said.

"He's not a very selfish player, so he's good to have in the side." –AAP



# Back on the road to Beijing



Anthony Little



WEST Australian lightweight boxer Anthony Little has picked himself off the canvas and bounced back

into Olympic calculations, barely 18 months after missing the 2006 Commonwealth Games due to a positive drug test.

Little is on the comeback trail after winning the national lightweight title in Brisbane last week.

The Athens Olympian sensationally missed the 2006 Melbourne Games after being cut from the team weeks from competition for testing positive to marijuana.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport found that Little had

passively and inadvertently inhaled marijuana smoke while in a crowded car, but still stood by the decision to leave him out of the Games team.

Little was replaced by the man he comfortably beat at the Games trials with a broken hand – Lenny Zappavigna, who claimed Commonwealth bronze.

Little's countdown to the recent national titles was not helped when arsonists caused \$100,000 damage to his West Australian training venue.

The *West Australian* reported that Little's training gym in the Perth suburb of Belmont was severely damaged in an arson attack on 14 November.

Little had to find another training venue after the gym owned and run by his trainer Geoff Peterson suffered \$100,000 damage in the fire.

Police said an accelerant was poured under a door at Peterson's Gym on Campbell Street and set alight, causing significant structural and smoke damage.

Meanwhile, two of Australian boxing's biggest Olympic medal hopes have been given a second chance at Beijing selection after injury threatened to deliver a knockout blow to their Games dreams.

Queensland middleweight Jarrod Fletcher and Victorian

heavyweight Brad Pitt were conspicuous by their absences from the four-day national amateur titles last week in Brisbane, a stepping stone to the Oceania Olympic selection trials.

Australian skipper Fletcher (shoulder) and Pitt (hand) appeared to have missed the Beijing boat after withdrawing due to injury.

All 11 division winners at the nationals made the Australian team to contest the region's Beijing Olympic selection trials, the Oceania titles, to be held in Fiji in April.

However, Boxing Australia have thrown Fletcher and Pitt an Olympic lifeline by asking the

reigning Commonwealth Games champions to trial for an Australian 'B' team at Canberra from 29 February to 2 March.

The B team will also contest the Oceania titles – but must pay their own way to the tournament.

The Australian 'A' team for Oceania titles after nationals: 48kg Kyle Freiberg (Qld); 51kg Steve Sutherland (Vic); 54kg Nathan Di Carlo (Qld); 57kg Luke Jackson (Tas); 60kg Anthony Little (WA); 64kg Qamili Balla (Vic); 69kg Mark Basile (Vic); 75kg Trent Broadhurst (Qld); 81kg Matthew Corbett (NSW); 91kg Adam Forsyth (WA); 91kg-plus Daniel Beahan (Qld). – With AAP

## Seven more picked up in draft

Clayton Collard

PETER ARGENT takes a look at the Indigenous players picked up by Australian Football League clubs in the Rookie Draft

SEVEN more Aboriginal footballers have pushed their way into AFL, being rookie listed for the 2008 150th-year celebration season of AFL football.

Significantly, this is more than 10 per cent of the total player base collected in this draft, again growing the Indigenous player base in the national football code.

After playing just a single senior game with Fremantle in 2007, Clayton Collard has been collected and given a second chance by Richmond in the Rookie Draft.

He became the first one selected at AFL House on Tuesday, 11 December.

After being drafted at number 31 overall in the 2006 Draft, this talented Indigenous teenager is noted for his silky skills and speed.

Generally regarded as a forward, he is also capable of being used through the midfield.

Originally from the St Mary's club in Darwin, Austin Woneamirrimi is a utility who played a full senior season of football at Norwood in the SANFL, as well as combining commitments with the Northern Territory Thunder.

A key member of the Thunder side, this 19-year-old runs the line well, has neat skills and good leg speed. He was collected by the Melbourne Demons as their second rookie selection at number 19 and will start his season with Sandringham in the VFL competition.

Originally from Rumbalara Football Club, Essendon's second selection at 21 was medium-sized 22-year-old defender Jarrod Atkinson, who impressed in 2007 with the club's VFL affiliate, the Bendigo Bombers.

Having also experienced SANFL football, Jared Petrenko will stay in his native State of South Australia after the Adelaide Crows selected him at pick number 25, their second option in the Rookie Draft.

Petrenko is an extremely quick defender whose attack on the ball and courage are features of his game. Also able to play in the midfield, he was an impressive member of the generally modest SA Under 18 team this year.

"Some Draft people may have been put off by Jared's shoulder reconstruction (operated on four weeks ago) and he may not play until April-May," Adelaide Recruitment Manager Matt Rendell said.

"We had him rated in the Draft – he has pace, courage, good

decision-making skills and reads the play well.

"While he will be a late starter, eventually we see him as a midfielder."

Like Petrenko, another player considered unlucky not to be collected in the 24 November National Draft, livewire small forward Cruize Garlett, is moving east to be on North Melbourne's list, being the Kangaroos' round-two selection and number 30 overall.

An exciting small forward with genuine pace and an uncanny goal sense, Garlett was a key member of the victorious West Australian side in the AFL Under 18 Championships.

A Fremantle senior listed player in 2007, Calib Mourish was collected as the Dockers' round-three (number 37) selection and has been retained as a rookie in 2008.

Cameron Stokes, the captain of the Northern Territory Thunder at the 2007 AFL Under 18 Championships, is following his team-mate Cyril Rioli to the Hawks.

Stokes is only 174cm tall and weighs 74kg, but this small man has a tremendous attack on the ball.

Interestingly, former West Coast Eagles grand final player from 2005 Ashley Sampi, who had been training with the Melbourne Football Club, will look to resurrect his career in a State League competition.



# Inspiration on and off footy field

CHRIS PIKE talks with David Wirrpanda, an Australian rules football star who has been listed as one of the 10 most influential Indigenous people in Australia

THE list of Indigenous stars in AFL football is seemingly endless, and while David Wirrpanda is one of them, the work he does off the field is just as inspiring.

He was recently named at

number nine in the *The Bulletin* magazine's list of ten most influential Indigenous people in Australia.

While his football record is impeccable, this is one honour of which the 28-year-old is hugely proud, and he works incredibly hard to be a role model for Indigenous children and the community as a whole.

*The Bulletin's* top ten influential Indigenous people also included notables Tom

Calma, Noel Pearson, Warren Mundine, Chris Sara, Tom Lewis, Rose Kuno-Monks, Sue Gordon, John Mawurndjul and Barbara Malandirri.

Wirrpanda is deeply proud of his Indigenous heritage and wants to make the most of it to help inspire others in the community.

"My heritage gives me so much power, it's unbelievable," he said.

"I've got the confidence to go out and speak in front of anyone and present Aboriginal culture. At the end of the day, that's going to stay with me the rest of my life."

## Work with youth

Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health Chief Executive Mick Gooda compiled the list, and he noted that Wirrpanda was commended for his work with Indigenous youth in remote parts of Western Australia through his David Wirrpanda Foundation.

Wirrpanda launched the Foundation in 2005 with the support of Woodside Energy, with the core objective to promote strong role models and healthy life choices to Indigenous children. As a director, founder and mentor, Wirrpanda is proud that he was able to take his community work a big step further.

"After years of doing community work, the Foundation is a formal way of recognising the influence professional people have on the lives of our children," Wirrpanda said.

"The Foundation is a dream come true for me after watching my mum and aunties succeed in their pursuits. I am pleased mine are coming to fruition. It's great to see the changes in these kids each week and I hope I play a small part in that."

"I have met some great kids and if I can help them even a little bit, I will be able to sleep each night. I love my football, but family is always first and that's why our kids mean so much to me."

His work off the field is quite incredible, but even more so with the AFL career he has forged for himself.



David Wirrpanda lines up a kick.

At the end of the 2007 season with West Coast, Wirrpanda has completed 192 games, played in the 2006 premiership and was named All-Australian in 2005.

He is one of the best and most attacking running defenders in the competition, but also is a proven goalkicker when thrown forward, highlighted by the 25 goals he scored from 21 games in 2007.

## Deeply hurt

Wirrpanda has been hurt deeply by the way the West Coast Eagles' reputation has been dragged through the mud this year, with seemingly endless off-field incidents. That has now resulted in the club being subject to two separate investigations, and two Brownlow medallists, Ben Cousins and Chris Judd, are no longer there.

While all this has hurt Wirrpanda, he says the club is still strong and proud and believes it has enough positive role models such as himself that it will be fine going forward.

"It's very disappointing what has happened this year with our club being tarnished by a couple of players. The culture is still strong, though. The players believe in themselves and we are still a powerhouse football club," he said.

"It does get under my skin a

little that people don't realise that we are passionate football players and it hurts when people say bad things about the club when we work so hard to make it strong. I just wish people would look at someone like myself who tries to set a good example for the brand and be a positive role model."

As for his own playing future, Wirrpanda has one year left on his contract and is set to bring up his 200th game in 2008, but is non-committal about playing on past that. However, his excuses to take it easy on pre-season training have worn out with coach John Worsfold.

"One of my arts over the last 12 years is that I get a really bad hamstring around this time. I think Woosha has me sussed now, though, so I have to put up with the pre-season training as I no longer have any excuses," he said.

"I will assess that probably mid-season next year. I'm not the type of person who will go out trying to get as many games out of myself as I possibly can. I will just do what my body allows. I will see how it goes during the season and I'll take it from there."

No matter when his playing career ends, there is no question Wirrpanda will continue his amazing work with the community for years to come.



David Wirrpanda soars for the Eagles.



# Collision course

## Exciting brothers join opposing NRL clubs

By ALF WILSON



**TORRES Strait** Islander George Morseu Senior is proud of the rugby league achievements of his sons George Junior and Maipete, who look certain to make the big time with NRL clubs. "It is a good thing for the Torres Strait and rugby league up here," said George Snr, who lives on Thursday Island.

George Jnr is with the Newcastle Knights and younger brother Maipete is with NRL premiers Melbourne Storm.

There is a very real prospect in coming years they could line up against each other.

George Jnr, 18, believes 2008 could be the major year in his career when he plays in the inaugural NRL Under 20 competition with the Knights, and it will be his second season with the Newcastle side.

"The Under 20 competition puts me within reach of the NRL. It's very exciting knowing I'm only one step away," he said.

Like most players from remote regions, George Jnr has found the most difficult part being away from his family.

"I found that hard," he said. George Jnr went straight to the Knights after completing school at St Augustine's College, Cairns, in 2006, even staying there for the festive season.

His dedication paid off, starting the season in the SG Ball competition before being promoted to the Jersey Flegg competition. The tough second-rower

obviously impressed Knights' officials, having his contract renewed until the end of the 2008 season after winning the coach's award for the Under 18 side.

Pre-season training started in mid-November, straight after he returned from visiting his family on Thursday Island.

Now a full-time player, he trains five days a week.

George Jnr says the success of Sam Thaiday and Michael Bani in the NRL has been a source of inspiration.

"If they can do it, so can I. Next season could be the defining one in my career," he said.

He says his goal for this year is to cement a place in the Under 20 side.

"To do that, I'll have to train hard and work hard during the pre-season," he said.

### Recommended

He was recommended by Jim Deacon, who followed his career while in Cairns with the school and club, Saints. Deacon has had a major impact on George Jnr's career.

George Jnr was only able to spend only a week at home before returning to Newcastle and won't have the chance to return to the Torres Strait until the end of the 2008 season.

Meanwhile, younger brother Maipete has been signed by the Melbourne Storm.

Now a Year 10 student at St Brendan's College at Yeppoon, outside Rockhampton, Maipete was signed to a five-year contract last year as a 14-year-old.

Maipete was picked up by the Storm while playing for the NQ



George Morseu Jnr (left) in the pool with younger brother Maipete.

Marlins Under 14 side which went on to win the State carnival. He then was named in the Queensland Merit Under 14 side.

The halfback is also a member of the Queensland Academy of Sport, and was a member of the St Brendan's team which won the Queensland Under 15 schoolboys' title this year.

George Snr keeps a close check on both boys, contacting them by phone virtually every day and meeting whatever needs they require.

"I just want to ensure there is a line of communication with the boys as they are living in big cities, and they need to know their family

is there for them," he said.

"George was on a scholarship with the Knights in Year 10. But he went down and played in a trial and was signed to a three-year contract on the recommendation of former coach Knights coach Michael Hagan.

"Both the boys are doing it for the Torres Strait and trying to set an example for all the families at Badu. It's not easy to move away to big cities straight after finishing school."

George Jnr lives in Newcastle with a family who work with the club in accommodating young players, while Maipete is a border at St Brendan's.



George Morseu Snr.

## Geale wins world IBO crown



Daniel Geale



**SYDNEY-based** Tasmanian Daniel Geale turned on a top-notch display of boxing to claim the vacant IBO

middleweight world title with a unanimous points win over West Australian Daniel Dawson at West Leagues Club, Campbelltown, last Friday night.

In a battle between two previously unbeaten professionals, Geale dictated terms despite being cut near his left eye in the fifth round.

Two judges had Geale ahead 120-110 while their colleague also scored a 10-point margin, 119-109.

Geale consistently beat Dawson to the punch and scored well with his jab and in the inside exchanges.

Dawson tried hard to land his reputedly harder punches, but was unable to sustain pressure on his slick opponent.

The Perth fighter tried to push the pace in later rounds and had some success, but Geale invariably fired back quickly.

Referee Gary Dean warned Dawson for illegal use of his head in the sixth round.

A 2002 Commonwealth Games champion, Geale improved his professional record to 18-0, while Dawson's log dropped to 29-1.

Geale closed the show in grand style with a final burst of his trademark combinations in the closing seconds of the bout.

Geale proved to be the 'real deal' with an exceptional victory over heavy-handed West Aussie.

Using great angles, speed and combination punching, Geale clearly took the first four rounds before a cut over the left eye gave Dawson confidence to pick up the pace, taking the next three rounds by applying more pressure.

Geale regained the ascendancy in the eighth and was

not bothered much for the remainder as he put on an exhibition of all-round skill.

Round 12 was brilliant as both men traded punches, virtuously to a standstill. There were no knockdowns and neither man staggered.

The 30-year-old Dawson was attempting to be the first Australian to hold world titles in orthodox boxing and kick boxing.

Geale was jubilant in victory. "This fight was a year in the making, it's been postponed twice, not by my doing," said Geale, who turned pro after the Manchester Commonwealth Games, leaving Tasmania and heading to Sydney to join the Team Fenech Camp before switching to the Grange gym where Fenech plays a big part.

"When I got cut, I had no better man to guide me through than a three-times world champion. Thank you Jeff Fenech. He settled me down."



# 'Raging Bull' saddles up with the Cowboys



HIS name may be synonymous with Brisbane, but former National Rugby League hardman Gorden Tallis says joining the board of the Broncos' Queensland rivals North Queensland will be like 'going home'.

Tallis hoped Brisbane fans understood his decision to join the Cowboys Board of Directors and would not think he was 'turning my back' on the Broncos.

In a major coup, Tallis last week was unveiled by club Chairman Laurence Lancini as

a Cowboys Board member.

Tallis is a Brisbane legend – named in both the club's 20-Year Team and People's Choice side in May.

But Townsville-born-and-bred Tallis said his heart would always lie in north Queensland.

"Fans will understand that I am a local boy going home," Tallis said.

"I never got the opportunity to play for the Cowboys, so to help in an official capacity on the Board is the next best thing.

"I'm a proud north Queenslander, so this is a good fit."

The former Broncos captain retired after the 2004 NRL season having won three premierships.

The man dubbed 'the Raging Bull' hoped Broncos fans did not think he was snubbing Brisbane by saddling up with the Cowboys.

"I am not turning my back on the Broncos. It's not as if I had two clubs to choose from," he said.

"Maybe if the opportunity arose at the Broncos, maybe I would have had a tough decision to make – but it didn't.

"And I don't do something unless I am passionate about

it. I am passionate about being a north Queenslander."

Tallis confirmed he would remain on the NRL Board and dismissed any notion of a conflict of interest.

"My first priority is with the NRL and the game, but I am honoured to be involved with a club like the Cowboys – it was an offer I could not turn down," he said.

The other Cowboys Board members are Lancini, Paul Travis, Frank Stanton and Lewis Ramsay.

"The Cowboys are fortunate that a person of Gorden's standing in rugby league has accepted a director's position

with the club," Lancini said.

The ex-international backrower has already begun to give something back to north Queensland league.

The Gorden Tallis Cup junior rugby league carnival has been held for the past five years and boasted a record 28 under-10 teams from across the region in 2007.

The ex-enforcer is known for his outspoken nature, but was more diplomatic when asked who he would barrack for when the Cowboys next clashed with the Broncos.

"Let's say I will be barracking for a Queensland-based side," he said. – AAP

## ... And Matty is back, too!



NORTH Queensland Cowboys fans can rejoice after exciting fullback Matt Bowen signed to stay with NRL club for the next four years.

Bowen, 25, the 2007 Dally M fullback of the year, has been at the Cowboys for his whole first-grade career and was one of the first players to come through the club's development system.

Cowboys Chief Executive Peter Parr was delighted to retain one of the club's two biggest stars – alongside skipper Jonathan Thurston – and believed it would make keeping other players easier.

"Matthew is a wonderful footballer and a tremendous role model for all young North Queenslanders," said Parr.

"Matthew's decision to remain at the Cowboys sends a clear message to young players that you can remain in North Queensland and play our great game at the highest level."

Coach Graham Murray also rated it an important step for the club.

"Matthew has had an outstanding season in 2007," said Murray.

"He is the best fullback in the game and it is great that he has re-signed. We see his retention as a vital component in continuing this club as a force in the NRL competition."

### Close to family

Bowen said: "I'm happy to be staying. I want to be a one-team player."

"I'm close to my family. The boys around me and the coaching staff make me feel at home."

Bowen said playing for another club had 'crossed my mind a few times' but he was happy to stay with the Cowboys.

Parr, meanwhile, was the toast of north Queensland after announcing the re-signing of Bowen.

The significance of Bowen's signing to the Cowboys is difficult to put into words, although Parr made no secret of

how important the dynamic 25-year-old was the club.

"He's what this club is all about. He's why this club came into existence in the first place, so the young people of North Queensland can play in the NRL without leaving the region," Parr said.

He said the Cowboys got more than just a footballer with Bowen.

"We're thrilled to have Matty for two different reasons," said Parr, acknowledging Bowen's new contract was appropriate given his standing in the game.

"Firstly he's such a wonderful player. If you want to win games and a competition as tight as this, you need match-winners, and he's certainly at the top of the tree at that."

"The other reason is he is such a wonderful role model and ambassador off the field."

"With Matty you get a package. You get a guy who is a hero to so many and who's idolised by so many north Queensland people."

"I've said it on a number of occasions that if there's one player I'd hate to see play for another club, it would of course be Matthew."

"He epitomises what this club is about."

"He grew up in Hopevale, came here as a teenager, went through our development system and has played for his State and country since coming into the NRL."

"He's one of the genuine superstars of the game."

With Jonathan Thurston re-signed until 2010, the Cowboys have two superstars to lead them to the end of the decade.

"To have those two guys locked up for such a long time. Jonathan for the next three years and Matthew for the next four, you'd have to think they're going to play a lot of games together and if they play to their potential you'd have to think we're going to win more than our fair share of them," Parr said. – AAP



Jonathan Thurston, left, and Matt Bowen – the two heroes of the match for the Cowboys during their 2007 NRL round-11 match against the Bulldogs at Suncorp Stadium. Image by Colin Whelan © Action Photographics





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# Still 'The Man'



Anthony Mundine lands a big hit on Jose Clavero during their WBA super middleweight world title fight at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on 10 December. AAP image

## Mundine looks at options after easy title defence



**ANTHONY 'The Man'** Mundine has a host of opportunities in front of him following his successful return to the ring last week when he outclassed

Argentinian Jose Alberto Clavero to retain his WBA super middleweight world title.

In a one-sided fight at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, Mundine remained in control throughout against a spindly and often hyperactive opponent who had not won a fight in 18 months and was well short of the class required to trouble Mundine.

One of Mundine's options is to step up to light heavyweight for a re-match with Danny Green, who was to fight for his own world title last Sunday against Stipe Drevs.

"Green Machine, (if he) wants to bring it

on and get his arse whipped, come see me," Mundine said.

As well as Green, a clash with undisputed super middleweight champion Joe Calzaghe is now a step closer, although Mundine is likely to have to make one further title defence before the big-money fight with the undefeated Welshman is realised.

Mundine's fight against Clavero was his second successful defence of his current title since he knocked out Sam Solimon for the vacant WBA belt back in March.

Bookmakers, experts – even casual observers – gave 15th-ranked Clavero no chance of causing an upset and the fight went according to script, with two-time world champion Mundine knocking the Argentinian out in the fourth round of

the scheduled 12-round bout.

The title-holder opened a nasty cut over Clavero's left eye early in the third round and the inevitable occurred a short time later, the South American dropped to the floor 2mins 14secs into round four.

In front of a healthy crowd that included former AFL superstar Ben Cousins and a host of other sporting celebrities, 'The Man' improved his record to 30 wins and three defeats with 23 knockouts, while Clavero suffered his sixth defeat from 34 fights.

Mundine also demonstrated he had fully recovered from his serious eye infection, although he admitted afterwards he had been extremely anxious about stepping back into the ring for the first time in six months.

"This was probably my most nervous

fight since I started boxing," he said.

"People don't know what I've been through. I've been a long time out of the ring, six months, with an horrific eye injury. I felt pretty good, a bit rusty but that's expected."

Clavero tried to force the tempo in the initial stages, but it quickly became obvious the South American lacked the power, speed and polish to trouble the home-town man.

Mundine started cautiously, even nodding approval when Clavero landed a couple of blows in the second round, but the outcome was never in doubt. – AAP

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