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Beautiful day, beautiful beach, beautiful message ... the Sorry above Bondi Beach, Sydney, on Saturday. Photo: FELICITY JENKINS

Over to you, Australia

By KIRSTIE PARKER



IT may not have been clear exactly when the new Rudd Government would issue its promised national apology to the Stolen Generations, but it was hard to miss the word 'Sorry' when it was writ large in the sky above Sydney on Saturday.

On the day when much

of the country celebrated Australia Day and many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people observed Survival Day or a Day of Mourning, a skywriter buzzed the word into the sky above Bondi Beach and again over Sydney Harbour. In May 2000, a quarter of a million people walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge in support of reconciliation looked up to see the same message written in the sky.

The name of the man behind Saturday's 'Sorry' is not known. However, *The Koori Mail* understands that he is non-Aboriginal, 51, and lives on the NSW south coast. He is believed to have had contact with Aboriginal people through his job but has no official role or interest in things Indigenous.

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Tassie compo on way

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIA'S announcement last week that 106 members and children of the State's Stolen Generations would

share a \$5 million landmark compensation fund has highlighted stark differences in how the issue is being dealt with Federally.

To be fair, the Rudd Government has had just two months to grapple with how best to deliver on its pre-election Stolen Generations apology promise. But while the Government attempts to stare down demands that it match its intended national apology with financial compensation, Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon has quietly delivered what many people doubted they'd live to see.

In Launceston last Tuesday, Mr Lennon said the completion of his State's assessment process was an important step forward for reconciliation and a sincere effort to address a shameful wrong from Tasmania's past.

"No amount of money can make up for Aboriginal children being removed from their families simply on the basis of race," Mr Lennon told an emotional Aboriginal community gathering at the

\$5m funding in place for the Stolen Generations

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC).

"But the payments I announce today to those whose lives have been so deeply affected by this flawed policy of separation are a symbolic recognition of the pain, suffering and dislocation they have experienced."

"I have always taken the view that we cannot hope to move forward as a community without first having the courage to address the wrongs of our past. Whilst Tasmanians cannot be proud of the past policies that created the Stolen Generations of Aboriginal children, we have shown national leadership on reconciliation by



Stolen child Annette Peardon, now 69, embraces Heather Brown after the Tasmanian announcement.

revisiting this painful issue and doing what is right.

"Today is the practical chance to say that families matter — and that

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THESE are just some of the members of my family – all Nyoongar people from the south-west of Western Australia. That's me on the right at the back. At the back from left are Violet Pickett, Hank Yarran, Isla Bellotti, Dellas Yarra and Rhona Wallam and at the front from the left are Bradon Yarran, James Wallam, Ethan Yarran and Korrine Yarran.

Isla, Rhona and Violet are my sisters. Dellas is my daughter and she is married to Hank. Their kids are Korrine, Bradon and Ethan. James is the grandson of Rhona.

We all love living in Bunbury. It's a great place and we are very active in the community. We are very close and all of us are born-again Christians. In fact we are all proud Aboriginal Christians.

I am involved in a number of community areas, and a lot of my time is spent with the Bunbury Women's Aboriginal Corporation, made up of many traditional owners in the

Bunbury area. Our members are involved in a number of environmental projects locally, caring for our country. It's something we are all passionate about.

I see a big future for Nyoongar country and our people.

Right now Bunbury, like much of Western Australia, is getting a lot from the minerals boom. The area is growing rapidly and many of our family have their work in industries benefiting from mining, and I see our younger generations gaining from this as well.

There are problems, but I see a positive future for us.

Correction

In the My Family section of our last edition, we mistakenly referred to Ray Munn as the brother-in-law of Clara Munn. Ray is, in fact, Clara's brother. We apologise for this error.

Share your family with our readers

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

OUR CHILDREN

Brothers Michael and Matthew Smith (front) were among the many people from throughout Tasmania who attended the 24th putalina festival at Oyster Cove (also known as putalina) earlier this month. The festival crowd witnessed a showcase of local and interstate Aboriginal musical talent, a community get together and a celebration of survival on sacred reclaimed land. Oyster Cove, or putalina, was re-occupied by the Aboriginal community on 16 January 1984.

Photo by JILLIAN MUNDY



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Better health goes down to the line for Redfern Kooris



SIX months ago, Sydney grandmother Joyce Wymarra's life

was being destroyed by asthma. The disease was robbing her of breath and making life a misery.

Now, just half a year on, the Aboriginal Elder has got back her breath and zest for life.

How?
Line dancing, believe it or not.

Mrs Wymarra and a group of other mainly Indigenous people have been reaping health benefits thanks to the dance craze spawned in the 1990s by Billy Ray Cyrus' annoyingly catchy country/pop hit of *Achy Breaky Heart*.

They are members of the Koori Line Dancing Troupe, run through the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern, in Sydney.

The line dancers have just returned from the Tamworth Country Music Festival where they showed their skills and spread their health message.

Mrs Wymarra's daughter Elizabeth, also an avid troupe

member, has nothing but praise for line dancing.

"It's turned our lives around," she says of the initiative.

"The people who are doing it – and we've got everyone from kids to 60-plus-year-olds – say they have never felt better.

"I've lost heaps of weight and now I walk and exercise more than ever, simply because I have the energy to do it.

"The secret is that line dancing is a fun way to exercise. It's great. You can do it to all sorts of music, and it just doesn't feel like you're doing exercise – but boy, you sure are."

Both the Wymarra women urge other Indigenous Australians to try line dancing as a way to improve health.

"It's worked for us, and we didn't even think we were exercising we had so much fun," Elizabeth said.

The group, mainly Indigenous but open to all, meet twice a week at Redfern Town Hall for free one-hour sessions run by professional teacher Julie Talbot.



The Koori Line Dancers are winners in more ways than simply their health. The Redfern-based troupe, comprising Paulette Whitton, Merle Roberts, Elizabeth Hoskins, Elizabeth and Joyce Wymarra, Kerry Welsh, Marjorie Treweek, Leanne Thoti and Linda Jenkins, took gold in the Australian Line Dancing Championship held during the Tamworth festival. The line dancing titles are one of the features of the packed Country Music Festival program.

The Gap no-one wanted closed

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Gap Youth Centre in Alice Springs, renowned for after school care, an early intervention program for 'at risk' youth and other services to hundreds of clients, has closed its doors after 30 years of operation.

The Board of Management of the Gap Youth Centre Aboriginal Corporation in Gap Road decided to shut up shop at a meeting on 22 January, but has yet to explain why.

The sudden decision left many Aboriginal children in the central Australian town without vacation care and other services and parents scrambling to make alternative arrangements.

The Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) said that it did not withdraw funding from the organisation before the decision, and the centre – not the department – was the most appropriate party to comment further. However, calls to the centre went unanswered last Thursday and Friday.

A FaHCSIA spokeswoman told *The Koori Mail* that the department had funding agreements in place with the centre totalling \$303,572 for the 2007-08 financial year, with \$187,476 already disbursed.

Increasing opportunities

Funds committed ranged from \$29,184 for the centre's crèche to \$191,512 for the 'Reconnect' program which supported young people at risk of becoming homeless.

"FaHCSIA is working with the Board and staff of the GAP and with non-government organisations in the region to make sure there is as little disruption of service as possible to the young people of Alice Springs," the spokeswoman said.

"We would like to acknowledge the 30 years of service that the Gap Youth Centre has provided to the young people of Alice Springs."

NT Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour was expected to meet with the Centre's board soon, possibly this week, but her office rejected a suggestion by Territory Opposition Leader Jodeen

Carney that both the NT and Federal governments had a responsibility to ensure that such a facility existed, 'albeit in a different format'.

Ms Scrymgour's office said she agreed and recognised that there were 'issues with youth in Alice Springs'.

"We acknowledge that we have a role generally," a spokesman said. "The NT Department of Community Services is considering the best mix of funding and support for youth services in Alice Springs."

The spokesman said the last time the NT Government funded the centre was in 2003 or 2004. A reported commitment last August by then-Chief Minister Clare Martin of about \$300,000 in Territory funds for the centre had yet to eventuate.

Struggle to find alternatives

Several Aboriginal parents told *The Koori Mail* they would struggle to find alternative holiday and after-school care for their children and to pay fees up to two-and-a-half times those of the Gap Youth Centre – around \$180 per child per week instead of just \$85 per child including transport.

"Everyone loved them, they were so reliable," one Aboriginal mother of two young children, who asked not to be named, said of the centre. "I think it'll leave a big dent if it is closed permanently."

"The kids who don't go to school really don't have anywhere else to go," said another mother.

Tangentyere Council Youth Service Coordinator Reg Hatch described the closure as 'a damn shame'.

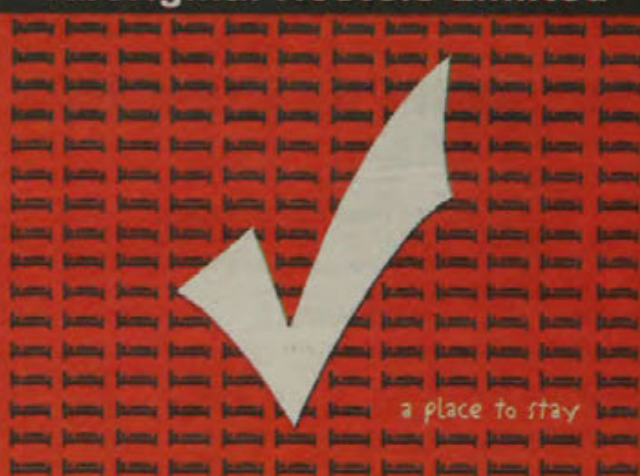
"Every time a centre like The Gap Centre closes, everyone misses out, but especially the kids," he said. "It's as if a door has closed and the kids, particularly those who are at risk, will find it very difficult to open."

Established in 1977, the centre offered the youth of Alice Springs 'a safe haven' to participate in supervised social, sporting, cultural and educational activities.

It had a homework centre, an internet cafe, basketball and beach volleyball courts, a movie room and music room for activities such as discos, arts and craft, filmmaking and computer graphic arts.

Its Reconnect program worked with young people at risk of becoming homeless, by increasing their opportunities in family, work, education and training. There was also a Youth Outbush program, an online Flex-e-learning program and a 'school without walls' – an informal self-paced learning centre for students unable to attend school.

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National strategy a must - union



NT teacher Yalmay Yunupingu and Indigenous educator Chris Sarra prior to the Australian Education Union (AEU) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Seminar 2008 held in Sydney this month. (c) Newsplex, photographer Vanessa Hunter.

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THE Australian Education Union (AEU) has called on the new Federal Labor

Government to undertake an urgent assessment of access to schooling for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

AEU Federal President-elect Angelo Gavrielatos said a national strategy for Indigenous Education should be an urgent priority for the Rudd Government.

"We call on the Rudd Government to undertake a mapping exercise to ascertain the state of access, attendance and outcomes for Indigenous children with a view to developing local and national strategies to address shortcomings," Mr Gavrielatos said.

"It is an appalling situation when we don't even know how many kids are missing out on school or where they live."

"An interrogation of Census data last year found up to 7500 students are missing out on access to education, pre-school to secondary, in the Northern Territory alone."

"We calculated that at least \$1.7 billion over five years in additional funding is needed to ensure high-quality education is available for all NT children."

'It is an appalling situation when we don't even know how many kids are missing out on school or where they live'

- AEU Federal President-elect Angelo Gavrielatos



Senior Yirrkala community schoolteacher Yalmay Yunupingu said schools were still feeling the impact of the Federal intervention, implemented by the former Howard Government.

"(Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd said that he would be Prime Minister for all Australians, including Indigenous people," Ms Yunupingu said.

"The Rudd Government now has a responsibility to make sure all schools are given enough resources to be able to educate every Indigenous child."

Former Cherbourg Principal and Executive

Director of the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute Dr Chris Sarra said experience showed that outcomes for Indigenous students could improve dramatically when school resources followed community consultation.

"If Kevin Rudd is serious about 'the Education Revolution' then Aboriginal students deserve a piece of it too," he said.

"We know that Aboriginal students succeed when schools have enough resources to work with local communities to promote an expectation of high standards."



New Zealand teachers' union leader Tangi Tipene, a Maori woman, says the Australian Government and the Department of Education are not trying hard enough to ensure that Indigenous education is valued and taught to all Australians. See Page 40

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better education of our kids

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



A NEW plan has been hatched to pay teachers and top university graduates who will go bush and teach

Indigenous kids a \$50,000 tax-free bonus on top of their ordinary wages.

The plan called 'Teach for Australia', developed by Cape York Institute (CYI) for Policy and Leadership Director Noel Pearson, and the Macquarie University in Sydney, sets out to install 500 teachers in four years with money raised through the private sector.

The ambitious plan involves two schemes:

- Teach for Australia Fellows, under which experienced and exceptional teachers would be paid \$50,000 tax-free in addition to their salary package

- Teach for Australia Associate Teachers, who would be the 'best and the brightest' individuals who were not in the teaching profession. These associates would undergo two months of training and then be placed alongside a fellow in remote schools. The associate teachers would receive an additional \$20,000 to their wage.

The Teach for Australia model is based on the successful initiatives, Teach for America in the United States, and Teach First in the United Kingdom.

CYI Deputy Director Alan Tudge told *The Koori Mail* that the plan targeted schools in Cape York and the Northern Territory in the first instance.

"Other regions would follow shortly after if the initial trial was shown to be successful," he said.

"Educational results in remote schools are at catastrophic levels. The most recent publicly available data shows that only four per cent of remote students in the NT passed the Year Three reading benchmark. Decisive action is required to reverse this situation."

Mr Tudge said the focus of Teach for Australia was to get more great teachers into remote schools.

"Once students are at school, the most important factor influencing educational outcomes is teacher quality," he said.

"In remote regions of Australia there are massive teacher shortages and this will get worse as 40 per cent of teachers are expected to retire within five to 10 years."

"Of the teachers that are currently teaching in remote schools, a significant proportion (one-third in Cape York) are inexperienced and straight out of university."

"We believe that there are significant numbers of great people who would like to make a difference and teach in a remote school, but we have to make it attractive for them."

Mr Tudge said offering the \$50,000 was a key part of the plan of targeting those exemplary teachers.

"We envisage that the fellowship would be a very prestigious award, acknowledging the teacher as being one of the



Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership Director Noel Pearson. His deputy, Alan Tudge, said of the \$50,000 bonus plan 'we believe that there are a significant number of great people who would like to make a difference and teach in a remote school, but we have to make it attractive for them'.

Pearson's \$50,000 bonus call

best in Australia," he said. "The two most important drivers of educational outcomes are: (a) ensuring that children attend

school regularly and are fed, rested and willing to learn; and (b) teacher quality.

"Our welfare reform measures

target the school attendance problems. This Teach for Australia plan targets teacher quality."

Indigenous Leadership

Institute Director Chris Sarra – a former school principal – said Mr Pearson was 'on the money' when he said there was a need to do something different, but he didn't agree that financial incentives were the way to go.

"He is right to articulate the need for improved teacher quality, but as a strategy on its own, it's highly problematic for all sorts of reasons," Dr Sarra said.

"I say that as an educator commenting on the realities of what goes on in schooling. You can have a really flash teacher in a remote school but if they're not supported by quality leadership, then their ability to be excellent is restricted."

Dr Sarra said there were too many variables that contributed to the success of an Indigenous child. For instance, the child could 'get their act together' and have improved results from the support of another person other than the teacher.

"How do you know whether the reward should go to someone else that stepped in and offered a firm hand and guidance to a student?" he asked.

"There are just too many variables and I am worried that it can be seen as a bit of a kick in the guts to all those people in communities."

"I've said this all along, in the education revolution it's got to be capturing the hearts and minds of people and giving them a sense of hope, and a way of thinking differently, in this case about Aboriginal children and peoples. It's not about filling people's pockets with cash."

"I don't want to be overly critical, but these are just the realities of knowing a school and school community context."

According to Mr Tudge, the Fellowship would be reviewed annually by an expert panel and only be renewed if the recipient had demonstrated significant improvement in their students' literacy and numeracy.

Dr Sarra said the other part that was problematic was where they were sending the quality teachers.

"We're talking about sending quality teachers to the Northern Territory and the Cape York Peninsula, but there are Aboriginal children right across the country and they deserve access to quality teaching as well," he said.

"So the education revolution has got to be about the whole country, not about just Cape York, and not about just the Northern Territory."

"And we have got to consider the needs of Indigenous children in metropolitan areas, as their circumstances can be as complex as those kids in remote areas."

The AEU's Federal Aboriginal Education Officer, Wayne Costelloe, said the union was still investigating the plan, but its interim observation was that members had concerns with unqualified teachers working in those schools with Indigenous kids.

"Indigenous kids deserve fully qualified teaching staff," he said.

It's all about our Survival



Gadigal people perform a traditional morning ceremony, 'Woggan ma gule', at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Sydney on January 26. The ceremony honours the traditional custodians. AAP Photo

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people and issues loomed large in the national consciousness on Australia Day / Survival Day this year, with

Aboriginal finalists in the Australian of the Year Awards, and respect for Indigenous rights urged by politicians and pop stars alike.

Calls to change the date of Australia's national day also continued unabated in this, the 70th anniversary year of the original Day of Mourning, held in Sydney on 26 January 1938.

National Australia Day Council (NADC) Vice-Chairperson and Reconciliation Australia Director Shelley Reys said that not to include Indigenous people and themes into Australia Day would be 'un-Australian'.

NADC National Director Warren Pearson said the history of Australia Day was a reminder that the day has many different meanings to different people.

"For some the commemorative day also sparks mixed emotions. Many Aboriginal Australians, conscious of their loss of country and culture, celebrate their survival in the face of continuing challenges," he said.

Victorian-born singer and songwriter Lee Kernaghan was named Australian of the Year ahead of seven other State and Territory finalists including Aboriginal dancer Stephen Page (NSW) and Indigenous arts leader and Stolen Generations campaigner Mark Bin Bakar (WA).

At an Australia Day Concert in Canberra on the eve of 26 January, a range of musicians called for more respect for Indigenous issues.

One of the pop duo The Veronicas wore a t-shirt emblazoned with the Aboriginal flag, songstress Katie Noonan dedicated one of her songs to Closing the Gap (between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancy), and singer Natalie Pa'apa'a from funk outfit Blue King Brown declared there'd be no justice for Aboriginal people until the number of Australian flags

in the audience at such future concerts was matched by Aboriginal flags.

The concert was preceded by a welcome to Ngunnawal Aboriginal country and the Wiradjuri Echoes dance group performed on stage with Blue King Brown.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd used his official 2008 Australia Day Message to highlight the issue of reconciliation between black and white Australians.

Mr Rudd listed achieving effective reconciliation 'so that we can all move forward together - Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia' among challenges facing modern Australia.

"Australia Day is a time to celebrate our nation's past achievements. And it's a time to embrace our nation's future," he said.

"This is a great country, rich in heritage and unlimited in its possibilities. We should be deeply proud of our country. Proud of Aboriginal culture, which represents the oldest continuing culture in human history."

PM's tribute

The Prime Minister then paid tribute to 'our explorers and our pioneers', service men and women, farmers, factory workers, business leaders, those who have fought for the rights of working families, artists, sporting heroes, and immigrants.

Around the country, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people attended events which alternately celebrated Indigenous survival and mourned the 'invasion' of Australia 220 years ago.

A youth worker from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC), Nala Mansell-Mckenna, called for Australians to choose another date for Australia Day celebrations.

"If Australians must have a day to celebrate, choose a date that is not so offensive to the original owners of the land that they are celebrating on," she said.

"Every Australia Day, Australians celebrate the anniversary of the day Europeans first stepped on our land and attempted to destroy a whole race of people by brutally murdering, raping and disposing our lands."

ANTA Victoria Chair Jill Webb and Reconciliation Victoria chief Frank Hytten

jointly called for the Rudd Government to re-commit to implementing the final report recommendations of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, re-frame the intervention into NT Indigenous communities, and resource the process of healing for Stolen Generations and those affected by child removal.

"Until then, Australia Day will merely mark the day of invasion and not the founding of a nation," they said.

Brisbane Indigenous community leader Sam Watson called on all supporters of Indigenous rights to rally in Canberra, at the opening of Federal Parliament on 12 February, to defend the interests of the Stolen Generations and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton said 26 January 2008 gave Aboriginal people a rare cause for celebration because it marked the 70th anniversary of the Day of Mourning that gave birth to a national rights agenda and organised political activism.

Ms Manton said the legacy of inhuman treatment and man-made disaster was still being felt to this day and issues such as stolen wages remained largely unresolved 70 years later.

"The Day of Mourning laid the foundation for the successful 1967 referendum in support of Aboriginal rights, national NAIDOC Week celebrations of our culture and the limited introduction of land rights and compensation - albeit decades later," she said.

"I urge all Australians interested in the history of this land to seek out the stories of 1938 and the groundbreaking achievements of activists including John Patten, Bill Ferguson, William Cooper, Doug Nicholls, Pearl Gibbs and Margaret Tucker."

By KIRSTIE PARKER and SOLUA MIDDLETON

● See the next edition of *The Koori Mail* for coverage and photos of Survival / Invasion / Australia Day activities around the country.



JOSEPH ELU

Top honour for IBA Chairman



THE only Indigenous Australian to be made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day 2008 Honours List says he'd prefer to see 26 January celebrated as a national day rather than the anniversary of white 'settlement'.

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Chairman Joseph Elu was one of 30 Australians appointed as AOs, the second-highest honour on the list after a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC).

Mr Elu was recognised for service to the Indigenous community through contribution in the field of economic development, the promotion of financial independence and facilitating community partnerships with skilled volunteers. He has chaired IBA in Canberra since 1996, since which time the body has grown from a capital base of \$30 million to more than \$600 million.

He told *The Koori Mail* last Friday that he was very happy to receive the award as it came after 'a long, long time of working with Indigenous people to create better economic circumstances'.

Asked if he had any reservations about receiving such recognition on 26 January, Mr Elu replied 'it's just a day to me'.

National day

"I don't see it as Australia Day; I see it as a national day," he said. "Australia will celebrate their national day at a set time."

"It's just that this is the anniversary of white man into Sydney and some people say it should be moved. I say if not moved, then the emphasis should be on a national day rather than celebrating the first day of white settlement."

Mr Elu is also the inaugural Chairman of Outback Stores, was a Foundation member of the National Indigenous Council from 2004 to 2006, and a Board Member of Reconciliation Australia from 2000 to 2005.

Australia Day Honours are decided by a council and approved by the Governor General.

A range of other people received AOs for services benefiting Indigenous communities including ophthalmologist and member of the NT Emergency Response Taskforce Dr Bill Glasson, Sister Patricia Rhatigan from the Sisters of St John of God in Broome in WA, and former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSI) CEO and current Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Mark Sullivan.

Aboriginal man Trevor Christian was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the Indigenous community, particularly through the Sydney Regional Aboriginal Corporation for Legal Services (which he managed from 1996 to 2006), to the promotion of social justice, and to the sport of boxing. Mr Christian is now CEO of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT).

Kuku Yalanji man Les Tobler, of Miller in NSW, received an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for service to the community, particularly through the Construction Industry Drug and Alcohol Foundation and the Building Trades Group Drug and Alcohol Committee.

NIC's 'tumultuous' term over

By DARREN COYNE

THE former head of the Howard Government's National Indigenous Council has described the advisory body's three-year term as 'tumultuous'. But Dr Sue Gordon told *The Koori Mail* that she was proud of the achievements of the advisory body and hoped that any replacement would include a lot of young people.

And like the Labor Government, Dr Gordon ruled out an ATSIC-style body.

"We cannot in Australia have a democratically-elected body because we're such a diverse group of people and that was shown by ATSIC," the WA magistrate said.

"I would like to have a body of people who make an application to join. We have Indigenous leadership programs across Australia and there are very bright young people including lawyers, doctors, engineers ... just getting on with things.

"But it has to be people who are really committed to making a difference and who can put in the time."

Dr Gordon said she had no wish to be part of such a body.



Dr Sue Gordon ... She said a lot of people wrongly thought the NIC was a replacement for ATSIC.

"The NIC's term expired on 31 December and I had stated that even if the (Howard) Government was returned I was not interested in continuing because three years was enough," Dr Gordon said.

She described those three years as tumultuous, saying a lot of people wrongly

thought the NIC was a replacement for ATSIC.

"It was purely an advisory body, not a representative body, and individuals were selected for their expertise in law, health etc. and it wasn't that they were the only people with that expertise," she said.

Dr Gordon said it rankled her that the NIC membership was constantly referred to as 'hand-picked'.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin told *The Koori Mail* last week that she was very close to announcing details of the NIC's replacement.

At the time of the announcement, she said the council's term would not be renewed because 'the interests of Indigenous people would be better served through a different approach'.

The Minister said the new body would need to have representation from urban, regional and remote Australia and links with other advisory bodies, but she would not be drawn on how it would be selected, saying she wanted to complete her discussions with Aboriginal groups first.

Wesley Aird, a former NIC member, told *The Australian* newspaper that the axing of the council would create a vacuum in

Indigenous representation and advice.

"What I'm really worried about now is that the consultation on the new body will drain resources that would otherwise go to fighting Indigenous disadvantage," he said.

"I think that all sorts of people will be jumping in saying 'talk to me, talk to me', and you will get those people who are jumping in to re-engage the Government."

Jenny Macklin should be talking to people who have experience and have demonstrated that they are interested in economic development for Aboriginal people. Not people who can buy a bunch of votes.

Inaugural ATSIC Chairperson Lowitja O'Donoghue said it was a relief that the body had been disbanded.

"Good job," she said. "They were hand-picked and none of us knew what they were advising. We had no idea what advice they were giving to the (former) Government and what advice (it was) asking them to give, none whatsoever. They weren't representing us. They were representing their own views," she said.

The NIC had also included Australian rules football star Adam Goodes and, in its first term, former Labor national president Warren Mundine. — with AAP

NT Intervention is 'making progress'

General says there are many good news stories

By DARREN COYNE

TWELVE children detected with holes in their hearts, an extra 16 police stations in remote communities, and a decrease in alcohol-related violence. Those are some of the 'good news stories' which have emerged from the Northern Territory emergency intervention, according to the man heading the operation.

Major General Dave Chalmers says tremendous progress has been made in stabilising Northern Territory Indigenous communities.

As head of the NT emergency response, General Chalmers is tasked with carrying out what has been a widely controversial policy of intervening in communities in an effort to stamp out child abuse and address debilitating social disadvantage.

And he told *The Koori Mail* last week that while the intervention involved 'complex and interrelated policy initiatives', he was 'very satisfied' with the results seven months down the track.

The progress report so far includes:

- 5688 child health checks completed in 48 communities;
- An additional 48 police deployed

(33 interstate and 15 NT officers).

- Income management is in place in 24 centres including communities and associated outstations and two town camps.

- 23 community stores have been licensed.

- 39 Government Business Managers are in place servicing 62 communities.

- 46 Work-for-the-dole activities have started and have participants in 32 communities and five town camp regions.

General Chalmers said survey teams had visited all 73 prescribed communities, and that health checks would follow in those not already visited.

He said the health checks so far had uncovered 'concerning medical problems which the children could now be treated for'. The vast majority of referrals to primary health care services were for conditions related to skin, ear, nose and throat problems, but more serious conditions had

services. The focus of building that capacity would soon turn to the Alice Springs area, with the rest of the Territory to follow.

As for policing, General Chalmers said that in just seven months there had been a doubling of the number of communities with a permanent police presence.

"Across the NT there is now a much better level of policing and that is one consistent thing that communities had asked for," he said.

The communities now with a new police presence include Alupurulam, Arlparra, Bulman, Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Haasts Bluff, Imanpa, Minyerri, Mutitjulu, Numbulwar, Nyirripi, Peppimenarti, Ramingining, Santa Teresa, Willowra and Yarralin.

Just last week, NT Police Commissioner Paul White praised the roll-out of policing.

He called the feat 'remarkable' and said the massive operation was unprecedented in Australian and, possibly, world policing.

General said working in his own country was particularly rewarding.

"Timor and Aceh were rewarding, but really this is home and this is an opportunity to make a real difference," he said.

As for promises by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin for more consultation, General Chalmers agreed that good communication was critical to the operation's success.

He met with the Minister last week.

Following that meeting, Ms Macklin said she had asked for evidence that the measures such as welfare quarantining were effective.

"I emphasised to the taskforce that my whole approach in Indigenous affairs will be based on evidence," she said.

"I'm not interested in ideology. What I'm interested in is what works."

Ms Macklin said almost 6000 people have had their Centrelink payments quarantined under the intervention.

"I have asked the taskforce to advise me on data that will need to be collected to see whether or not it (the quarantining of payments) is effective at making sure that families are able to spend more of their money on food, that less money is being spent on alcohol, for example, or gambling," she said.

Ms Macklin said she was committed to meeting with Indigenous communities involved in the intervention four times each year.

"The number-one issue that we've indicated since we were elected that we wanted to add to the intervention is really to bring Indigenous people in the Northern Territory into the process," she said.

Ms Macklin, who supports retaining the permit system, said she has sought advice from her department about how to implement this policy.

Former ALP national president Warren Mundine said last week that the permit system should still be scrapped.



'Across the NT there is now a much better level of policing and that is one consistent thing that communities had asked for'

— NT Intervention chief General Dave Chalmers

also been discovered.

"There have been 12 children discovered with holes in their hearts which is obviously a serious condition," General Chalmers said.

He said that without the intervention health checks those cases may have gone undetected because 'health services are stretched in the Northern Territory'.

"That's not because there's not good people working in NT health services. There are, but their capacity is not sufficient to meet demands," the General said.

He said the Federal Government commitment of \$100 million over two years would help build the capacity of NT health

Meanwhile, General Chalmers said there was plenty more work to do, and he rejected recent comments from acting NT Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour that fresh blood might be needed to keep the intervention on track.

"I still feel pretty fresh," General Chalmers said, adding that he was committed to following through with the stabilisation phase of the operation.

He said he was very optimistic that the measures being put in place would have a significant impact on communities.

And while it had been good to head up relief operations in Timor and Aceh, the

The long wait for an apology

The road to sorry

THIS is a timeline of the road so far to an apology for the Stolen Generations. It has adapted by Reconciliation Australia from one compiled by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission (HREOC) in *Us Taken Away Kids: Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report, 2007*. For more on this timeline including the main removal laws, go to www.reconciliation.org.au and look under 'Latest'.

1788-mid 1800s: Early child removals occur through the establishment of church-run missions and also reports of European settlers kidnapping Indigenous women and children to use as cheap domestic labour.

1837: The British Select Committee recommends the appointment of government 'Protectors of Aborigines' in Australia.

1869-1935: Indigenous child removal legislation is enacted in every Australian State and Territory.

1937: The first Commonwealth/State Conference on Native Welfare adopts assimilation as the official national Indigenous affairs policy. This policy approach is confirmed at the 1951 conference.

1969: All States and Territories have repealed Indigenous child removal legislation.

1980: The first Link-Up Aboriginal Corporation is established, in NSW, designed to provide family tracing, reunion and support services to Stolen Generation members. Link-Ups are opened in the other States and the NT between 1984 and 2001.

1991: The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody reports to the Australian Government. It finds that 43 of the 99 deaths investigated were of people who were separated from their families as children.

1994: The Going Home conference in Darwin brings together more than 600 members of the Stolen Generations for a think-tank on reparations.

1995: The Commonwealth Government establishes the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families.

1997: The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission releases *Bringing Them Home*, its report on the findings of the national inquiry into the Stolen Generations. The report made 54 recommendations, including a formal government apology, monetary compensation and other reparations to members of the Stolen Generations.

The parliaments and governments of all States and the ACT issue statements recognising and publicly apologising to the Stolen Generations.

The Australian Government

Images from the journey so far...



South Australian Stolen Generations member Bruce Trevorrow, shown with family. He was awarded \$525,000 in damages for mental illness and suffering caused by his wrongful removal from his family.



Prof Mick Dodson, who co-authored the *Bringing Them Home* report.



unveils its response to *Bringing Them Home*, featuring a \$63 million practical assistance package.

The Australian Government rejects the recommendations for an apology or compensation scheme, arguing that Australians should not be asked to 'accept responsibility for the acts of earlier generations, sanctioned by the law of the times'.

The High Court finds that the NT child-removal laws are constitutionally valid and do not fall within the definition of genocide under international law in the case of *Kruger v the Commonwealth*.

1998: The National Archives of Australia launches its *Bringing Them Home* indexing project to identify and preserve records about Indigenous people and communities.

The National Sorry Day

Committee (NSDC) is formed to organise an annual National Sorry Day on 26 May to commemorate the history of forcible removals and their effects. The first Sorry Day is held in 1998.

1999: The Federal Parliament passes a Motion of Reconciliation expressing 'deep and sincere regret over the removal of Aboriginal children from their parents' but stops short of apologising.

2000: More than 250,000 people participate in the Corroboree 2000 'Sorry' Walk across Sydney Harbour Bridge on 28 May. Similar walks are held in the other State and Territory capitals.

The UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) expresses concern about the Australian Government's decision not to make a national apology or

consider monetary compensation

The Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee undertakes an inquiry into the Australian Government's implementation of the *Bringing Them Home* recommendations. The Committee makes 10 recommendations, concentrating on the need for a formal apology, monetary compensation and processes for the ongoing monitoring and reporting of the Government's progress.

Stolen Generations member Joy Williams loses her action against the NSW Government seeking compensation for the harm and mental illness she suffered as a result of forcible removal from her family.

Stolen Generations members Lorna Cubillo and Peter Gunner lose their actions against the Commonwealth in the Federal Court, seeking compensation for

serious assaults during their time in institutions in the NT.

2001: The Northern Territory Parliament makes a motion of apology to the Stolen Generations and abolishes its mandatory sentencing laws.

UNESCO and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) convene a Moving Forward conference which explores ways of providing reparations to the Stolen Generations. The report from the conference is released the following year.

2002: The NSW Victims Compensation Tribunal awards compensation to Stolen Generations member Valerie Linow for sexual abuse suffered while in State care.

2003: The Ministerial Council for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (MCATSIA) commissions and releases an independent evaluation of responses to the *Bringing Them Home* report.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner publicly criticises the Australian Government's failure to apologise and make reparations to the Stolen Generations.

The Victorian Stolen Generations Taskforce delivers its report to the Victorian Government about implementing the recommendations in *Bringing Them Home*.

2004: The Australian Government unveils a Stolen Generations memorial at Reconciliation Place in Canberra.

461 'Sorry Books', recording the reflections of Australians on the Stolen Generations on National Sorry Days, are entered on the Australian Memory of the World Register as part of UNESCO's program to preserve and promote historically important material.

2005: The organisation Stolen Generations Victoria is established, on the recommendation of the Victorian Stolen Generations Taskforce, to assist members of the Stolen Generations reconnect with their family, community, culture and land.

The NSDC announces that Sorry Day will become a 'National Day of Healing for All Australians'.

The UN Commission on Human Rights adopts the van Boven/Bassiouni Principles, which declare a right to a remedy and reparations for victims of gross violations of international human rights law. The recommendations in *Bringing Them Home* were based on these principles.

2006: The Tasmanian Government sets up Australia's first Stolen Generations compensation scheme.

2007: The South Australian Supreme Court awards \$525,000 in damages to Stolen Generations member Bruce Trevorrow for mental illness and suffering

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for our Stolen Generations

I'll give plenty of notice – Minister

By DARREN COYNE

FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has promised that members of the

Stolen Generations will have plenty of time to make their way to Canberra to hear Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's much anticipated apology.

Ms Macklin told *The Koori Mail* last Thursday, however, that the timing of the apology was a matter for the Prime Minister.

There has been speculation that an apology could be delivered during the first sitting of Parliament, which begins on 12 February, and Sorry Day in May also has been raised as a possibility.

Ms Macklin has held meetings with the National Sorry Day Committee and the Stolen Generations Alliance, and despite pleas from both to consider setting up a compensation fund, the Minister remained adamant the Government would do no such thing.

"Our position has been very clear. We are not establishing a compensation fund. We've been talking to the two groups about what they really want in an apology and it's been very constructive," she said.

"People have wanted this apology for a very long time."

When asked whether members of the Stolen Generations would have time to travel to Canberra if the apology was given during the first sitting of the Federal Parliament, Ms Macklin said: "I'll let people know, don't worry, they'll have time to make their arrangements."

Asked if that meant an apology wouldn't happen during the first sitting, the Minister replied: "You're



BOB RANDALL

asking me a question I can't answer. We'll make the announcement when we can."

Meanwhile, calls for compensation continued.

National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) Co-chair Helen Moran said that although Ms Macklin had consulted with her group, members remained disappointed at the Government's refusal to address reparations.

"Recommendation 5A (of the *Bringing them Home* report) does not ask for the word sorry. It asks for acknowledgement, responsibility, restitution, prevention and reparations," she said.

"Our concern is that they will give an apology and then close the door on the issue."

"A comprehensive response to the *Bringing Them Home* report as promised by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is not licence for him to jam his responsibility for reparations to the Stolen Generations into the Close the Gap campaign."

"To deliver an apology in the



TRACKER TILMOUTH

first sitting of Parliament without extensive consultation, and for the Government to not recognise or acknowledge that the apology is a most significant part of reparations leaves one asking why? Why rush this? What is the real motive behind the rush?

"The assertion by (Prime Minister) Rudd is that an apology is the beginning, however, it could well be the end!"

Not good enough

"Rudd's answer to his promise for a comprehensive response to the *Bringing Them Home* report appears to have been replaced by the Close the Gap campaign, an allocation of a dismal \$15 million for Link-Up services to fund 40 new counsellors nationally for the Stolen Generations to go through litigation and for the States to pick up the issue of compensation. This is just not good enough."

Former Central Land Council Director Tracker Tilmouth, who was removed from his family when he was three years old, last week



MARION SCRYMGOUR

dismissed Labor's offer of increased health and education services.

He also accused the Northern Territory's Acting Chief Minister, Marion Scrymgour, of grandstanding on the issue for political gain.

"Ms Scrymgour of all people should understand that Aboriginal people require those services as their citizenship rights, not as some gift from a well-benign government," he said.

But Ms Scrymgour, whose father was a member of the Stolen Generations, said directing money into services rather than individual compensation was the better way to go.

"We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to deal with this issue and certainly I of all people am most conscious that we don't allow that one opportunity to be to no avail," she told the ABC.

Indigenous patron of the NSDC Bob Randall said sorry without reparations and sincerity from the heart was just a hollow word.

"I know we've been waiting a long time, waiting for the word sorry to be heard, but it would be more meaningful if it carried more hope, that there would be more to it. The best time to do it is in the moment when the word sorry is said," he said.

Meanwhile, Reconciliation Australia has released a fact sheet to help the broader Australian public understand the background to the apology.

Under the heading 'Why is it important to apologise to the Stolen Generations', the fact sheet refers to the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report.

"The *Bringing Them Home* report found that the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and communities has had life-long and profoundly disabling consequences for those taken and has negatively affected the Indigenous community," it says.

"For many of the children, removal meant that they lost all connection to family, traditional land, culture and language."

"The reality of Australia's Stolen Generations is not a thing of the distant past. Children were being inappropriately removed from their families by Australian authorities until 1969."

"Many people affected by the tragedy of the Stolen Generations are still alive today and live with its effects."

"The *Bringing Them Home* report recommended that the first step in healing is the acknowledgment of truth and the delivery of an apology. It is the responsibility of the Australian Government, on behalf of previous Australian governments that administered this wrongful policy to acknowledge what was done and apologise for it."

● For the full fact sheet go to www.reconciliation.org.au

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caused by his wrongful removal from his family.

South Australian Premier Mike Rann announced that his Government would not contest the decision, and that it would consider the possibility of a Stolen Generations compensation scheme.

The Australian Labor Party releases its election platform which includes a pledge to "provide a comprehensive response to the *Bringing Them Home* report, including a formal apology".

Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett introduces a Stolen Generations Compensation Bill into Federal Parliament, modelled on the Tasmanian legislation. The Bill lapses due to the adjournment of Parliament before the election.

The Western Australian Government sets up the Redress WA program to provide monetary and emotional support to people who were abused as children in State care, including members of the Stolen Generations.

2008: The Rudd Government confirms

that it will make an apology to members of the Stolen Generations early in the first term of Parliament, and that it will use the word 'sorry'.

The Rudd Government says it will not establish a compensation scheme, stating that it will back the apology with a concerted effort to close the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, while providing 'targeted assistance' to members of the Stolen Generations.

NT Indigenous Policy Minister Marion

Scrymgour supports the Federal Government's decision not to establish a compensation fund for individual members of the Stolen Generations.

The Queensland and NSW governments rule out Stolen Generations compensation schemes.

After an assessment process, Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon announces that 106 claimants will share in a landmark \$5 million State scheme providing ex-gratia payments to members of the Aboriginal Stolen Generations and their children.

Breakthrough for Stolen Generations...

Tasmania agrees to pay compo

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cultural identity matters. When I look at my own children, and now my grandchildren, I am grateful that they have been able to grow up in the care of their own family.

"As Premier of Tasmania, and as a proud Tasmanian, I stand here today to say sorry; sorry for the policies of past governments that have caused so much suffering and so much pain to so many in the Aboriginal community.

"I am sorry that Aboriginal children in Tasmania were taken away from their families and I hope that today's announcement will go some way towards recognising the injustices that have occurred.

"Today, the Tasmanian Government's leadership means we have set a new benchmark for reconciliation and have again shown the nation that Tasmania has become a modern, progressive and culturally confident community."

The \$5 million fund is being made available through the *Stolen Generations of Aboriginal Children Act 2006*, which was passed by the Tasmanian Parliament in November 2006.

Independent assessor Ray Groom reviewed 151 applications



A relieved Annette Peardon embraces Heather Brown at the announcement in Launceston last week about compensation for Tasmania's Stolen Generations of Aboriginal children. In the background is Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon and Eddie Thomas. Photo by SAM ADAMS

at the Premier's request. He found 84 people who were removed from their families as children eligible for payments.

A further 22 applications were approved for children of Stolen Generations victims. These people were eligible for individual payments of \$5000, up to a family maximum of \$20,000.

Of the \$5 million in funds made available by the State Government for ex-gratia payments, \$100,000 has been allocated to children of members of the Stolen Generations.

The remainder of the pool is to be split equally among the successful applicants who were taken from their families. A total of

45 claims were unsuccessful.

Mr Lennon and the Aboriginal community are now eager for the Federal Government to follow Tasmania's lead.

"Ultimately it's a matter for Kevin (Rudd) to decide what the national response should be, but I hope that he looks at Tasmania and sees what we have been able to achieve here," Mr Lennon said.

TAC Legal Director Michael Mansell agreed. "Mr Rudd should take a leaf out of the Tasmanian Government's book on dealing with compensation," he said.

"One of the key ingredients that led to Tasmanian compensation being paid was the courage and leadership of Premier Paul Lennon. He made compensation a key plank of his party's election platform and the overwhelming vote he received meant the public gave their thumbs up for his stance."

Mr Mansell said that the compensation payments to the Tasmanian Stolen Generations would make it virtually impossible for the Prime Minister to avoid paying the other 13,000 victims on mainland Australia.

"Kevin Rudd intends to stand before the people of Australia to say sorry," he said.



Michael Mansell with a Tasmanian Aboriginal community member outside the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre in Launceston.

"He wants to convince Australia he is genuine and sincere about wanting to recognise the plight of the Stolen Generations.

"It will be a difficult task to sound sincere when, in the same breath, he will walk away from paying a cent to the Stolen Generations. It is too contradictory a stance.

"The apology will be warmly received by the general Aboriginal community and the broader public. But without compensation for the suffering endured by the victims, the intended sincerity will be lost on that group, the real targeted group."

Mr Mansell said Australians did not expect victims of road trauma or workplace accidents to accept an apology as a settlement for their suffering.

"So why should it be any different for victims of a deliberate government plan? The only difference is that one group is black and the others white," he said.

"Mr Rudd must show similar courage and leadership."

Mr Mansell said he would attend a national gathering of Aborigines in Canberra for the opening

session of the Parliament on 12 February to 'remind Mr Rudd of our expectations'.

Present at last week's announcement was Annette Peardon, 69, who was removed from her mother at the age of nine and has been the most prominent face and voice of the 22-year Tasmanian Stolen Generations campaign.

From her home on a Bass Strait Island the following day, she said she accepted the apologies made and that the compensation had provided closure.

"When I made my speech yesterday, I was shaky. My journey had ended when it comes to the Stolen Generations," Ms Peardon told *The Koori Mail*.

"Now I begin another life back on Cape Barren Island. I have become a new person in a sense, it's certainly closure for me, it has been a long haul."

However, Ms Peardon added she would support in any way she could the national campaign to apologise to and compensate the Stolen Generations.

Apology campaign is looking up

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everyday citizen of Australia, he just needed to do it and now it's done," said the man's 21-year-old daughter who lives in Sydney and spoke to us on her dad's behalf. "Dad thinks that after 200 years of white Australia someone needs to say sorry."

"A lot of Australians have become too nationalistic and forgotten to acknowledge previous ownership of the land we stand on today."

She said her dad did not think a formal apology was intended to help all

Australians.

"(It's) mainly to give the Aboriginal people respect, credit some understanding of past and present injustices," the young woman said.

The man paid thousands of dollars out of his own pocket to send the message to Sydneysiders but wasn't in the Harbour City on Saturday.

"He rang me and asked 'how did it go?' and I told him 'it looks great', and that was that," his daughter said.

Recognised

Bondi Beach's iconic status was recognised on Friday when it was included

on the National Heritage List, along with 75 other sites of natural wonder or historical and cultural significance including the Great Barrier Reef, Port Arthur, the Melbourne Cricket Ground and The Sydney Opera House.

The local Aboriginal community was represented at the announcement to highlight the role Bondi played in their culture.

Dharawal Elder Les Davison told media that Bondi Beach was traditionally a special place for Aboriginal people, a spot for people to gather seafood, a place for children to swim and a place to play.



The Sorry message taken to Bondi Beach. Photo: FELICITY JENKINS

Poison water danger for communities

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



A WA Government report into water quality in the State's 300 Aboriginal communities has found that two communities in the

north-west were contaminated with uranium while others were tainted with other heavy metals and chemicals.

The report, prepared for the WA Department of Water, found that "in some areas toxic compounds such as uranium, arsenic and heavy metals have been detected in raw water with concentrations exceeding the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG), and subsequent to this drinking water has had to be carted to some communities".

The two communities found to

have uranium contamination were Parnngurra (Cotton Creek) in the northwest Pilbara and Burringurrah in the Northern Gascoyne region. The report also pointed to 'danger' areas in the Gascoyne, Pilbara and Kimberley regions.

WA Department of Water spokesman Don Crawford said that while the problems at Parnngurra and Burringurrah had been fixed, small communities and outstations were not tested regularly because they fell outside WA and Federal Government responsibility.

"The larger communities are already tested monthly for water quality, so they have the same quality as neighbouring communities, but the smaller ones, they're not tested regularly and they're monitored on an as needs basis," Mr Crawford said.

"So the water quality is not an issue, it's more so some of the other servicing requirements,

including rebates and other sort of social benefits that come through a water supply system."

The report stated that 'the Commonwealth Government is currently fully responsible for the water services in very small communities and community outstations'. "There are currently no standards applied in these communities and no regular water quality monitoring or testing takes place," the report said.

Responsibility

"The State may assume responsibility for the provision of services in small Aboriginal communities, however, this is likely to be conditional upon the Commonwealth providing sufficient funding."

Burringurrah Acting Coordinator David McDonald said the WA Government acted quickly when uranium contamination was

discovered in the community's water supply last year. "They told us that they would bore for more water as soon as they could, which they did in a very timely manner and the new water supply was connected pretty quickly," Mr McDonald said.

"From all reports there is uranium all through this area." A community member in the Central Desert Reserve, who did not wish to be named, said it was often up to the communities themselves to test the water quality of small communities and outstations of larger communities.

"Some years ago a nurse at one of the communities found that children were suffering from gall stones and that was put down to the water quality, and other contaminants such as nickel has also been found in the water."

The Department of Water report said it was difficult to ascertain

whether health issues in Aboriginal communities were attributable to poor water quality or poor environmental health, or a combination of factors.

"These communities have greater incidences of intestinal and bacterial diseases associated with poor sanitation," the report said. "For example, the rate of hospitalisation of Aboriginal children under five for gastroenteritis was seven times that of non-Aboriginal children."

"The current management of water service delivery and water source protection in most Aboriginal communities in Western Australia is neither equitable nor sustainable," the report concluded.

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts was reportedly working on the issue with her Federal counterpart Jenny Macklin. She did not respond to an invitation to comment.

New voice for SA



THERE's a new voice for Aboriginal people in South Australia. Former ATSIC zone commissioner in SA, Klynton Wanganeen, has been appointed the first

Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement to provide a high-level voice in government and the community.

As well, the SA government has announced the establishment of the permanent South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council, with Ms Kerry Colbung appointed as the chairperson.

Premier Mike Rann and Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill made the announcement on Friday.

They said the Commissioner would advocate on behalf of Aboriginal people and the Council would advise Government.

"When the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) was abolished, there was no comparable body for the South Australian Government to consult on Aboriginal matters," Mr Rann said.

"We created an interim South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council and its first task was to determine future mechanisms for Aboriginal involvement in Government."

"The interim Council recommended the creation of a Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement and a permanent Aboriginal Advisory Council."

Mr Weatherill said the Commissioner would be a "point of contact for Aboriginal people to express their concerns about the wider issues that Aboriginal people face".

"He will identify those concerns to the Government and will work towards having them resolved," Mr Weatherill said.

"The new permanent Advisory Council will provide the Government with advice on a number of issues, particularly how existing programs and policies affect Aboriginal people living in both metropolitan and regional areas. This will help shape future policies and services relating to Aboriginal people."

"The Council will ensure that Aboriginal views are part of Government policy-making."

The establishment of the role is also another of the Government's responses to the To Break the Cycle Report, which



Klynton Wanganeen has been appointed the first Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement in South Australia.

recommended implementing a process for high-level engagement with Aboriginal communities.

Mr Wanganeen is of Narungga-Ngarindjeri descent. A welder by trade, he has been the General Manager of the Aboriginal Access Centre at TAFE SA.

He has recently been appointed Director of the Aboriginal Education Employment Policy Co-ordination Directorate of DFEEST and will be taking leave from that post to take up the Commissioner's role.

He was the ATSIC zone commissioner for SA at the time of ATSIC's abolition.

Mr Wanganeen said he was looking forward to advocating for Aboriginal people. "I'm pleased to take up the opportunity because I think there has

been a huge gap since the demise of ATSIC," he said.

"Having the opportunity to be a bridge-maker to help Aboriginal people engage with Government is a huge job."

"It is something that I can't do alone and I will be looking to harness the energy of people in the public and private sectors - Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people alike."

Disadvantaged

"Aboriginal people are among the most disadvantaged people in the community and sometimes struggle to have their views heard."

"We're on the verge of an economic boom and it's only right that Aboriginal people also benefit from this boom

through training and employment."

"I'm also looking forward to working with Commissioner for Social Inclusion Monsignor David Cappel."

Ms Colbung, who is of Kokatha Murring descent, welcomed the establishment of the Commissioner and permanent Council.

"The Government should be commended for taking the recommendations seriously," she said.

"The Council will have a very important role in supporting the Government in policy development."

"The establishment of the Commissioner is an important step because now the community will have someone to take up broad issues on their behalf."

The long black road to



One of the Indigenous busking acts in Tamworth were The Huntsmen, from Toogoolawah, in south-east Queensland. Act frontman Glen Hunt, pictured with his son Glen Lee Hunt and daughter Allanah, said there was plenty of interest in all the acts. "Tamworth is fantastic," he said.



Allan 'Big Al' Harris and his son Tristan busk during the Tamworth festival. They are members of the family act 'Western Creation', which plays around the country. Originally from Margaret River in Western Australia (hence the name), they are now based at Ballarat, Victoria, where they are regulars on the busking circuit. 'Western Creation' also teaches Aboriginal culture in schools and has been contracted by Austrade to perform traditional music in China during the lead-up to this year's Beijing Olympic Games. 'Big Al' said the spirit in Tamworth was great.



Kris finishes in the top 20

YOUNG Murri Kris Wason (above) made his mark at Tamworth, being named in the 20 finalists for the Telstra Road to Tamworth quest. The competition covers the nation each year in search of Australia's next big country music star.

The 2008 series attracted almost 1000 country music hopefuls, with Kris winning his way through to the finals competing in his heat at Mudgeeraba, south-east Queensland.

Country music is in Kris' blood, with his father being renowned Aboriginal singer and songwriter Robbie Wason.

Kris was pleased with his performance, saying he had given the competition his best shot.

The younger Wason, who has been playing country music almost six years, is now set to start up his own band with mate Liam Brew, who won the Rockhampton heat of the Road to Tamworth.



Roger Knox and his band perform during a performance by the Gomerol Youth Dancers at the Indigenous Youth Showcase held at the Tamworth PCYC.



Vicki Duncan, of Moree, and Lynette Binge, of Tamworth.



Love the shirt ... Wiradjuri performer Johnny Huckle - a regular at the festival - was a popular act on the streets at Tamworth.



Tweed Heads-based Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Geoff Togo was one of six ACLOs rostered by NSW Police for the festival.



Adam comes so very close

TALENTED Aboriginal performer Adam James (above) came within a whisker of winning this year's Tamworth Toyota Star Maker Quest - the event that has launched greats including Keith Urban and James Blundell. Selected in the top six finalists, the Queensland-based star-in-waiting received huge applause for his performance, with Tamworth insiders whom *The Koori Mail* spoke to ranking him an unofficial second behind Talia Wiltmann.

Enjoying the festival after the Star Maker night, James said he was pleased with his showing and did not rule out another crack at the coveted title. "It was a great experience - Tamworth always is - and I'll be back," the Stradbroke Island 24-year-old said.

While he's been handy with the guitar for more than ten years, James has only in the past few years turned his attention to country music. And now that he has, he's not looking back.

"Country music appeals. It's got conviction and it's loved by all," he said.

Tamworth's big festival

By gum, he can play that leaf

WHEN it comes to playing the gum leaf, there are few more skilled than James 'Goori' Dungay. The Dughutti man from Kempsey, in northern NSW, has been whistling out tunes on the humble leaf for the best part of a quarter of a century. 'Goori' was among the most popular footpath buskers at this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival, where he has become one of the regulars.

"This is my 14th year up here," he told *The Koori Mail*. "And I hope there'll be plenty more."

His day job is as a farm worker but, like Victoria's Uncle Herb Patten who became an unlikely hero on last year's TV program *Australia's Got Talent*, 'Goori' has won plenty of fans through his gum leaf playing skills.

"It's just become part of my life,"

he said. "I can play anything from country music to Beethoven."

"It's something I love and I will continue to do it."

'Goori', who started playing the leaf seriously in his 20s, accepts with a great deal of sadness that his skill is a dying art.

Dying art

"I've tried to teach young people, but the interest just isn't there," he said. "It's a pity. It's not like there's a shortage of the leaves, and my 'instrument' doesn't cost a whole lot."

"Whatever happens, I'll keep offering to teach the young ones and hopefully some will get interested."

● Pictured right: Accomplished gum leaf player James 'Goori' Dungay: "It's not like there's a shortage of the leaves."



We just ♥ our country

MAKE no mistake – blackfellas love their country music. One walk around the streets of Tamworth last week would have confirmed that.

Tens of thousands of people – a good many of them Indigenous – packed the northern NSW city for its annual Country Music Festival, the largest event of its type in the Southern Hemisphere.

Some of the big names, including Troy Cassar-Daley, Keith Urban and the John Butler Trio, were mixing it with plenty of talented amateurs and wanna-be pros in a range of events and competitions and

among the scores of street buskers.

The Koori Mail was there and we met blackfellas from all over, as well as plenty of the locals from Kamilaroi country.

The Koori Youth Showcase, featuring a host of talented black up-and-comers, was the only Indigenous-specific event programmed this year.

But there were plenty of individual Aboriginal acts. Some of them are featured on these pages.

● See Page 14 for our report on Sharon Lane, one of Indigenous Australia's newest country talents.



Tamworth women, from left, Jean West, Minnie Creighton, Dorothy Allan and Tracey French.



● ABOVE: Barry Cain, of Tamworth, with Sydneysiders Lena Slater and Robert Young on Tamworth's main street during the festival.



● LEFT: Trevor and Narelle Ord, from the Mulli Mulli community, in far northern NSW.

New music talent is seizing her second chance

Sharon aims for big time



IT'S no real surprise that country music talent Sharon Lane called her first album

Second Chance.

Diagnosed with a debilitating brain tumour in 2006, the Wiradjuri woman thought she might not survive.

But she did – hence the album name – and now Lane is determined to use her new lease on life to the fullest.

Speaking to *The Koori Mail* at the Tamworth Country Music Festival where she was a nominee for a Tamworth Independent Artist Recognition Award (TIARA), the 42-year-old from Dubbo, central-western NSW, believes her best – in music as well as life – is yet to come.

"I've been through a huge journey, really life-changing," the wife and mother-of-two said.

"There were so many tears for me in recording *Second Chance*.

It has been a journey of love, hope and inspiration and the most amazing journey of my life. Oddly enough, my illness inspired me and helped with the album. It all could have been a lot worse."

Lane's album, which follows her debut EP *Left It All Behind* (placed 55 in the top 100 at the MusicOz Awards), features her own tracks inspired by her journey. She arranged for a three-part album launch, starting at the Woodford Folk Festival in Queensland, then at Tamworth and finally at the Yabun concert in Sydney on 26 January.

Deadly Award

But while she's delighted with the EP success and to finally have an album, she rates her greatest music achievement so far as being named Most Promising New Talent at the 2007 Deadly Awards.

"That just blew me away," she said. "To be recognised by my own people like that is a true honour."

Lane was disappointed, however, at the lack of public awareness of the Deadlys among music fans at the Tamworth festival.

"That's something I aim to set straight," she said.

Music has been a major part of Lane's life from her teen years, when she performed at many talent quests throughout NSW. Aged 16, she was invited to be a guest artist with the Col Hardy Show Band, as well as support acts for Adam Brand and Adam Harvey as part of the Orana Country Music Association.

Lane has a 'day job', which she says she won't be giving up just yet. And she is also aiming to complete the Bachelor of Arts (Aboriginal Studies) degree she has started through the University of South Australia.

"But I'm certain that my future now is with music," she said.

"My family are behind me, and I'll be putting everything I can into producing some great country rock."



Sharon Lane ... "My family are behind me, and I'll be putting everything I can into producing some great country rock."

Govt defends latest child-abuse action



THE Queensland Government has defended the way it handled two cases of alleged child abuse in a Cape York Aboriginal community.

The Australian newspaper reported last Wednesday that police in Kowanyama had interviewed eight pre-teen and teenage boys after reports from doctors that the group had raped very young boys.

Documents obtained by the newspaper showed that a meeting on 9 January of the Queensland Government's Cape York Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) team heard that in late December a six-year-old boy was taken by his grandmother to Kowanyama police after he told her he had been sexually assaulted.

The Kowanyama boy said he had been raped by his nine-year-old cousin, and he was subsequently examined by doctors. The boy had previously been raped by older boys.

A paediatrician who examined the boy two weeks ago reported that he had been sexually assaulted 'at least once by his own disclosures, and almost certainly serially', adding that he would continue to be abused if returned to Kowanyama.

The newspaper quoted the Cairns-based specialist doctor as saying she had refused a direction from the Department of Child Safety to return the boy to Kowanyama,

More sexual assault allegations on Cape

which would have placed him 'back in the identical scenario that allowed this last assault to occur'.

Child Safety Department Director-General Norelle Deeth said her department took the allegations of abuse extremely seriously.

"The Department of Child Safety worked

put under a Queensland police safety plan before the child was removed from the community," she said.

"The child was removed from the community on January 3 and has not returned. The child is currently with approved foster carers and the department is seeking a Child Protection Order through

'The Queensland Department of Child Safety worked closely with Queensland police at all times and notified police as required by law'

– Child Safety Department Director-General Norelle Deeth

closely with Queensland police at all times and notified police as required by law," Ms Deeth said in a statement.

She said allegations of potential abuse were raised with the Department of Child Safety by police on December 28.

"Departmental officers immediately acted on police advice and the child was

the courts.

"While a number of placement options were discussed, a decision was made not to return the child to the community, and no directive to return the child was made."

Police would not confirm whether they were ready to lay charges.

In another case, the newspaper said the

department had not notified police of the case of a seven-year-old boy who was found to have contracted a sexually transmitted disease and remained in the community.

Ms Deeth said police were notified of the case on two separate occasions.

She said there had been a number of high-level talks recently between police and child safety officials about working more closely.

Plans were also under way for more on-the-ground child safety services and residential care houses in Indigenous communities.

The day after the media report, Federal Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson toured a number of Cape communities and called for a Northern Territory-style intervention to stamp out child abuse in Queensland Aboriginal communities.

Dr Nelson said he was appalled and sickened by reports of the rape of two young boys by a group of older boys in the community of Kowanyama.

Police and child safety officials are investigating but, as of last Friday, had yet to lay charges.

The Queensland Government has rejected an intervention, arguing police are making more arrests and officer numbers are being boosted in remote communities. – AAP

Sharp decline for WA jail deaths in custody

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



INITIATIVES such as a prisoner buddy system, the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme, improvements to cell layout and even prison overcrowding are being credited with a sharp decline in the number of deaths in West Australian prisons.

The 2007 total of such deaths is reportedly only one-third of that seen five years ago, and one-fifth of the figure a decade ago.

However, there has been no comparable reduction in the number of deaths in WA Police Service (WAPS) custody and the State's Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) says police systems designed to prevent deaths in custody are clearly inadequate.

WA Corrective Services Assistant Commissioner of Aboriginal Justice Neil Fong told *The Koori Mail* that several factors had contributed to the decrease in prison deaths.

Firstly, a 'buddy' type system allowing Indigenous prisoners to share a cell with people they knew when they were jailed a long way from their home had proven beneficial, Mr Fong said.

He said the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme, which supported inmates with counselling from local Indigenous volunteers available 24 hours a day, had also achieved good results in curbing self-harm.

"As soon as someone is taken into custody, there is a mental health assessment and then depending on what risks there are, then they're put into different areas," said Mr Fong.

Criminologist Dr Brian Steels, of the Prison Reform Group of WA, said prison deaths had dropped 'as the prisons become overcrowded and people have to share their intimate space, double-ups, with other prisoners, which reduces the time left alone to consider or to take one's own life'.

"There has also been a deliberate attempt by the prison system to reduce the rate of deaths with better cell layout, no points to which ropes or shoelaces can be attached, and more surveillance cameras around people placed on high alert," said Dr Steels.

The nature of deaths in custody since 2004 indicated a shift in where and how deaths were occurring, which were now more common outside of prisons and 'specifically during engagement with police



'Although there's been a decrease in prison deaths, the Watch Committee remains vigilant and essentially the community needs to look at the factors that lead to the high incarceration rate of WA Indigenous people – that is a recipe for disaster and we have to address the root causes'

– DICWC's Marc Newhouse

'As soon as someone is taken into custody (in WA prisons) there is a mental health assessment and then depending on what risks there are then they're put into different areas'

– WA Corrective Services Assistant Commissioner of Aboriginal Justice Neil Fong



prior to, or during an arrest', he said.

While improvements have been taking place in prisons, fluctuations in deaths in WA Police Service (WAPS) custody appear negligible.

Despite the creation of the WAPS Deaths in Custody co-ordination unit in 2005, police deaths doubled between 2004 and 2005.

Headed by Superintendent Fred Zagami, the unit is in charge of co-ordinating policy and investigations relating to deaths in police custody or in the presence of officers attending a call.

The most recent deaths in custody report by the Australian Institute of Criminology confirms a significant national increase in 2005 in 'Category Two' deaths, which occur in custody-related operations, and a doubling of police deaths in WA.

Mr Zagami said 'strict guidelines required deceased persons discovered by police

following an emergency call, to be listed as a death in custody and scheduled for inquest'.

He said there were early signs of some improvement over the past two years, although the National Register of Deaths in Custody official statistics for 2006 were not yet available.

However, the numbers of inquests pending for those who have died in WA police custody during 2006 and 2007 are eight and seven, respectively.

All six people who died in WAPS custody in 2005 were Aboriginal, deaths increased in 2006 but included non-Indigenous people, and several of the 2007 deaths awaiting inquest occurred during custody-related operations.

Dr Steels said police had a duty of care to fellow officers, community members and the alleged offender, but stressed that 'engaging with people of interest can be a difficult task due to heightened emotional states where

anger and violence presents itself to all parties'.

"It is during this period that events may take a tragic path, as indicated by the list of people who have died in the immediate presence of police or during a police pursuit/vehicle chase," Dr Steels said.

"Police require the best professional training available to them that provides them with a greater understanding of human rights, and a far greater ability to effectively engage with the general public in a way that generates respect for themselves and their service."

Dr Steels concluded that police should now be required to video all arrests.

"This can be done by the use of fixed or mobile lens attached to headgear or pursuit vehicles," he said.

"This not only produces evidence for the police, but shows to the courts fair and just processes were used at the arrest."

Marc Newhouse, of the DICWC (WA), told *The Koori Mail* the committee was very concerned about the increase in deaths in custody between 2004-05 in WA, and the apparent national trend of people dying in police chases indicated in the latest AIC report.

He said that despite systems in place through the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommendations and other policies, preventable deaths were still occurring in police custody, 'as seen in the recent inquest into the death of Carl Woods'.

Carl Woods died on 11 April 2006 during his arrest at a house in the suburb of Parmelia after an apparent home invasion.

In November last year, Deputy WA Coroner Evelyn Vicker found that Mr Woods' 0 death was caused by heart failure due to extreme drug-related stress during a violent struggle with four police officers.

Mr Newhouse said that common-sense procedures were not being used by police and the failure of the WA Police Operations Centre to pass on vital developing information to attending officers demonstrated that police systems supposed to prevent deaths in custody were inadequate.

"Although there's been a decrease in prison deaths, the Watch Committee remains vigilant and essentially the community needs to look at the factors that lead to the high incarceration rate of WA Indigenous people – that is a recipe for disaster and we have to address the root causes," he said.

Delegation wants skulls returned



A DELEGATION will travel to Scotland next month to lobby for the return of six Aboriginal skulls held by a museum.

The lobbying effort follows an agreement by the Trustees of National Museums Scotland to return an Aboriginal skull to Australia. The Tasmanian Legal Centre had been lobbying for the return of the skull since 1985, according to the centre's legal director Michael Mansell.

Mr Mansell said the skull's history remained sketchy as the museum had no information about the Aboriginal person, or how the skull came into the museum's collection in the first place.

He said the museum still held the other skulls – two from Victoria, one from New South Wales, and the others from unknown locations.

He said delegates from NSW and Victoria would join him next month on a trip to the museum to retrieve the skull.

"We want it done in a dignified and cultural manner," Mr Mansell said.

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MPs urged to follow agenda

Brokers sacked over loans



MEMBERS of an organisation encouraging democratic participation have ranked respect for

the rights and improved living standards of Indigenous Australians as the third most important issue for the new Federal Government to address, after greater environmental sustainability and more accessible public education.

Just under 33,000 of GetUp's 240,000 members nationwide voted in meetings and online for their top three goals to drive that the organisation has dubbed 'the People's Agenda'.

"This unprecedented exercise in democracy is designed to embolden the new Parliament to act in the interests of progressing these issues," said GetUp Executive Director Brett Solomon.

"This Government was elected by the progressive movement to act on the bigger picture that they

represented an alternative vision for, and now Australia's progressives are telling them exactly what this country needs from them.

The Agenda's top three goals were:

- Becoming environmentally sustainable e.g. climate change, water, forests, marine habitats (71.1 per cent said this should be in the Government's top three goals, 25.1 per cent said it was very important)

- Making high-quality primary, secondary, and tertiary public education accessible to all Australians (41.5 per cent said this should be in the Government's top three goals, 49.6 per cent said it was very important)

- Respecting the rights and improving the living standards of Indigenous Australians (35.0 per cent said this should be in the Government's top three goals, 50.0 per cent said it was very important)

"As a movement, progressives have had 11 years largely acting in opposition to the Government's agenda. But we have a duty not just to oppose, but to aspire and show as much what we are for, not simply against," Mr Solomon said.

"This agenda was created by a very diverse cross-section of the community - people of all ages, all political persuasions and from every corner of the country."

Mr Solomon said GetUp members in every electorate in the country would meet with their MPs in the coming weeks to deliver the agenda before the new Parliament sat in Canberra for the first time in the second week of February.

Other goals identified by GetUp's members included high-quality, prevention-focused and accessible health care, narrowing the divide between the rich and the poor, and withdrawing troops from Iraq and urging the USA to change its approach to the 'war on terror'.



GetUp Executive Director Brett Solomon



A COMPANY which brokered loans to Indigenous people who were unable to repay them has sacked staff and paid \$98,000 to improve outreach services in far north Queensland and the Torres Strait Islands.

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), which investigated loans brokered by United Financial Services in Queensland (UFSQ), acknowledged the payment of \$98,000 to the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) in Cairns.

UFSQ made the payment as part of a package of solutions to resolve concerns raised by ASIC in relation to its finance broking business.

ASIC examined about 200 personal loans arranged by UFSQ for Indigenous borrowers in far north Queensland. The majority of these loans had been arranged through banks between 2003 and 2005 and were used by borrowers to purchase second-hand vehicles.

"Many of these borrowers were dependent on Centrelink payments for their income and were unable to meet the repayments on the loans arranged by UFSQ," ASIC's Acting Executive Director of Consumer Protection, Delia Rickard, said.

"It is essential that brokers, especially those dealing with vulnerable consumers, ensure they place borrowers into loans that they are able to repay."

In response to ASIC's inquiries, UFSQ has also acted to remove staff responsible for the conduct, implement more rigorous eligibility checks for low-income consumers, improve their standards regarding disclosure of information to consumers and upgrade its internal audits of staff.

"We are pleased that UFSQ has responded to our concerns constructively by taking a range of steps which will improve results for borrowers who use their services," Ms Rickard said.

ICAN plans to use the funds paid by UFSQ to enhance its existing outreach services for consumers in Far North Queensland and the Torres Strait Islands.

ASIC's inquiries in relation to UFSQ were made following an investigation by ASIC and the South Australian Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) into personal loans arranged for borrowers in far north Queensland, the Torres Strait, and the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankatjatjara (APY) Lands and Port Augusta region in South Australia.

Is Sam their man?

Story and photo by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



WELL-KNOWN sporting identity Sam Reuben will attempt to become the first Indigenous person elected to Townsville City

Council when the amalgamated super council local government elections are held in March.

The 33-year-old has agreed to run as part of Greens Party mayoral candidate Jenny Stirling's Community Voice team.

"This will provide a window of opportunity for Indigenous people to have an elected councillor and we urge those who are not registered to vote to do so," said Ms Stirling.

"I am confident that 'Sam is the Man' for council. He came highly recommended from within the Indigenous community."

Ms Stirling will stand against sitting Townsville Mayor Tony Mooney and current Thuringowa Mayor Les Tyrell for the top job in the amalgamated super council. Twelve councillors will also be elected each on a salary of \$92,000 annually.

Mr Reuben works for the Yalga-binbi Institute for Community Development and formerly was employed by Centrelink.

He conceded that he had not thought much about politics previously but said he was a person who was in continuous practice of creating positive



Sam Reuben with Jenny Stirling.

change for his people 'so they can establish real solutions to any barriers or problems'.

"Jenny approached me after speaking with several Indigenous leaders in the Townsville district who gave her some positive feedback on my behalf, for which I am honoured and grateful," Mr Reuben said.

"After speaking with Jenny, I thought deeply about her offer and consulted close friends and family on their thoughts on this situation. All their responses were positive."

He said he would like to make a difference for single parents and low-income earners with families, especially when talking about housing.

"Development in Townsville is creating a bigger gap between high income earners and low income earners, so there needs to be something put in place so that local Townsville residents who are on lower incomes can also gain some positive outcome with the development."

"Unfortunately, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders make up a big proportion in the lower income bracket."

Mr Reuben has been a regular at north Queensland All Blacks rugby league carnivals as a coach or adviser, has coached the Indigenous Sharks team in the local A-grade Townsville rugby league competition.

He has also regularly played

with Indigenous side West Indigies XI at the Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival in Charters Towers.

Mr Reuben spoke proudly of his shared Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

"I am a Erubian from Darnley Island, in the Torres Strait, on my father's side, and I am also an Aboriginal from a Daly River tribe, in the Northern Territory, on my mother's side," he said.

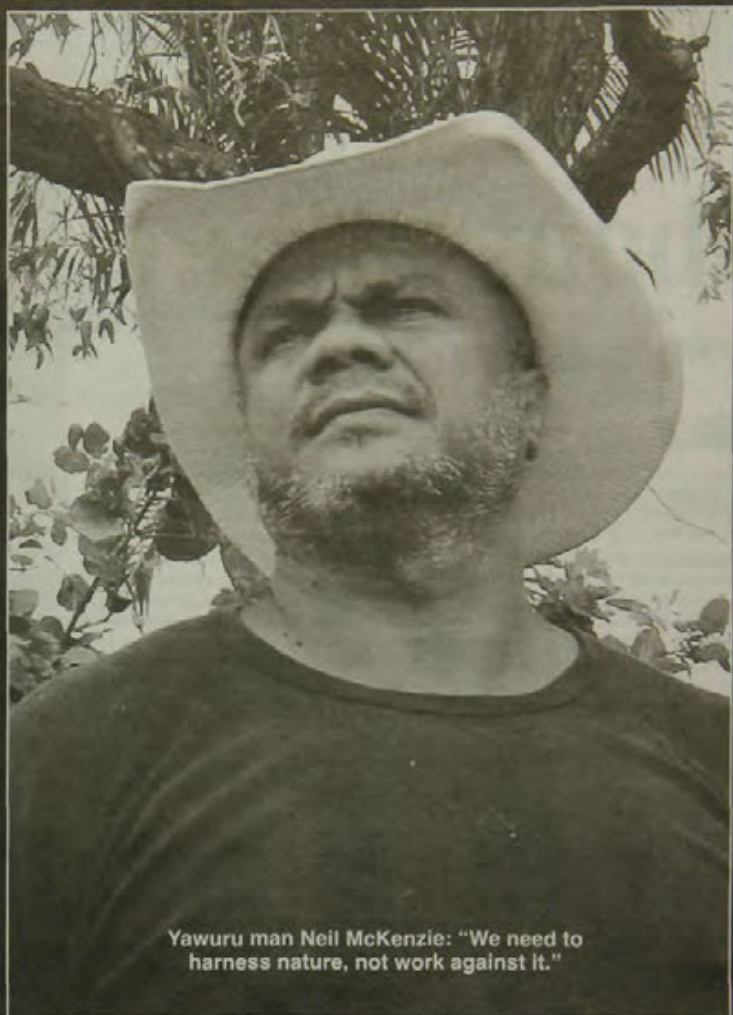
Townsville City Council has never had an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander councillor, a point not lost on Mr Reuben.

"Which is why this is a great opportunity for Townsville Indigenous people to vote for a voice on the council," he said.

Ms Stirling said that while 12 per cent of the population of Townsville and Thuringowa was Indigenous, just two per cent were registered voters.

"A community meeting would be held before the election to provide support for Mr Reuben and this is a chance for Indigenous to voice their concerns about things like the death in custody on Palm Island, domestic violence, over crowding and lack of housing," Ms Stirling said.

Men in fight to protect country



Yawuru man Neil McKenzie: "We need to harness nature, not work against it."

Group sees gas threat to Kimberley

By MARGARET SMITH



ABORIGINAL cultural heritage and wilderness that is home to a range of endangered species is being threatened by plans to build a massive gas development off Western Australia's Kimberley coast, according to two Aboriginal men from the area.

Bardi man Albert Wiggan and Yawuru man Neil McKenzie travelled this month to Sydney as part of a group called 'Save the Kimberley'.

The group had sailed from Broome in the west Kimberley aboard *The True North* to draw attention to their concerns, as Japanese company Inpex awaits WA Government approval to establish a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant on the Maret Islands, between Broome and Wyndham.

Mr Wiggan and Mr McKenzie said they were worried that such a large development, if approved, would open up the region to other resources companies, and the unique wildlife, coastline and country of the Kimberley would be harmed forever. "The mining process liquifies the gas and then freezes it, creating large amounts of waste, which flows into oceans and waterways," Mr Wiggan told *The Koori Mail*.

He said the Maret Islands were home to animals used for traditional hunting.

"It's a huge rock island, and the breeding sanctuary of the green back turtle," he said.

"There's an awesome network of water channels and the tidal movements bring it all together."

Mr Wiggan, who owns a caravan park at One Arm Point, north of Broome, said the islands were also part of Aboriginal

songlines, which could be traced back thousands of years.

He said that all development proposals should take into account that 'Indigenous people like myself are the land, the sea, the wind and the beaches'.

"I've grown up with the sacred lore passed down through generations, and listening to Elders who were our guides," he said.

"We would like to see a sense of pride, and self-power increased in our people. Aboriginal people are still adapting, and I'm still adapting. I'm a result of our people changing with the times."

Mr Wiggan said resources companies like Inpex had 'no idea' of what harm such

smaller-scale development could better involve Indigenous people.

He called for the Kimberley region to be given the same protected status as the Great Barrier Reef.

Inpex spokesman Sean Kildare told *The Koori Mail* that the company was mindful of all these concerns.

He said Inpex was engaged in an extensive process with the WA Government to guarantee environmental and other standards were met and had already done a study of Kimberley beaches and how turtles used them.

"The LNG plant will be a fly-in and fly-out operation, which will have a port on Maret Island, but no towns will be built on

Task Force Senior Communications Officer Gillian Callaghan said.

"It could be at any number of locations and not necessarily on Maret Island. We're looking into the environmental and heritage impacts, then we'll do an in-depth assessment of locations."

"The potential hub may involve going offshore, with more than one company involved."

Ms Callaghan said Woodside and BHP Billiton also were developing LNG plans.

West Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert was also concerned.

"We've been deeply concerned about the way things have been unfolding in the Kimberley for some time. It's one of the last untouched areas in Australia," she said.

The Save The Kimberley organisation is keen for conservation to be the main focus for the way forward, and for 'Indigenous people to become active conservationists'.

"We need to harness nature, not work against it," Mr McKenzie said.

Mr Wiggan and Mr McKenzie are now working towards the establishment of a network of Indigenous leaders in the region who can fight against large-scale developments.

They believe that poor management by government departments is helping mining companies offering development deals which are not properly structured and thought out.

They said they would like to see more effort being made by the WA Government to attract solar and wind farms and tidal energy plants.

Former NSW Premier Bob Carr was also on board *The True North* and said there could be some potential for companies like Macquarie Bank to further explore such matters.

'About 20 Indigenous people work for us, and we are now in negotiation with the Unguu traditional owners about a range of benefits'
— Inpex company spokesman Sean Kildare

developments could do to Aboriginal communities, who were often promised large financial rewards without any real structured system of distribution.

He said the building of ports and towns associated with mining of bauxite, iron ore and uranium — which he feared were all part of certain mining company agendas for the region — could also all have disastrous effects on Indigenous people.

"What eventuates is a large increase in poverty, crime and substance abuse in Aboriginal communities. There's too much at risk," Mr Wiggan said.

He believes that development should instead be geared to 'a sustainable future'.

Mr McKenzie, who runs eco-friendly Larwaru Aboriginal Cultural Tours, said

the island or on the mainland," Mr Kildare said.

"About 20 Indigenous people work for us, and we are now in negotiation with the Unguu traditional owners about a range of benefits."

Mr Kildare said the company would employ more Indigenous people when the plant was built and 'we will take into account the full range of sustainability issues'.

The WA Government is examining the issue of Kimberley exploitation and development, and has set up its own task force to report to the State Parliament.

"We are now looking into the development of an LNG processing hub in the Kimberley," Northern Development

NITV unveils new series about culture



NATIONAL Indigenous Television (NITV) has unveiled a new TV series that addresses notions of identity within

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

NITV Chief Executive Officer Pat Turner was due to launch the *I Belong* series in Brisbane yesterday and the show will start screening on NITV next Monday, 4 February.

It aims to share the rich diversity of Indigenous cultures with the rest of Australia, and will represent communities from the very remote locations like Poruma and Mornington Island to communities in Central Australia, Victoria, WA, NSW, SA and Tasmania.

NITV joined forces with Bush TV Digital and its production partner Carbon Media to develop the series and associated branding campaign.

I Belong brought together the production talents and experience of Remote Indigenous Media organisations such as the Central Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA), Indigenous Community

Television (ICTV), and its partners including PY Media and PAW Media.

Eight Indigenous students and first-time program makers from the Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE were also involved and completed intensive training to film, produce and edit short films as a part of the series.

The students' showcase was part of yesterday's launch.

"*I Belong* brings together the experience of what it means to belong to your culture, and to your community no matter what role you play," a statement from the broadcaster said.

"NITV is an inclusive platform for all Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders and a service which takes pride in building and fostering the talents of Indigenous people to ensure they have a place in the media landscape."

Bush TV Digital Managing Director Wayne Denning said anyone with access to the right technology now had opportunities to produce quality programming, even in the most remote communities.

Tune in to catch *I Belong* from February on NITV, Channel 180 on FOXTEL and AUSTAR.

'I Belong brings together the experience of what it means to belong to your culture, and to your community no matter what role you play'



The first 'Standup for the Burrup' for 2008, outside the Federal Community Cabinet meeting in Perth on 20 January.

UN plan to help save Burrup art

Story by KEN BOASE
Photos by ALITA BOASE



PERTH conservation group Friends of Australian Rock Art (FARA) is planning to take its campaign to

protect ancient rock art on the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia to the United Nations in its latest attempt to halt any further industrial development.

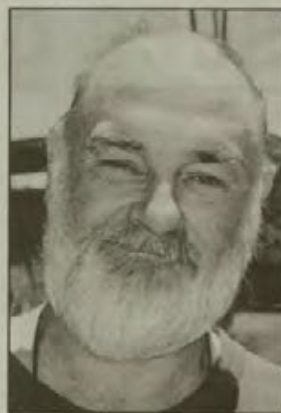
FARA is also planning to conduct 105 'Standups' this year to bring the total number to 200 by the end of 2008, maintaining the international focus on the destruction of rock art on the area now listed on the Australian Heritage Register.

The first Standup for the year was held outside the Federal Government's Community Cabinet meeting on 20 January in Perth, but FARA failed to secure a meeting with new Heritage Minister Peter Garrett or new Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

FARA spokesman Robin Chapple said it was hoped that last year's Coalition Government defeat would herald a new era for the conservation of the rock art and ancient petroglyphs, but Mr Garrett had been silent on the matter despite his past rhetoric on conservation and Indigenous issues.

"I think that most probably his position when he made those statements were genuine, but now you have people like Gary Grey heading up infrastructure development," Mr Chapple said.

"Gary Grey is former



ROBIN CHAPPLE

Woodside (a mining company) and he's the new Parliamentary Secretary helping in that area. I would suggest that Cabinet and Gary Grey and others have just said 'Peter, shut up', and Peter's had to wear it."

The Burrup Peninsula has been listed for several years on the New York-based World Monument Fund's 100 most endangered heritage sites in the world, and the rock art is regarded as the most significant Indigenous heritage site on the planet.

Mr Chapple said that the listing of the peninsula on the National Heritage Register last year by Howard Government Heritage Minister Malcolm Turnbull did not offer any real protection, and attempts were being made at all levels to ensure better preservation.

"The National Trust instigated their first top 10 Australian endangered heritage places and it was one of that top 10, so not only is it internationally recognised now,

it's recognised in Australia.

"In the dying days of the last Government, Turnbull allowed the Woodside Pluto development to go ahead but we also now have a national heritage listing."

Mr Chapple said FARA and its supporters would be turning to international pressure to force governments at State and Federal levels in Australia to properly protect the rock art, which dates back at least 20,000 years.

"This nation was one of the first that joined in signing the UNESCO Treaty in Brussels in 2003 condemning the Taliban for the destruction of the Bamiyan Buddhas and actually signed off on a charter to protect world Indigenous heritage," he said.

"And here we have what is one of the world's most leading Indigenous heritage sites and the WA Government is just not interested."

"We're now turning our focus quite clearly into World Heritage listing. A petition has been launched to the Federal Government to engage with the WA Government in progressing World Heritage for this area."

"And that's listed with the United Nations and it's the only listing that actually puts constraints on development."

A spokesperson for Mr Garrett said the Minister was not in a position to comment at this stage on the Burrup rock art, but he had plans to.

Since development began on the Burrup in the late 1970s, it is estimated that at least ten per cent of the rock art and engravings have been destroyed by industrial expansion.

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Indigenous Recognised Entity Services

The Department of Child Safety has funding available for Indigenous organisations to assist the department to provide services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. Organisations specifically approved for this purpose are called 'Recognised Entities'.

The functions required of these organisations, together with eligibility and assessment criteria, are set out in the Recognised Entity Services Funding Information Paper, which can be accessed via the department's website at www.childsafety.qld.gov.au or by phoning (07) 3224 4546.

Funding is available to organisations in the Aitkenvale, Townsville and Thuringowa Child Safety Service Centre catchment areas.

Intending applicants are advised to contact Trish Walsh, Community Support Team, Northern Zone on (07) 4799 7943.

Funding is available to organisations in the Atherton, Cape Torres, Edmonton and Innisfail Child Safety Service Centre catchment areas.

Intending applicants are advised to contact Pauline Carlton, Community Support Team, Far Northern Zone on (07) 4048 9351.

All Recognised Entities approved through this process will be required to engage with the Indigenous community in their catchment area to ensure that the Indigenous community is kept informed of child protection issues.

Funding submissions must be lodged by Monday 31 March 2008.



Queensland Government
Department of Child Safety

Nyoongar g'day for PM

Story by KEN BOASE
Photo by ALITA BOASE



'HOW ya going, Bridya Cabinet Ministers!' This was the Nyoongar greeting for Australia's new Labor Government

at the first Federal Community Cabinet meeting for 2008, held on 20 January at the Canningvale College in Perth's south-eastern corridor.

'Bridya' means chief, or boss, and that's how Nyoongar Elder Neville Collard addressed Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and his Cabinet Ministers during the official Welcome to Country address to open proceedings.

Mr Collard spoke fluently in Nyoongar language, interpreting in English that he was explaining how the white man came to Fremantle and the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River region).

"Prime Minister, welcome to the land of the Nyoongar people, to the land where our forefathers walked this land for time immemorial, on the footpaths of the land and where you now come with your family of Cabinet members and listen to the people."

"When you fellas return home you'll sit down and talk about what you've seen and heard."



Nyoongar Elder Neville Collard presents Prime Minister Kevin Rudd with a traditional Nyoongar axe. "The first person who should borrow this is (Treasurer) Wayne Swan so he can take it with him when he talks to the bank johnnies," Mr Collard joked.

"A long time ago this was our land and when the Nyoongars met with Captain Fremantle at the mouth of the Swan River they shook hands and the Nyoongars showed them where the waterholes were and the food, and they even built mia-mias for the visitors to live in until they could erect their own homes."

"Now we're all walking together into the future, and in keeping with Nyoongar tradition I have some gifts for you."

The first gift handed to Mr Rudd was a traditional Nyoongar axe or tomahawk, and Mr Collard had some suggestions on how it should be used.

"The first person who should

borrow this is (Federal Treasurer) Wayne Swan so he can take it with him when he talks to the bank johnnies," he said.

"This is made from the limestone you find along the cliffs of the Swan River, and the mixture that binds it to the wood is kangaroo goona (manure) and resin from the grass tree (balka)."

Mr Collard then handed the PM a stone painted with multi-coloured dots as a symbol of the Indigenous communities of Australia.

"I give you this stone which was found by a young Nyoongar boy and he painted it with different coloured dots to represent all of the different skin colours of the Aboriginal people of Australia and the big dot in the middle is you, the Prime Minister, and you have to look after all of us," he said.

The final gift was a message stick, informing the Cabinet of the needs of Indigenous Australians.

"Finally, the Prime Minister is the big bridya, the boss, and he's like the coolbardie (magpie) who goes to great lengths to protect his family and if people tease him he'll swoop and bite his attacker," Mr Collard said.

"Even when the kids have left the nest, the coolbardie will hear their cry and protect them and feed them, and so, Prime Minister, even in times of conflict you have to look after us."

Mr Rudd accepted the gifts in good spirit and humour before he and his Cabinet Ministers got their three-hour community consultations under way, hopefully with a clear understanding of their obligations to Indigenous Australia.



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AN INVITATION TO THE ACT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY

Have your say on the proposed legislation, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Bill 2007.

This Bill will allow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT, to elect a representative body to be involved in developing and implementing government policies affecting them.

Background

The ACT Government has agreed that legislation be drafted to establish new representative arrangements for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in the ACT.

In 2006, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Consultative Council held community consultations in the ACT to seek ideas on how the body would operate. The views and recommendations expressed during these consultations have been reflected in the Exposure Draft Bill — the first step towards the new legislation.

The next step

Further community meetings will be held in February 2008. Members of the public are invited to attend one of the meetings about the Exposure Draft Bill where staff members from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs will be present during the times specified below to gather feedback, provide information and answer questions OR you may prefer to comment in writing.

Copies of the proposed legislation are available at ACT Government Libraries or can be viewed online at www.dhcs.act.gov.au www.legislation.act.gov.au

It is anticipated that the final Bill will be introduced into the Assembly in March/April 2008 for debate in April 2008, elections held in May 2008 and the first Elected Body meeting on 1 July 2008.

Please send your written comments by 11 February 2008 to:

The ACT Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
GPO Box 158
Canberra ACT 2601

Community meetings will be held:

Date: 6 February
Venue: Belconnen Community Centre
Address: Swanson Court, Belconnen
Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Date: 7 February
Venue: Tuggeranong Community Centre
Address: Cowlishaw Street, Tuggeranong
Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Date: 8 February
Venue: Woden Senior Citizens Club
Address: Cnr Corinna Street and Melrose Drive
Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Date: 10 February
Venue: Boomeralla Oval
Address: 34 Goyder Street, Narrabundah
Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

A senior officer from the ACT Electoral Commission will be available at this venue to answer questions.



For more information contact: Oliver Kickett 02 6205 2507 or Terina Barratt 02 6205 2550 Email: terina.barratt@act.gov.au



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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Quote



"A comprehensive response to the Bringing them Home report as promised by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is not licence for him to jam his responsibility for reparations to the Stolen Generations into the Close the Gap campaign."

— Helen Moran, Co-chair of the National Sorry Day Committee

Unquote

Little place, big heart

Those people who do not believe that compensation will help members of the Stolen Generations to 'move on' from their pain should consider the words of Annette Peardon, a Tasmanian Stolen Generations member and staunch campaigner on the issue.

"When I made my speech yesterday, I was shaky. My journey had ended when it comes to the Stolen Generations," she said. "Now I begin another life back on Cape Barren Island. I have become a new person in a sense, it's certainly closure for me, it has been a long haul."

The speech Ms Peardon referred to was the one she gave after hearing Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon reveal last Tuesday the details of payouts approved under the \$5 million Tasmanian Stolen Generations fund.

That was in Tasmania but the federal battle remains. The Rudd Government is preparing to issue a national apology to the Stolen Generations but is steadfastly refusing to even consider payment of compensation.

It says its focus is on closing the gap in health standards and life expectancy between black and white Australians.

In effect, the government is trying to dress up a citizenship right i.e. equitable access to good health, as a gift.

But while its commitment to closing the gap is commendable and streets ahead of the last bunch, it does not deliver justice for the Stolen Generations.



Last April, when she was Opposition spokesperson on Indigenous Affairs Ms Macklin told the ALP National Conference that the Labor Party was different to the then-Howard Government 'because we are not afraid of hearing what Indigenous people actually think and want'.

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

The government must demonstrate that respect now, not just by sitting in a room with our people but listening to and hearing them.

It must ensure that the 'comprehensive response' it has promised to the Bringing Them Home Report responds to the report recommendation of full reparation.

That is, acknowledgment and apology, guarantees against repetition, measures of restitution, measures of rehabilitation, and monetary compensation.

It must display honesty and fearlessness; things that a little island State served up in spades last week.

A Yarn With...



CHRIS HUNT

**Health Worker
Tamworth, NSW**

Favourite bush tucker?
Porcupine.

Favourite other food?
Anything with chicken.

Favourite drink?
Orange Juice.

Favourite music?
All kinds, except heavy metal.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Rugby League.

Favourite holiday destination?
Anywhere the kids will enjoy.

What are you reading?
Rugby League Week.

What are you watching?
National Indigenous TV.

What is your greatest highlight in life?
My children Rhiannah, Kobe and Jayden.

What do you like in life?
Time with the family.

What don't you like?
Racism.

Who would you most like to meet?
Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
All my mob.

What would you do to better the situation of Indigenous people?
Promote health and education.

What would you most like to see happen?
All people treated as equals.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

HENRY Peter Brougham (1778-1868) a British writer, scientist, lawyer, Whig politician and abolitionist, once said: "Education makes people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave."

Cape York Institute Director Noel Pearson must be congratulated on his visionary approach to overcoming Indigenous education disadvantage in remote communities. His ambitious plan revealed in *The Australian* on 17 January to recruit experienced teachers and the brightest graduates to work in the most disadvantaged Indigenous communities by offering performance-linked incentives of up to \$50,000 a year, tax-free, is an achievable goal that should produce positive outcomes.

I say should as I'm well aware of the enormous obstacles from first-hand experience of the abysmal track record of some educators who are partial to peddling their draconian schooling philosophy of the noble savage in their daily instruction.

I recall in the early 1980s a bad experience in my final year teaching training practice at a Townsville primary school that adversely impacted my goal of being a teacher.

So incensed was I of the racist material presented in the Queensland Primary School syllabus of Aboriginal people being blatantly referred to as thieves, rapist and murderers that I approached my supervising teacher to ask if I could use my own resources instead of the set text.

When the teacher, with support from his principal, emphatically denied my request, I knew then that I would need to consider a career change – hence my move to Canberra to work under charismatic leader Charlie Perkins instead of clocking on as a teacher in a Queensland school the following year.

I knew I couldn't bring myself to teach such racist nonsense when one-third of my class was Indigenous. It would have been insufferable for me to have provided such erroneous instructions to those students cognisant of the impact I would have had on their fragile self-esteem.

Most Indigenous people can recall awful experiences of being victims of racist name calling in the schoolyard.

And back in those bad old days when the head of my State was the ultra conservative Premier Joe Bjelke-Petersen, it appeared teachers were at ease in dismissing or at least turning a blind eye to racist taunts in the playground.

So of course many of our mob don't have fond memories of their schooling years and are suffering through limited work opportunities today.

Many experts contribute school as a whole to the failure of many Indigenous students, but I also believe a single bad teacher can turn a promising child into a problem child through ineffective teaching practices.

But have things really changed in the past two-and-a-half decades since my ill-fated experience in one of Townsville's inner-city schools in the 1980s to suggest teachers are more open-minded today?

While the descriptive language of the noble savage may have been modified or at least tinged with balanced rhetoric of some of the achievements of Indigenous sporting heroes to cite in recent times – there is certainly no empirical evidence to suggest the

Overcoming education weakness



● **LEFT:** Columnist Stephen Hagan (centre at the rear) with other Indigenous teacher trainees from Townsville College of Advanced Education in 1980.

transmission of culturally appropriate teaching from educators has improved.

I lecture in a progressive university where Australian Indigenous Studies is a compulsory core unit for all trainee teachers, but despondently, only 5 per cent of my annual intakes would qualify as having a basic operational knowledge of Australian Indigenous peoples after 12 formal years of schooling.

The extent of their limited knowledge is acquired, it would seem, from undertaking dot paintings on boomerangs or minor projects of the happy nomads in primary school during NAIDOC Week, or visiting a site of significance on a school excursion in a national park.

Some students may have been fortunate to have had regular visits from a local Elder to their class or developed a good friendship with an Indigenous school friend and hence an appreciation of their culture. That, however, would be more the exception than the rule.

Teachers predominantly don't teach quality Indigenous studies because they haven't been provided with adequate course work during their studies on the topic at university.

But more than likely, most teachers in the classroom today are too busy mastering other difficult school subjects such as maths or science and basically don't view their Indigenous studies as a priority subject to warrant more than a scant overview.

It never ceases to amaze me how non-Indigenous students can provide some background information on American Indians or African tribesmen, but fail dismally



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

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many teachers would be able to walk into a remote Indigenous classroom with any degree of confidence if they haven't undertaken a core unit on the topic during their tertiary studies.

Even then, a single course with no follow-up practical work would be deemed 'light on' when venturing into the unfamiliar environment where very few children pass the national benchmark for literacy or numeracy.

On top of that is the traumatising experience of living in a remote community that wouldn't look out of place in a Third World country.

Having said that, I do believe Noel's plan will work if he has the commitment from the Education Ministers in Queensland and the Northern Territory and a preparedness by their respective senior education bureaucrats to pro-actively support his proposal at all levels of its operation, eg, practice teaching supervision, suitable accommodation, adequate resources and fully functional air-conditioned classroom facilities.

Most importantly, the plan must also include the provision for commensurate remuneration (pay) for Indigenous teacher assistants who will undoubtedly be called upon to do the lion's share of tuition and daily supervision of family clan groupings within the classroom and to liaise with parents out of school hours whose language at home is not English.

I would like to think that Australia has matured as a nation eight years into the new millennium where a child who started their education in a remote Indigenous community can fit comfortably into secondary school and continue on to tertiary level and sit at ease in a medical,

law or engineering class of their choosing.

I believe Noel's \$67-million plan is a significant Indigenous education policy shift that ought to be supported by the State and Federal governments as well as sponsored in full by the mining sector who benefit most from mineral wealth generated from Indigenous lands.

Although many Indigenous commentators have previously raised the issue of generously remunerating teachers in remote communities for outstanding school results – this is the first time that the concept has a total dollar figure fixed to it.

Whether you love or loathe Noel, he has the capacity nevertheless of getting his message on to the front pages of newspapers and consequently is able to elicit instant responses from the Government.

However, I qualify my comments by adding that this plan will be doomed to failure if it is not supported by all levels of government in addressing the atrociously high demand that exists in these communities for adequate accommodation of local inhabitants.

I believe that even the brightest of students in these communities will struggle to attain a satisfactory school report card if they have to compete with members of three or more families permanently occupying the same dwelling.

Waiting in turn to have a shower in the morning or to use the toilet and then competing for the limited food; cereals for breakfast and bread to make lunch would be taxing on an adult, let alone a child. It may be stretching it a bit to expect the child in the overcrowded house to find a piece of fruit in the refrigerator for morning tea.

So as you could appreciate the offer of money – as much as \$50,000 tax-free – for experienced teachers is a step in the right direction, but will not gain the desired outcomes if the home environment isn't also remedied.

I would also like to see financial incentives offered to all tradespeople who are in urgent demand in those communities – carpenters, plumbers, mechanics, electricians etc.

As an urban Indigenous person, I'd hate to experience a malfunction of my toilet or have a power failure at home or realise a major mechanical problem with my car or sustained serious storm damage to my house. Worst still, I'd hate to be told over the telephone that the nearest tradesperson is 1000 kilometres away and I'll have to make do for at least another four weeks.

So, yes, there are many things we take for granted in large rural and urban areas. And if there is one thing I'd like our brothers and sisters to enjoy in the remote communities the most – it would be equity in the provision of goods and services.

For the most part, I would like to see normality as an everyday occurrence so that children in remote communities can begin their school life with an expectation that they too can fulfil their dreams of being a plumber, actor, stockbroker or Prime Minister because their school offered the same educational opportunities as any private school in any Australian city.

As I think of the innocent children who continue to be affected by poor education opportunities in remote communities, I think of the famous words of Henry Peter Brougham who once said: "Education makes people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave."

Female President is a first for Congress

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FOR the first time in its 35-year history, the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, an Aboriginal community controlled health organisation in Alice Springs, has a female President.

of Congress for the past seven years.

"My hope is that strong leadership will bring more Aboriginal community involvement in this organisation," said Mrs Kantawarra, whose father, Benno Davis, was involved in setting up Congress.

Successful

"I see myself as carrying on his dream. It has so far exceeded all of his expectations as a successful Aboriginal health service organisation. He would be very proud of it today.

"I think electing a woman to the position is extremely significant. It was always such a traditionally male position, but the community has come a long way and it wants change and modern leadership and that is very positive.

"I am coming in at a very exciting time. For the last two years Congress has supported the community with their health service at Yuendumu which serves Willowra, Yuendumu and Nyirripi, Western Aranda Health Advisory Committee and Areyonga. The Mutitjulu community has

now approved for Congress to work with them on their health service.

"We believe you get better health outcomes when bush communities have more control over their health services

"The organisation is in great shape and well placed to strengthen its current services. It's an honour for me."

Congress services Alice Springs and the area within a 100km radius.

Last year the organisation saw 6300 patients and another 1700 from outside its service area.

Missy helps to Close the Gap



At the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service are, from left, Chief Executive Officer Dr Naomi Mayers, singer/songwriter Kev Carmody and ARIA winner Missy Higgins. Photo by Matthew Vasilescu/Oxfam Australia.

ARIA award-winning singer/songwriter Missy Higgins added some star power to the Close the Gap campaign recently when she visited Australia's first Aboriginal community controlled health service, in Redfern, Sydney.

A vocal supporter of the campaign to narrow the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians, Higgins met with Aboriginal health workers at Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) to gain an appreciation of the work being done by Indigenous Australians to improve their own health and wellbeing.

She was joined by Aboriginal singer Kev Carmody, who she already knows well after joining him and Paul Kelly to sing a new version of the song *Droving Woman* on Carmody's latest album *Can't Buy My Soul*.

"We hear so much about the health crisis affecting some Aboriginal communities that we forget to look beyond the headlines and to acknowledge that up and down the country Indigenous Australians are taking positive steps to

improve their health, like here in Redfern," Higgins said.

"One of the problems is that Aboriginal Medical Services tend not to receive the funding required from State, Territory and Federal Government to help them take the necessary steps to narrow the 17-year life gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

Redfern AMS Chief Executive Officer Dr Naomi Mayers, an internationally recognised authority in Aboriginal health, said she was thrilled that Missy Higgins supported Close The Gap.

Powerful example

"It's fantastic to see people like Missy Higgins standing up for Aboriginal health because it sets a powerful example for others to support the campaign," Dr Mayers said.

The Redfern AMS was established in the early 1970s and pioneered the concept of Aboriginal community controlled health care to improve the health standards in Aboriginal communities across Australia.

In Redfern today, Indigenous people can access a range of services such as women's and children's health care as well

as diabetes and heart screening.

The health service also has a dental clinic, drug and alcohol unit, eye clinic, mental health service and even a chiropractor. "It's a known fact that Aboriginal medical services are well placed to provide Aboriginal people with the care needed to improve their health," said Dr Mayers.

Close The Gap calls on governments at State, Territory and Federal level to commit to a plan to narrow the 17-year gap in life expectancy within a generation. The campaign focuses on the need to:

- Invest at least an additional \$460 million a year to begin to meet the primary health care needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander control and participation in the delivery of health services
- Address critical social issues such as housing, education and self-determination, which contribute to the Indigenous health crisis.

"We want to see the 17-year gap in life expectancy closed within a generation. It is a challenge Australia can meet. It is time to close the gap," Dr Mayers said.



French given an eye full of Koori Mail

SOME people will do anything to get into *The Koori Mail*.

Brisbane-based business consultant Neil Willmetts flew to the other side of the world to have his picture snapped with our humble paper, in this case in front of the iconic Eiffel Tower on the Champ de Mars beside the River Seine.

Okay, we admit the dapper Murri was actually in the romantic capital of the world for a vacation. But we're chuffed that he took us along for the ride.

"I'm a big fan of *The Koori Mail* and currently subscribe to it. I brought a copy over with me to read on the long flight," Neil told us by email before his return to Australia on 23 January.

"To prove that I am really here (and that *The Koori Mail* is read by Murris all over the world) I have attached a few photos for you taken at the Eiffel Tower the day before Christmas. Feel free to publish them!"

So there you have it. Neil has a big year planned for 2008, including the establishment and launch of an Aboriginal business magazine and a book on the same topic.

If any other readers take *The Koori Mail* with them when they travel to interesting, exciting or exotic places, and can send us a photo, we'd love to hear from them.

Just drop us a line (with a high-resolution or large format photo attached) at email: editor@koomail.com

At the end of the year, we'll gladly award a year's *Koori Mail* subscription to the reader whose travel location takes the cake.



Land councils, Elders should have the say

**Open letter to Federal
Indigenous affairs Minister Jenny
Macklin (dated 12 January 2008)**

Dear Minister
Re: 'On a promise' (Koori Mail,
Page 7, 5 December 2007)

We extend our congratulations to you on your appointment as Minister, on the Australian Labor Party's decisive victory and on the Prime Minister's directive to 'roll up the sleeves' and get stuck into the tasks ahead.

As Indigenous Elders and family representatives of the Ngugi people, part of the Quandamooka Nation of south-east Queensland, our family, along with other families, have always advocated the need for a national representative body.

The delegates to this body, we believe, should be elected by our land councils and the family representative and Elder councils that are already operational throughout this great land, with funding made available for this process to occur as was the case during the period of ATSIC.

This national representative body, however, will differ to the ATSIC membership process which was by popular vote, thus contravening the

rights of traditional owners to self-determination.

Traditional owners are the only people with rights to speak for their estates and to make decisions regarding these estates, and this includes decisions on land, seaways, waterways, airways, natural resources that abound throughout the estate and the benefits that flow from these resources.

As Elders, we have witnessed the handover of the Barunga Statement to Bob Hawke, the Paul Keating Redfern Park address and, now, the anticipated Rudd Labor Government's apology to the Stolen Generations.

Indigenous representatives from various organisations throughout the country have confidence in the Rudd Labor Government to fulfil the rights of Indigenous Australians, as do we.

UNCLE BOB ANDERSON
Quandamooka, Qld

Dr ROBERT VINCENT ANDERSON
OAM
Greenslopes, Qld

Dr PENNY TRIPCONY AM FRACE
Mt Ommaey, Qld



Jenny Macklin

Hagan's comments were spot-on



Stephen Hagan

I commend Stephen Hagan for his article (Koori Mail, Page 21, 19 December 2007) on the Aurukun case and the notion that consent to intercourse might be granted by a 10-year-old child.

In his comments that the gang rape of a young girl was not consensual in the legal sense but was in the general sense, the Crown Prosecutor Steve Carter demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of why consent could not legally be obtained from the girl.

When did we decide that children are not

children but are adults, with an adult's understanding of actions and their implications? Children and young people are growing up, not grown up.

Working together, we can support them to do this so that they are healthy and empowered, both now and into the future.

JENNIFER DUNCAN
Executive Director
Youth Affairs Council of South Australia
Adelaide, SA

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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- EDITOR

YOUR POETRY

Women's Love and Precious Meeweese

I'm a black woman that seeks true friendship
With love and respect, and a joining together thinking about how it used to be and how we would like it to be.

For the love, for our children,
For the dream, for our children,
And for our children's dreams.

Living in a world of confusion is not an easy life
Our children suffer not seeking their goals
Our children suffer our pain
And their own,
Not able to reach their dreams.

So reach out together as one
For the love,
For our children
For the dreams, for our children,
And for our children's dreams.

CLARA CAMPBELL
Adelaide, SA

Little One

Ten is only a decade of life Little One.
In the eyes of the spirit of love and wisdom, you are only a child.

The wind has enjoyed your company.
Trees have opened their branches for you to climb.

Every drop of rain has wanted to soak your smile with more happiness.
These important threads of innocence were once your virtue.

Now a sun that's often sparkled in your dreams has a tear in its eye.
Now a full moon that's brought you hope in the night has shrunk into a tiny crescent.

Now the heart in the pit of your tiny chest has been mangled through a shredder.
We are ashamed little one.

MARUNTA HOPE
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Lifelong Planning Support Strategy

Disability Services Queensland is seeking expressions of interest from non-government service providers to provide a community model of early intervention and prevention.

Funding is available through this new initiative to provide transitional support for people with a disability living and participating in the community.

Applications will need to demonstrate a strong community focus.

Application packages are now available online at www.disability.qld.gov.au/sngo

For more information call 3247 3566

Applications close 4pm March 17 2008



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Koori Business Network Victorian Indigenous Business Directory

Is your business listed in the Victorian Indigenous Business Directory?

If you are an Indigenous person operating a business in Victoria, the Koori Business Network (KBN) invites you to submit a free listing of your business in the 2008-2009 Victorian Indigenous Business Directory.

The Directory provides a comprehensive listing of Indigenous business operators and resource providers in Victoria and is a valuable promotional and marketing tool for your business.

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Your Say

Apology a 'must'

I would like to respond to Sonya Shanks' letter titled 'The Need for an Apology' (Koori Mail, 16 January 2008).

I think that it is wrong for you to write such a negative letter to Indigenous Australians.

The last thing our First People need are negative comments. They have plenty of that, thanks to unenlightened people like you.

What we, as non-Indigenous Australians can do is to be positive and work together. If you are not willing to do so, save your comments.

I fully support an apology and, yes, there is a need for an apology. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

have every right to demand an apology.

The continuing struggle for survival, equal rights and justice for the past 40 years is nothing to you.

You say an apology will be a step backwards. I don't think so, and I am sure that I am not the only person who thinks that way.

The comparison that you gave (about a national apology from the current Government being like 'asking for an apology from the daughter or son of a person that's done wrong by you') made no sense.

NILDA MANE-MIRABOOKA
Community Welfare Worker
Lower Hunter, NSW

Australians are hypocrites of the modern world

Australia pretends to be a tolerant, humane and just country, while, for the past 219 years, Australians have been systematically practising genocide in this country on the First Nations.

They deny us a right to a nationality, calling for reconciliation, the Australian Government's cover for assimilation. Assimilation is genocide.

There is not one country that Australia has not condemned and this is reflected in the bias and censored reporting of the Australian media. The same network that reported a biased and misleading report on Tom Cruise and his religion was the same network who interviewed an American scientist who claimed to specialise in Australia native fauna and flora.

He says kangaroos in Canberra are over-populating because of the demise of the dingo, which is the kangaroo's natural predator and is becoming extinct.

He and the ACT Greens leader Deb Foskey failed to mention that the kangaroo was a staple diet in Aboriginal societies and the genocide of our People also contributes to the over population of kangaroos.

Kangaroos are not vermin. Australia has used our animal as an 'Australian icon' and now they are condemning them to slaughter.

The land lice (sheep) have done more damage to this country than any other imported animal. Have the Greens noticed that wherever there have been sheep, there is drought? The Greens do not have a Black policy and have never consulted Aboriginal people on the Australian environment, but they are the 'experts'.

The NIHRCA does not condone the killing of whales, but we do agree with the Japan on one thing: That Australians are racist intolerant hypocrites.

The Oxford Australian Concise Dictionary reflects the character of the nation. In this book of the bastardised language of English is every conceivable derogatory racist name one could imagine: Wog, Degos, pommy, coon, boong, nip, geek, Abos.

Look in the mirror Australia. Your illusion of your humanity will be immediately shattered.

LEE ANNE NANALA
DAYLIGHT-LACEY
National Indigenous Human Rights Congress (NIHRCA)
Canberra, ACT

YOUR POETRY

Untitled

Why do we kill our warriors,
Why do we keep them down,
Inflicting pain upon them,
Setting them up to drown.

The chosen among us,
To lead the way,
We constantly make them pay,
For every wrong deed.

We tell them our words they should heed,
Instead of healing the broken spirit within,
We damage them further
For every so-called sin.

Cut them down
Lock them away, fill them with drugs
So broken they stay.

DEIDRE CURRIE
Tweed Heads, NSW

Beside the River

Let me sit beside the river
Where dreams still flow,
I'll stay there till the morning
Beneath the moonlight's glow.

I'll listen to the owl
And feel the gentle breeze,
Curl up beside the fire
Sipping Bushell's billy tea.

I'll stare closely at the shadows
Formed by branches and falling leaves,
Then imagine ancient spirits
Dancing freely in the trees.

When sleep finally calls
I'll lie down in the dirt,
And sink deep into a dream
Until the suns rebirth.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

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

If you have published a poem in *The Koori Mail*, then it will have been indexed in the AustLit database: 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@australlit.edu.au:

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To have a look at AustLit and Black Words go to www.austlit.edu.au and when prompted use the following access details:

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And keep on writing!

Researching our railway gatekeepers

I am researching the wonderful men and women who operated railway gates, whether it was on a branch line or a main line.

These people were an invaluable part of the Railway operations. They also played a part in the economy of villages, towns and cities.

I would be very interested in photos and names of people who operated the railway gates.

I am also looking for people who were drovers who

went in the brake van when livestock were carried by rail, and for Indigenous people who were barracks attendance with the railways from the start to current day. The term barracks attendance was a place where train crews ate and slept until they were rostered for their train home.

I can be contacted on 0431 186 982.

GREG STANDEN
Bathurst, NSW

Fluoride: Beware the dangers

I wish to wholeheartedly endorse Sharon Livermore's fluoride concerns (*Koori Mail*, 16 January 2008) and congratulate her for having the gurras to speak up. Be under no illusions, the fluoride that is being added to our drinking water is a known toxic poison and a known threat to our DNA just like DDT and Thalidomide.

In supporting Ms Livermore's fluoride concerns, I would like to bring to your readers' attention the fact that the fluorides used to fluoridate our drinking water are toxic industrial waste fluorides from the phosphate and aluminium industries.

These known toxic waste fluorides (sodium fluoride and sodium silicofluoride) are linked directly to 15 health concerns and indirectly to another 46 disorders of the bodies endocrine system.

Australia's National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) permits the mixing of these toxic waste fluorides with our drinking water at levels of up to 1500 parts per billion (ppb). At these levels, these toxic fluorides are almost 400 times greater than that which nature permits our children to be exposed to in breast milk (mothers' breast milk may contain natural calcium fluoride at levels of up to 4ppb).

At 1500ppb, these toxic fluorides are also at levels 150 times greater than the maximum allowable level for lead in drinking water.

The 1984 Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products reports lead to be less toxic than fluoride, and the NHMRC's drinking water guidelines set lead's maximum allowable level in drinking water at just 10ppb.

In promoting Queensland's decision to fluoridate its drinking water, Teeth for Health Project Manager of the NSW North Coast Area Health Service John Irving (*Koori Mail*, 16 January 2008) fails to inform your readers that in 1997 a Brisbane Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Fluoridation (<http://www.fluoride-journal.com/98-31-4/314-232.htm>) rejected fluoridation.

So what has changed to cause the new Queensland Premier to overturn Brisbane City Council's opposition to fluoride?

TERRENCE KIERNAN
National Health and Medical Research Council
Health Volunteer Awardee,
Community Service Category,
and Author of 'Fluorides
Health Concerns Index'
submitted to the Queensland
Government Fluoride
Consultation 2008

YOUR POETRY

Moods in Motion

Moods will take you any
where
Be it here or over there

Moods will take your life's
control
In your heart and in your soul

Moods will take you on to
depression
You see people's faces
And their different
expressions

Moods can take care of all
expectations
And muck up family and
relations

Moods always have most say

Moods are thoughts we
cannot change

Moods are mostly re-arranged

If I could change these moods
of mine

I'd never had drunk beer,
whisky or wine.

FRED CLARK
Nowra, NSW

To my friend

I want you to know that you're
not alone,
I'm here for you any time, just
pick up the phone.
Tell me your worries and let
go of your fears,
I'll be right by you, to wipe
away your tears.

There's a part inside you that
I know is great,
Free from anger, and grief
and hate.
Just give it time, and this
goodness will grow,
You'll feel much better, and it
will show.

Pick yourself up, when you
fall,
It's all that matters anymore.
You have to carry on - it's not
just for you,
You're here for your family
and your friends too.

I know sometimes that you
just can't cope,
And you feel so low that you
give up hope.
But try not to be scared, it'll all
be fine,
Just give me a call and I'll
throw you a line.

Determination, focus, love
and humility,
These qualities are inside
you, I want you to see.
And when you find these little
seeds,
Water them kindly, coz they're
all you need.

Life will never be perfect, we
know that already,
But when joy comes, you
better be ready.
Rays of sunshine, here and
there,
Stay strong in the meantime
and try to care.

ANGIE FAYE MARTIN
Canberra, ACT

YOUR POETRY

Christmas

Christmas came
and went
What a hollow
event,
Bright lights,
fake smiles,
Plentiful junk in
shopping aisles.

"It's the birth of
our saviour

So let's drink to
excess,
Fill our bellies to
the brim
And forget about
the rest."

If Jesus were
here
He'd shake his
head,
Then boil with
anger
His face bright

red.
His message
murdered
By cold closed
hearts
To cries for help
That drift in the
dark.

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'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.

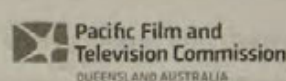
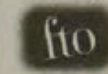
CLOSING DATE: Friday 8th February, 2008.

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 • or visit the website: 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.



childsafety

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Placement and Support Services in Indigenous Communities

The Department of Child Safety has grant funding available for non-government organisations to provide placement and support services in the remote Indigenous communities of Aurukun, Kowanyama, Weipa/Napranum and Pormpuraaw.

The purpose of this grant funding is to deliver four supervised residential care services, each providing placements for six children or young people, and a related family intervention service. These services will provide safe places for children and young people who have entered the statutory child protection system, so that they are able to safely remain in their community while their longer-term needs are being assessed.

The functions required of these organisations, together with eligibility and assessment criteria, are set out in the Indigenous Community Residential Care and Family Intervention Services Funding Information Paper, which can be accessed via the department's website at www.childsafety.qld.gov.au or by phoning (07) 3224 4546.

Intending applicants are advised to contact Pauline Carlton, Community Support Team, Far Northern Zone, on (07) 4048 9351.

Funding submissions must be lodged by **Monday 7 April 2008.**



Queensland Government
Department of Child Safety



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Tribute



The late Dr Doreen Kartinyeri, pictured in Adelaide, South Australia.

Genealogist a fighter for her people

SHE might have been small in stature but Dr Doreen Kartinyeri knew how to pack an almighty spiritual punch. An encyclopaedia on the genealogy of South Australian Aboriginal families, she was more publicly recognised as the spearhead in the 1995 Ngarrindjeri women's battle against building Hindmarsh Island Bridge.

Doreen was one of six siblings born to Thelma Kartinyeri (nee Rigney) and Oswald (Oscar) Saunders Kartinyeri.

Her mother died when she was young and she witnessed welfare authorities removing her newborn sister. She never forgot that image and understood the pain of the Stolen Generation.

When authorities later returned searching for her, she defiantly climbed a big tree and hid until they left.

She was only allowed to attend Raukkan School to Grade Three and then mothered younger children whose own mothers were focusing on the newborn. She carted water from Lake Alexandrina, chopped wood and later worked as a maid.

At age 17, Doreen moved to Point Pearce (Narungga country) on Yorke Peninsula where she met her late husband, Terry Wanganeen, whom she married in the 1950s.

They had nine children, fostered 23 others and had 91 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dr Kartinyeri became involved in the Narungga

Dr Doreen Maude Kartinyeri

Aboriginal genealogist

Born 3 February 1935 at Raukkan (Point McLeay, Ngarrindjeri country), South Australia

Died 3 December 2007 at Point Pearce, South Australia

country's community council and school council and many other programs.

She moved to Adelaide in 1975 and assisted Professor Gary Gale to pursue family histories, becoming the SA Museum's Family History specialist. She compiled Aboriginal family genealogies for many families including the Rigney, Wanganeen, Kartinyeri, Sumner and Wilson families.

In 1995, the University of South Australia awarded Doreen an honorary doctorate. Her work offered direction for many of our Aboriginal stolen and lost children, creating 'the map' to help them find their way home.

She was a member of the Children in Care Inquiry which identified many Aboriginal children taken away from their families since the early 1900s.

Conversely, she was deeply hurt by allegations that Ngarrindjeri women fabricated their story during the Hindmarsh Island Bridge Royal Commission and equally distressed that a handful of Ngarrindjeri women, known as the 'dissidents', gave

evidence against the Ngarrindjeri majority. She stoically led Ngarrindjeri who decided not to give evidence during the Royal Commission.

In 1989 she released her first book, *Poonindie: The rise and destruction of an Aboriginal community*, followed by *Ngarrindjeri ANZACs* (1996) as a tribute to her three uncles, who died for their country and whose names are on Adelaide's War Memorial, and *Narungga Nations* in 2002.

An avid campaigner for reconciliation, she became a notable public speaker to black and white audiences.

Some of her many awards include the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee Award (NAIDOC) as Aboriginal Person of the Year. She endured great hardship, showed great strength and never lost her fighting spirit.

Doreen was diagnosed with stomach cancer in 1998, but continued to commute between Point Pearce, Port Germein and Adelaide, maintaining her relationships with her children, while spending her later years with Uncle Syd Chamberlain and his three children.

Doreen has left a priceless inheritance to future Aboriginal generations.

KATRINA POWER
Adelaide, SA

This tribute first appeared in *The Advertiser* newspaper in Adelaide and is reproduced here with the consent of Dr Kartinyeri's family.

Dewayne's following his dreams

Story and photo by Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



WHEN Aboriginal singer/songwriter Dewayne Everettsmith walked away from last year's Australian Idol after not making it into the Top 12, he was far from disappointed.

"It was the most stressful week of my life, but I walked out with nothing but positives. That's how I knew music was me and I was music," he said.

The 20-year-old artist from Tasmania said his stint with the hit TV show gave him the confidence to give up his day job and follow his dreams.

"It gave me the direction I needed, it gave the answer to my question - can I do this?" he said.

When Everettsmith next week leaves his day job, as a health worker with the Aboriginal Health Service in Hobart, he already has a swag of local gigs lined up.

And Melbourne music fans will be able to get a taste of his soulful acoustic tunes when he supports Archie Roach at Richmond's Corner Hotel in Melbourne on 6 February.

Everettsmith couldn't be more excited.

Exciting invitation

"Archie and his manager invited me to support them over in Melbourne after supporting them here (Hobart)," he said.

"Are there words that can describe how you feel when Archie Roach asks you to support him? You feel like you've accomplished what you need to when you get an invite like that!"

But there is a lot more to be accomplished. Shortly afterwards, Everettsmith will travel to Sydney to work with a successful Australian producer and songwriters. To top it off, Archie Roach has offered to collaborate on a track for the album Everettsmith hopes to have launched this year.

"I'm doing something I'm meant to be, something my soul, my spirit tells me, it's like I've got to do it," he said.

"I'd like to be respected, I'd like to be remembered for the music I made and my vocal ability and to touch people with my music more than be a number-one selling artist. And inspire young blackfellas.

"Being a number-one seller would be a bonus. I'm not denying I'd like to be a headline act one day."

Dewayne Everettsmith - a young man following his dreams, and he couldn't be happier.

Payouts a feature of WA compo scheme



THOUSANDS of West Australians who suffered abuse and neglect while under the protection of the State could be eligible for up to \$80,000 compensation under a new Government scheme.

Victims and WA's Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) last month welcomed the move, but warned the lessons of the past must be learned.

The WA Government estimates up to 10,000 people may be eligible for payments under the scheme, including members of the Stolen Generations, migrant children and children placed under State protection in foster care, institutions or church care before March 2006.



'I hope this is a lesson for government that you can't put people in care and have them abused' - ALS WA chief Dennis Eggington

Through the Redress WA scheme, victims of abuse or neglect would receive an ex-gratia payment of up to \$10,000, or up to \$80,000 if there was evidence they suffered physical or psychological harm.

They would also receive an official apology from the State Government, but would no longer be able to pursue civil litigation against the State through the courts.

WA Premier Alan Carpenter apologised to all children who had been abused while supposedly under State protection.

"To those people who were abused as children through the Stolen Generation, through child migrant schemes and through a failure of the State to protect them as children in care, we unreservedly apologise to them and hope we can, through this method, seek to re-address some of the pain

they have suffered," the Premier said.

As part of the compensation package, the Government will provide financial counselling and independent legal advice for people considering applying for the program.

People have one year from May to apply for compensation.

Child Protection Minister Sue Ellery said the Government would spend the year getting the message out to as many people as possible about the scheme.

ALS WA Chief Executive Dennis Eggington said hundreds of Aboriginal people removed from their families had contacted him.

"I hope this is a lesson for government that you can't put people in care and have them abused," he said. - AAP

BARLINGS BEACH ABORIGINAL PLACE, TOMAKIN, NSW
 Lot 3 DP 1016146 – 8.87 hectares
 Proposal to categorise this Council owned Community Land as an Area of Aboriginal Cultural Significance in a Draft Plan of Management for the land.
 Eurobodalla Shire Council is seeking submissions on this proposal. Please send submissions to Eurobodalla Shire Council, PO Box 99, NSW, 2537 by Friday 15 February 2008.
 For further information including maps and research material please contact Eurobodalla Shire Council's Plans, of Management Officer, Deborah Purss on 02 4474 1374 or deborah.purss@eurobodalla.nsw.gov.au.

Numbahjng Native Title

Application NSD 124/07

Meeting to Amend the above claim

Cabbage Tree Island Health Centre on Monday February 4th, 2008, starting at 6.00pm.

All those who are descendants of Papa John Jack Cook or are traditional Bundjalung who believe they hold Native Title rights over our country are welcome.

Enquiries: Contact Susan Anderson on 66 879 762. **Supper provided - petrol receipts covered for people from outside area.**

HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Hawkesbury Nepean Aboriginal Community Meeting – 7th February 2008

The Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority invites all Aboriginal community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues in the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority's area.

The Aboriginal community meeting will run between 10am to 12noon in the Waratah Room at Lithgow Workers Club, Lithgow.

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Paul Houston on (02) 4587 0061.

Draft Memorandum of Understanding between Queanbeyan City Council and Queanbeyan Aboriginal Community

Public notification period
 21 January 2008 until 18 February 2008.

The draft Memorandum of Understanding between Queanbeyan City Council and Queanbeyan Aboriginal Community has been placed on public exhibition from Monday 21 January 2008 until Monday 18 February 2008.

If you wish to make a submission regarding these fees and charges please write to the General Manager at the following address to be received by close of business on Monday 18 February 2008.

A copy of the MoU will be available at Council's Customer Service Centre and Library and on the web site.

General Manager
 Queanbeyan City Council
 PO Box 90
 QUEANBEYAN NSW 2620
 Email - council@qcc.nsw.gov.au

For further information or to discuss the MoU please contact: Philippa Moss, Manager, Family Services and Community Development, (02) 6298 0202.

18 January 2007.



Gerringong to Bomaderry Princes Highway Upgrade January 2008

Seven feasible options to upgrade the Princes Highway between Gerringong and Bomaderry are currently on display for community comment until 29th February 2008.

Community members are encouraged to participate in upcoming consultation activities.

Information sessions from 10am to 3pm.

- Gerringong Town Hall, Fern Street, Gerringong, Saturday, 2 February 2008
- Berry School of Arts, Alexandra Street, Berry, Saturday, 9 February 2008
- Bomaderry Community Hall, 19 Birniey Street, Bomaderry, Saturday, 16 February 2008

The project team will be available to discuss the seven options and answer any questions. Other information on display will include 3D drive throughs and flyovers of the short listed options.

For further information contact the project info line on 1800 506 976.

Hero film a winner for Bordertown students

By PETER ARGENT



A FILM created by South Australian Year 3 students about an Aboriginal woman's fight to preserve her children's freedom has won an international short film prize. *Feather Flowers*, a film by students from the Bordertown Primary School, three hours east of Adelaide, won the elementary school category in the 'My Hero' Short Film Festival in Los Angeles. The film gained entry by winning an SA New Media Award.

Created by Emma Hunt, Meg Wearne and Lacey Meecham, the film revolves around Aboriginal Elder Jessie Clarke and her trademark flowers, originally made with feathers plucked from emus and other birds.

She sold them to white people for ornamental purposes, and the flowers have become a constant reminder of her culture and its history.

They also represent Jessie Clarke's battle to keep her family intact during the Stolen Generations era.

Despite being treated as a second-class citizen for decades, Mrs Clarke retained her dignity, and resolved to preserve her Aboriginal heritage.

Emma Hunt believes that her grandmother's strength and ability to overcome a host of obstacles makes her a hero.

Emma's mum, Kerry Hunt, (a Tatiara Aboriginal Heritage consultant), believes the film has given the local Indigenous people wider coverage than anything previously.

"The film is very good and I didn't think it would go so far," Ms Hunt said. "A lot of people said this is really special."

"It was an extraordinary film because it led into the Stolen Generations and



Jessie Clarke is a hero to her granddaughter Emma. They're seen here with some of the feather flowers which inspired the title of Bordertown Primary School's award-winning short film.

Photo courtesy of Border Chronicle

those who fought to retain their freedom and heritage.

"The film embraces everything we've been working towards. This is a big thing for Aboriginal Australians – particularly the educational aspect – because it can be used as a resource in the schools."

Ms Hunt said she expected the exposure to lead to increased interest in the district and its Aboriginal heritage.

Film festival Director Wendy Millette said *Feather Flowers* was selected for 'the quality of the work and a touching

story well told, that fits wonderfully into our hero theme'.

The My Hero project is a global educational resource used by teachers and students, with aims to promote critical thinking of the meaning and impact of heroes and how they overcome obstacles to achieve their goals, including freedom.

Sadly, the star of the show, Emma's grandmother, 92-year-old Mrs Clarke, could not attend the awards.

"(But) if I was a few years younger I would have jumped at it," she said.

Festival time for St Kilda



A FOUR-DAY Indigenous festival, Yalukit Wilam Ngargee (YWN) or 'People Place Gathering' in Boon Wurrung, will kick off this year's St Kilda Festival today, 30 January.

Like the festival itself, Yalukit Wilam Ngargee is produced and presented by the City of Port Phillip and is free to all.

Now in its third year, YWN begins at 6pm today with a wominjeka/welcome ceremony arriving by sea on St Kilda Pier. A flotilla of sculptures and puppets based on the Boon Wurrung creation story of the two bays, Western Port and Port Phillip, will make its way along the pier and then along the foreshore to the St Kilda Sea Baths.

At the baths, there will be a forum on the latest scientific and cultural mapping of the two bays. Live music with Lou Bennett and Sweetcheeks and Rory Ellis rounds off the evening.

The festival features a visual arts workshop at Gasworks, an Indigenous trail walk, a music forum and a workshop for health workers, together with a night of short films and a screening of *Liyam Ngam*, the documentary featuring Archie Roach, Pat Dodson and English actor Pete Postlethwaite.

Musician Kev Carmody heads the line-up for the main Yalukit Wilam Ngargee festival day on Saturday, from 11am-11pm at O'Donnell Gardens, next to Luna Park.

Creativity

"The explosion in Indigenous music, art, dance, theatre and film over the past 30 or so years has released an enormous amount of creativity in this country," says Port Phillip Mayor Janet Cribbes.

"It's also transformed many Australians' understanding of Indigenous Australians and their long and rich

culture. More Australians have been swayed by (and swayed to) the music of Yothu Yindi than 1000 well-meaning speeches by people like me."

Other acts on the program include Bart Willoughby from Yothu Yindi and No Fixed Address plus Deline Briscoe band, Kutcha Edwards and band, the Broilga Boys, the Maza Sisters, Andy Alberts and The Walkabouts, Tjamba and the Yung Warriors plus the solo performing artists Christine Ward, James Henry, Rory Ellis and poet Den the Fish.

Also on the bill are the Snuff Puppets a giant puppet spectacle about bunyip, and The Connies, a performance troupe born of the 112-year tradition of Melbourne's tram conductors. Comedian and hip-hop artist Sean Choolburra will MC the event.

For more information, go to the website at www.stkildafestival.com.au/yalukit-wilam-ngargee

On his bike for a good Little cause

By KIRSTIE PARKER



STEVE 'Tizza' Taylor isn't your average bloke.

When he learned at last year's Garma Cultural Festival how kidney disease was devastating

Aboriginal people's lives, he decided to get on his backside – rather than off it – and do what he could to help.

On 1 October, the Sydney-based carpenter and singer/guitarist/drummer set out to ride his BMW motorbike 6500-kilometres from Broome in Western Australia back to Sydney to raise awareness and funds for the Jimmy Little Foundation (JLF) which is dedicated to improving Indigenous kidney health.

It didn't hurt that the organisation's founder and patron was Australian 'living treasure' and fellow musician Jimmy Little, himself a kidney recipient.

'Tizza's 2 Wheel Trek', charted on the JLF website www.jlf.org.au, took him to hundreds of towns, communities and Aboriginal art centres in WA, the Territory and Queensland before his home State of NSW.

By the time Tizza steered his bike into Lismore and to *The Koori Mail's* office in

December, the amount raised was already around \$8000.

Next week, Tizza and Jimmy will call upon their combined musiz biz contacts to help pull a crowd for an official welcome home and fundraising event in Steve's usual stomping ground of Manly.

The 'Tizza's Big Thing' gala event will be held at Manly Rugby Union Club at 7pm on Saturday 9 February. It'll feature popular Aussie bands GANGgajang and Matt Finish, with special appearances by Mardi Pannan and Jimmy Little himself.

Artwork donated from Aboriginal communities along the way and other items including two beautiful pearls from Broome will be auctioned on the night.

Admission price will be \$25, a tax-deductible donation to the JLF.

While Tizza sounds more altruistic than many less modest people, he insists he got as much out of the trek as he gave – and not just in smiles, encouraging waves and endless cups of teas from supporters en route.

"The trek gave me a purpose, it gave me focus and it put me on a crash course in Aboriginal education because I think I needed it," he said. "I've worked out that I didn't know everything."



Jimmy welcomed Tizza back to Sydney in December. They'll be joining forces for a combined welcome home event and fundraiser next weekend.



These young fellas joined Tizza in Healthy for Life program activities at Oenpelli in the Arnhem Land region of the Northern Territory, about 320 kilometres east of Darwin, during November.



Tizza visited kidney patient Billy Campbell in Darwin's Nightcliff Renal Unit during a stopover in October.

Indigenous grants and scholarships available



A RANGE of Indigenous grants and scholarships are available through the Foundation for

Young Australians (FYA).

The FYA's Indigenous Small Grants program provides funding to Indigenous organisations and organisations that work with Indigenous young people and communities to develop new initiatives.

There's also support for the expansion of existing successful initiatives. Indigenous Small Grants offer funds up to \$5000 to

successful applicants.

Applications for Indigenous Small Grants can be made at any time during 2008, with two funding opportunities throughout the year.

Applications need to be received by 12 May 2008 to be considered in the next round.

To find out more about Indigenous Small Grants, log on to www.youngaustralians.org or call (03) 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316.

Buzz Grants: Buzz is a grant round offering flexible support for young musicians, sound artists and music-related arts workers

through grants of up to \$2500.

Buzz is a program devolved to The Foundation by the Music Board of the Australia Council. Buzz grants are a strategy of the Australian Government's Young and Emerging Artists' Initiative. Buzz Grant applications close on 3 March 2008.

Robert Riley Scholarship:

The aim of the Robert Riley Scholarship Program is to promote the pursuit of justice and human rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through supporting education of young Indigenous people.

Up to four scholarships of

\$5000 each will be awarded to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 25 years or under for the pursuit of studies in the fields of law, legal practice, human rights, child protection, criminology and criminal or juvenile justice. Applications for Robert Riley Scholarships close 4 February 2008.

The Spark Fund: The Spark Fund provides funding support for young people aged 12-25 years to 'ignite an innovative idea' which makes a positive contribution to the community and enhances their skills and experiences.

Applications for the Spark Fund

can be made all year, with the selection committee meeting three times during the year to decide on applications received. Applications for Spark Fund are now open.

Youth Run Organisations Sustainability Grants: Youth Run Organisations Sustainability Grants are a two-stage sustainability grant of up to \$270,000 over three years that will be available to support youth run organisations to undertake a sustainability study to determine their needs and priorities and develop and implement a sustainability plan to achieve their goals.



Townsville cabbie Kay Nettey near her taxi parked outside 4K1G on the day of her audition.



Kevin Fujii, 17, from Thursday Island, at his audition.

Hopefuls join TI Taxi ranks

Story and photos by Townsville correspondent ALF WILSON

TSI TOWNSVILLE woman Kay Nettey was able to draw on some real life experiences last month when she joined about 40 other people to audition in the north Queensland city last month for roles in a new television series, *TI Taxi*. The series will be about a family that runs a taxi service on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.

"My father is from Badu Island and my mum from Murray Island and I have been a taxi driver in Townsville for a year now so I thought I would audition," Ms Nettey said.

Casting agent Greg Apps and series company director Aaron Fa'aoso conducted the auditions in a room at the offices of Radio 4K1G. Similar auditions for men and women aged between 17 and 45 were held at Bamaga, Cairns and Thursday Island.

"We're very happy with the people who have auditioned here for about six major roles and a lot of sub roles. The series will go into

production in early to mid 2008 for showing on SBS later in the year," Mr Fa'aoso said.

Kevin Fujii, 17, from Thursday Island, also auditioned and described the process as exciting. "I think it will be a good series," he said.

Enthusiastic Kevin also got to do a radio interview with 4K1G General Manager Velma Gara, the host of the popular Ailan Voices show, which is heard up to the Torres Strait. Ms Gara co-ordinated the Townsville auditions.

Casting room

La Von Getawan, 16, with family on Darnley and Badu Islands, was in the casting room when *The Koori Mail* stopped by.

She was asked for a happy story and questions such as who was her favourite singer.

Waiting for their auditions were Mervetz Whaleboat, Jeremy Pau, and Moses Kaddy (Murray Island) and Taleah Malone (Darnley).

Gail Mabo (Murray) and Sasarino Pedro (TI) also waited eagerly for auditions. "I enjoyed the audition," Gail said after it finished.

TI Taxi will be a comedy series

being developed by the people who made the award-winning, mini-series *RAN: Remote Area Nurse*.

Four of the *RAN* team have formed a company called Pixa House to produce film and television featuring Torres Strait Islanders and their stories.

Company directors are Aaron Fa'aoso and Charles Passi (both of whom had lead roles in *RAN*) and Penny Chapman and Helen Panckhurst (*RAN*'s producer and co-producer).

Pixa House has already signed deals to develop two major television series.

TI Taxi is the 'first cab off the rank'. The series will be directed by Ted Emery, who directs smash hit *Kath & Kim*, and is written by Torres Strait Islanders John Harding, Norah Bagiri, Aaron Fa'aoso and Charles Passi, with script producer Matt Cameron, of *Seachange* fame.

New Zealander Oscar Kightley, of *Bro'Town* and *Naked Samoans*, is also working with the team.

TI Taxi will be shot entirely on Thursday Island, with the Pacific Film and Television Commission also financing development.



Gail Mabo, left, and Sasarino Pedro preparing for their auditions. Both are hoping for roles.



Pixa House's Aaron Fa'aoso (left) and casting agent Greg Apps in the *TI Taxi* audition room with aspiring actor La Von Getawan.

Wadeye violence... Prison 'won't cut it'



SENDING gang members from the troubled Aboriginal community of Wadeye to prison is not stopping them attacking each other or trashing the community, a court has heard.

Aboriginal Legal Aid lawyer Chris McGorey said riot-related offending in the Northern Territory community was on the increase, with offenders forming even stronger gang affiliations during their time behind bars.

One of the largest Aboriginal communities in the Territory, Wadeye - about 350km south-east of Darwin - has a history of violence between rival gangs the Evil Warriors and Judas Priest Boys. It most recently came to a head on Christmas Day and Boxing Day,

when warring youths took to the streets armed with machetes, spears and rocks. They destroyed houses, damaged the roof of the council building and terrified locals.

Six of the 40 people arrested over the fights faced Darwin Magistrates Court this month, where Mr McGorey said he had personally dealt with up to 80 cases related to gang violence since February 2006.

At least three-quarters of those people had been sent to jail but it was not uncommon for him to see them appear before the court again, on the same charges.

"In my humble submission, jail is not proving a deterrent at present and sentence tariffs for this type of offences over the last two years ... has dramatically increased ... and the rates of offending have not declined at all, they have continued to increase," he said.

"How effective is the current approach?" he asked the court, adding he could count at least eight incidents of rioting since 2005.

"That's just the tip of the iceberg ... (and) in my respectful submission there is

no sign of this offending abating in any way."

While the courts were powerless to address the underlying causes of the problem, such as poor socio-economic conditions and unemployment, Mr McGorey said he supported new ways of sentencing, such as a community court.

"The rates of offending have not declined at all, they have continued to increase," he said. "And they come out of there (prison) identifying themselves more in terms of that antagonism of the Evil Warriors and Judas Priests."

In addition, Mr McGorey said prison did not have the same stigma in Wadeye, where fathers, brothers or cousins had often served time.

"When you are going into serve a term of imprisonment it is likely one or more of those persons are in there," he said.

Wadeye has been earmarked as one of the first Aboriginal communities to engage in the community court process, which is designed to include Elders and other community members in the judicial process.

But Director of Public Prosecutions spokesman Richard Coates said the recent

rioting was too complex a matter, involving large numbers of offenders, to be used as a trial for the process, and it would be hard to find Elders to sit on the court who were impartial.

Following submissions in Darwin Magistrates Court last week, Magistrate Melanie Little said she feared a community court could exacerbate tensions in the community.

Already 25 men have appeared before the criminal court over the recent rioting and eight people have been remanded in custody.

The riot cases will now proceed through the criminal court, with most charges carrying a maximum of 12 months' jail. - AAP

'The rates of offending have not declined at all, they have continued to increase...'

- Aboriginal Legal Aid lawyer Chris McGorey



Sacred Ground narrator Natasha Wanganeen with Quenten Aglus.

Tahiti screening for heritage battle film

A FILM that centres on a group of South Australian Aboriginal traditional owners who fight for their culture and heritage will be shown at the Pacific International Documentary Film Festival in Tahiti at the end of this month.

Sacred Ground is a poignant and moving story of resilience, dispossession and powerlessness.

The film was five years in the making for Quenten Aglus and his family who fight to save what is left of their heritage and culture.

The documentary's producer and director, Kim Mavromatis, said it was a great honour for *Sacred Ground* to be chosen in competition 'among a wonderful selection of films'.

"It is *Sacred Ground's* first film festival screening and I'm looking



Quenten and Irene Aglus at Wattle Point Wind Farm, which features in the documentary.

forward to attending the festival," he said.

"I'm proud of my talented crew, the ABC and state and national film agencies who supported the film, but

most of all I'm really proud of Quenten and his family, who had the guts to stand up, to speak out and express their views, to fight for what they believe in - *Sacred Ground* is their story."

The major festival features films by international filmmakers about the Pacific region, which boasts a varied and thriving cultural heritage, synonymous with dreaming, mystery and exploration.

Sacred Ground was broadcast last year on the ABC, and was developed and produced in association with the SAFC South Australian Film Corporation, AFC Australian Film Commission and ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation).

For details on the *Sacred Ground* film go to www.sacredground.com.au

On behalf of the Association Management Committee
Notice is hereby given for the

17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated.

It will take place on THURSDAY, 6th MARCH 2008 at Swiss Grand Resort - Corner Campbell Parade and Beach Road, Bondi Beach

Commencing at 1:00pm Sharp.

The AGM & Annual Conference will take place from Thursday 6th until Sunday 9th March 2008.

For further information please

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Facsimile 02 9550 3361.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

Expressions of Interest

Victims of Violent Crime Grants Program

2007/2008 Victims of Violent Crime Grants Program - second round calling for expressions of interest

Applications for funding under the 2007/2008 Victims of Violent Crime Grants Program are invited from eligible incorporated, non-profit, community-based organisations that provide services to victims of violent crime.

The aim of the program is to provide opportunities for offenders, through profits from prison labour programs, to make reparation to the community through financial assistance to victims of crime support organisations.

A maximum funding allocation of \$15,000 per organisation is currently available for non-recurrent projects and resources. Applications which seek to assist the following priority target groups are particularly encouraged: children & youth; people in rural and isolated areas; Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people; people from a non-English Speaking Background; people with disabilities; and older people.

Note: Organisations already granted funds under this program need not apply.

For application forms, further details or any general enquiries, please contact Ms Tova Podjarski by: e-mail at Tova.Podjarski@dcs.nsw.gov.au or telephone on (02) 8346 1064

Application forms can also be downloaded via the Department of Corrective Service's website at:

www.dcs.nsw.gov.au "Community Engagement" Community Funding Programs "2007-08 VOVCGP Application Package - 2nd EOI"

Applications close Monday 10 March 2008. Ref: 0712-47

Domiciliary Care SA

Aboriginal Services Worker

ADELAIDE (temporary full-time)
\$53,115-\$55,569 pa (OPS4)

Domiciliary Care SA (Dom Care) is a community-based, SA Government organisation that is committed to the provision of culturally safe, client focused services aimed at maximising client independence.

We provide integrated home and community support services for people in the community with reduced capacity to care for themselves.

The Aboriginal Services Worker is accountable to the Team Leader to assist and support Aboriginal people to remain in the community, improve their quality of life, and facilitate equality of opportunity to receive Dom Care services.

The incumbent will work collaboratively with allied health staff, clients and their families to facilitate and coordinate home based support services.

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Enquiries to: Shane D'Angelo, Aboriginal Services Development Officer, Telephone: (08) 8275 0797 (for Job & Person Specifications see note below), Email: Shane.D'Angelo@dcsa.gov.au

Applications to: Maria Trimboli, Assistant HR Consultant, Domiciliary Care SA, 19-21a Belmore Terrace Woodville SA 5011

Note: To obtain a copy of the Job & Person Specification refer to the careers section on our website www.domcare.sa.gov.au

Please forward an original application plus two copies, quoting the vacancy number. Applicants are required to address all of the essential and desirable requirements of the person specification in their application. Applicants may be required to undergo a criminal history check and / or medical examination.

Applications Close:
5pm, Wednesday 13 February 2008



Another step to Closing the Gap

AUSTRALIAN blues and roots artist John Butler is trying to make a difference to the life expectancy in Indigenous peoples.

One Small Step is the name of his first official solo release, where \$1 from every CD sold will be donated to the Close the Gap Indigenous health campaign.

The John Butler Trio and country star Keith Urban supported the campaign in

November last year by donating the sales of the download release of their live ARIA Award performance of *Funky Tonight*.

Butler said he wanted to do something a little different while touring around the world. "The idea was to capture a selection of songs, not as a band but solo and if we were lucky, maybe have a live album at the end of it," he said.

"It's live, warts 'n' all but it's a moment in time I enjoyed and am proud to share.

"It's also a great pleasure to be collaborating with Oxfam and many other NGOs to continue to bring attention to the Close the Gap campaign."

Spread word

Butler will help spread the word further with an Oxfam stall present at shows on the upcoming 'Union of Soul' national tour.

Oxfam Australia Executive Director Andrew Hewlett said his organisation was thrilled that Butler had devoted his

live solo album to Close the Gap.

"His support is a major campaign boost to narrow the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders," he said.

"I urge all Australians to sign the pledge at www.closesthegap.com or at one of the Oxfam Australia stands at John Butler Trio's 'Union of Soul' tour."

● John Butler's new solo album *One Small Step* was released last week.

Call for volunteers



SYDNEY'S Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras has come a long way since its beginnings 30 years ago.

Notwithstanding organisers' disappointment at the level of government funding for the festival, it is now acknowledged as a major social event which injects millions of dollars into the Sydney and broader Australian economies, with thousands

Sydney Mardi Gras approaches

of visitors attending from around the world.

This year's festival will run from 9 February to 2 March and as usual, one of the concluding events will be the Mardi Gras parade.

The AIDS Council of NSW (ACON)

is sponsoring and supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parade entry and has put out a call for volunteers to support it.

The parade will travel from Sydney's Hyde Park, up Oxford Street and ends at Moore Park Road on the evening of Saturday 1 March.

Mardi Gras co-ordinator for the ACON Aboriginal Project Shaun Edwards said the Indigenous float needed ten Indigenous drag queens for a 'Blackbooty' section (inspired by star drag queen RuPaul's new movie *StarrBooty*), 25 volunteer male and female dancers, six volunteer paparazzi cameramen/women to take photos, ten Indigenous role models/celebrities, four volunteer marshals and four water boys/girls, and 40-50 community family and friends and Elders.

"Our community, is very important and to help us celebrate we invite you to join us," Mr Edwards said, asking Indigenous people to register their interest quickly.

"The parade entry is our way

of expressing our diverse community, our past, our future and a long, healthy and happy life. Making safe and healthy decisions is important."

Rehearsals for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parade float will be held from 4-29 February.

To register, or for more information, contact Shaun Edwards on mobile 0401 304 148, through the ACON switchboard on (02) 9206 2000 or via email on Shaun_Edwards@hotmail.com.

Also part of the Mardi Gras festival will be *Hand in Hand*, the first exhibition of its kind - featuring Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Maori, Samoan, Niuean and Fijian artists based in Australia, Aotearoa and USA.

Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative's annual Sydney Mardi Gras exhibition is an opportunity for Indigenous artists across the Pacific to participate in a celebration of international standing through an exhibition program that openly challenges dominant views on sexuality.

The exhibition is held in collaboration with the

Performance Space @ CarriageWorks and ACON in Australia.

The artwork featured will focus on non-conventional media including the moving image, installation and also inter-disciplinary media including performance art, music and adornment.

Hand in Hand artists include Gary Lee, Jeffery Samuels, Tracey Moffatt, Arone Raymond Meeks, r e a, Darrell Sibosado, Clinton Nain, Adrian Wills, Dianne Jones, Moana Nepia, Niwhai Tupaea, Sionelagi Falemaka, Dan Taulapapa McMullin, Claudine Sartain, Salote Tawale and artist/curators Jenny Fraser (Australia) and Shigeyuki Kihara (NZ).

Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative: Opening reception 8 February from 6pm-9pm, closing reception 28 February from 6pm-9pm. Exhibition duration 8 February until 4 March.

Go to websites at www.boomalli.org.au and www.performancespace.com.au for more information.

Performance Space @ CarriageWorks: 'Hand Over' performance night: 15 February from 6pm-9pm. Exhibition duration 16 February until 15 March.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Framlingham Aboriginal Trust
Date received: 9 January 2008
Public comments due: 15 February 2008

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by the Framlingham Aboriginal Trust for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area; and
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to: Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001
Email: vaahs@dpdc.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9208 3243
Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

Child protection in New South Wales

We want to hear from you!

An Inquiry, independent of the government and welfare agencies, is looking at child protection in NSW. We will look into things like:

- Who reports child abuse and neglect to DoCS;
- What DoCS does with reports made about abuse and neglect;
- How DoCS deals with the children and families that have been reported to it;
- What services are available to children and families;
- What other services would you find useful; and
- Foster care and kinship placements.

We want to hear about your experiences with DoCS and your concerns about child protection. If you want to talk to us about your experiences or concerns, please contact us before 11 February 2008 by calling us at freecall 1800 442 819 or writing to us at:

Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW
PO Box K1026
HAYMARKET NSW 1240

You do not have to identify yourself if you don't want to. The information you provide can remain confidential if you wish - but please indicate this clearly at the top of your letter.

You are also welcome to attend public forums about particular topics. The following forums will be held in Court BA, at Level 8, John Maddison Tower, 86-90 Goulburn Street, Sydney:

| Topic | Date | Time |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Mandatory reporting | 15 February 2008 | 10am - 1pm |
| Role of courts | 22 February 2008 | 10am - 1pm |
| Out-of-home care | 29 February 2008 | 10am - 1pm |
| Role of oversight agencies | 28 March 2008 | 10am - 1pm |
| Interagency co-operation | 4 April 2008 | 10am - 1pm |
| Health and disability | 11 April 2008 | 10am - 1pm |
| Assessment model and process | 18 April 2008 | 10am - 1pm |
| Early intervention | 23 April 2008 | 10am - 1pm |
| Indigenous communities | 24 April 2008 | 10am - 1pm |

There will also be a number of public forums in regional parts of NSW in March 2008. The locations, dates and times of these regional forums will be advertised in the *Koori Mail* in the coming weeks.

If you would like further information, please go to our website: www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/cpsinquiry or contact us on: freecall: 1800 442 819; phone: 02 9377 5400; fax: 02 9377 5411 email: cps_inquiry@agd.nsw.gov.au



Special Commission of Inquiry, into Child Protection Services in New South Wales.

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From left are Liz Tobane, Joe Choolburra, Noel Choolburra and Darren Tobane at Mingela between Charters Towers and Townsville.

Darren catches up with his mum

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



WHEN Townsville Murri Darren Tobane didn't get to see his mum Liz on Christmas Day, he wanted to be sure that they spent quality family time together at the start of 2008.

In fact, it was a New Year's Resolution for the 36-year-old Darren to ensure that he caught up with the 61-year-old Liz.

So in late December, Darren drove his trusty white Falcon sedan to Charters Towers, 130km away, to pick up Liz.

Darren was accompanied by his mates Joe Choolburra, 41, and Joe's brother Noel, 39. Joe and Noel are brothers of renowned Indigenous entertainer and comedian Sean Choolburra.

The *Koori Mail* unexpectedly met up with the four at the small hamlet of Mingela, 87km

from Townsville, and 43km from the 'Towers'.

Mingela has a permanent population of just 20 and the four were on the way back to Townsville after the trip to Charters Towers.

"I come from Palm Island but have been living at Charters Towers for the past three years and was so happy to see Darren and the lads come and get me," Liz said.

Darren said that he had wanted to see his mum on Christmas Day, but transport problems arose.

"I wanted to make sure that she was with us in Townsville at the start of the New Year and that has happened," he said.

Quietly spoken Darren was stunned to think that *The Koori Mail* would meet up with them at such an offbeat place as Mingela, which once was a thriving town with a school, post office, general store, police station and school.

"That paper has its office in Lismore and I read it all the time, but never dreamed I would be in it one day," he said.



Enjoying the meal are, from left, Doug Lenoy, Jackson Kerr, Earl, and Gavin Ernst.

Barbie raises awareness

Story and photos by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



HOMELESS Indigenous men and women were among a large group who attended a free barbecue on Townsville's upmarket Strand last month.

The Homelessness Action Group of Townsville organised

the barbecue to raise awareness about the homelessness issues, to provide an opportunity for those who are homeless to have a voice, and to encourage local residents to sign petitions to gain additional housing. It was an alcohol-free event and was held near the surf life saving club and half basketball court.

Townsville City Council representatives attended and a police spokesman told *The Koori Mail* that of the 200 homeless Indigenous people in the city, about 90 per cent were Aborigines and 10 per cent were of Torres Strait Islander descent.

Former champion Palm Island Barracudas rugby league star Hosea Murphy was with a group of homeless people who enjoyed the meal, which included apples and bananas.

"We have had the food cooked for us and it is very tasty," Mr Murphy said.

Food 'tops'

Four homeless people, Doug Lenoy, Jackson Kerr, Gavin Ernst and Earl, who didn't want his surname printed, also said the food was 'tops'.

"We're having a meal and enjoying each other's company," Mr Lenoy said.

Colleen Friday and Erica Noble thanked the organisers for the nutritious food. "A lot of people have turned up here," they said.

Dianne Kawan, from Moa Island, enjoyed the food and said it was a very worthwhile event, which was appreciated by the homeless people.

"We have a lot of hardship and it was good to have lunch served up to us," she said.

Simon Poi Poi, from Thursday Island, also said he enjoyed a great lunch cooked for him and the others.

"I want to say hello to my friends and family in the Torres Strait," Mr Poi Poi said.

The Homelessness Action Group is an initiative of the Townsville Women's Centre FNQ and was set up to raise homelessness awareness and bring about changes to address the issue.



Three of the guests at the barbecue.



ABOVE: Colleen Friday, Hosea Murphy and Erica Noble at the barbecue.



LEFT: Hosea Murphy with Townsville Client Support Worker Vassa Hunter.

Kids-in-care figures shocking – Macklin

INDIGENOUS Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has described figures released last week which showed that Indigenous children were up to seven times more likely to be in care than other Australian children as shocking.

The latest Child Protection report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) showed there were 28,441 children in out-of-home care in 2007.

According to the report, Indigenous children were over-represented in those figures, being seven times more likely to be on a care and protection order.

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Schedule A

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National Health Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for the Centre for Clinical Research Excellence (CCRE) Scholarships

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous students are being called to register their interest in applying for a CCRE Scholarship to conduct research in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander chronic disease. The research program is being conducted by the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) CCRE in conjunction with researchers from the University of Queensland, James Cook University, University of Wollongong and Monash University.

The CCRE will offer scholarships to support CLINICAL, POPULATION and SOCIAL HEALTH, and HEALTH SERVICES research in chronic disease prevention and management with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations. Scholarships will be offered towards Honours, Masters, Professional Doctorate and PhD degrees, commencing in 2008. Vacation scholarships can also be supported.

Students will require enrolment at a CCRE university partner institution or as otherwise agreed. More information is available from Dallas Leon, CCRE Centre Manager (email: dallasleon@qaihc.com.au or ph: 07 3360 8444) Expressions of interest must be submitted by 5.00pm on Monday 3rd March 2008.



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Tasmanians converge



Entertainers Josh Langford and Archie Roach take a break after the show.



Brooke Bourke, Takira Simon-Brown, Jasmine Mansell, T-shirt designer Sharnie Everett, Kaninna Langford and Takani Clark sporting this year's putalina festival T-shirts. The design features a string of shells – one for each ancestor returned home last year.



● **ABOVE:** This mob want to see their smiling faces on the cover of *The Koori Mail*. They were singing *On the Cover of The Koori Mail*, adapted from Dr Hook's 1970s classic song *On the Cover of The Rolling Stone*.

● **RIGHT:** Members of the The Mabb Mob were there, too. The festival proved a great chance for family and friends to catch up and have a yarn.



Oyster Cove comes alive

Story and Photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL people from throughout Tasmania converged at Oyster Cove in mid-January beneath an ever-growing

plume of smoke for the annual putalina Aboriginal music festival.

As local and interstate performers played, only 1km away emergency services water-bombed a bushfire burning out of control. It was fought under control two days later. The Tasmania Fire Service had considered cancelling the event, but the wind on the day was kind, pushing the fire away from the site so the show did go on.

And what a show it was.

The crowd laughed to the wise cracks of comedian Sean Choolburra and rocked to the sounds of Dan Sultan and his band. Long-time festival favourites Ruby Hunter and Archie Roach also played, as well as a talented line-up of about 40 local Aboriginal performers, from tots to Elders.

Mother of three of the talented local performers, Erica Short, even made a special trip back home from working in Darwin to perform too, and vowed to be back next year for the Tasmanian Aboriginal

community's biggest annual community event.

The festival, which is in its 24th year, is a showcase of local and interstate Aboriginal musical talent, a community get together and a celebration of survival on sacred reclaimed land.

Oyster Cove, or putalina, was re-occupied by the Aboriginal community on 16 January 1984. It is around this date each year that what is referred to by the Tasmanian Aboriginal community as simply 'The Festival' is celebrated and the site

comes alive with music, dance and festivities.

On 10 December 1995, after years of protest, negotiations and hard work, the title document for putalina was handed to representatives of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community along with another 11 titles.

Since then, at Oyster Cove, many ancestral remains have been brought home from

museums to the land from which they were stolen.

This was the theme of this year's festival T-shirt; it features a string of 17 mariner shells on the front. Sharnie Everett, who designed the t-shirt and has been involved in escorting repatriated remains home, said 'there's a shell for each ancestor bought back last year'.



Ricki-Lee Short, 15, from Burnie, performing her original number *Crash Bang*.

● More putalina festival pictures on Page 36

for their annual festival



The Black Divas – 18 vocalists and three guitarists – strut their stuff at this year's festival. The packed program featured a range of music items and singing.



Tasmanian entertainer Dougie Mansell has performed at 12 putalina festivals.



Sisters Kimaree and Cristy Maynard with the deadly Sean Choolburra.



Special guests Dan Sultan and his band had the crowd rocking.



Sheldon Thomas 'hard at work' at the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council display.



Festival MC Fiona Hughes takes a rest on the edge of the stage with granddaughter Taylor.

Tassie gets festive



Erica Short who returned home to Tasmania to perform at the festival. "I'll be back next year!" she said.

More pictures from this year's putalina Aboriginal music festival held at Oyster Cove in Tasmania. See Pages 34 and 35 for Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY'S festival report and other pictures.



Wendal Pitchford, Jim Everett, Rosie Smith and Edwina Shaw caught up at the putalina festival.



Bob Wilson and Aunty Pat Green singing a good ol' country number.



Good mates Peter Williams and Andrew Riley, from Hobart.



Performing a dance dedicated to the late Leroy Hart are, clockwise from top left, Danny Gardner, Joseph Elszele, Leroy Hart Jr, Theo Hart, Che Hart and Tye Hart.



Wendal Pitchford with her son Nathan, who was on day release from Risdon Prison to attend the event. He said: "It's a good idea for the fellas to be let out for our cultural days."



Ronnie Summers with Leigh Maynard, his daughter Kartanya and son Rueben.



Ruth and Brodie Langford entertaining themselves between acts.

Deal means jobs galore in the Pilbara



HUNDREDS of new jobs will be created for Indigenous Australians in the Pilbara under a landmark agreement between

the West Australian Government and Rio Tinto Iron Ore (RTIO).

State Development Minister Eric Ripper, who has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with RTIO Chief Executive Sam Walsh, said the agreement could create jobs for up to 300 Indigenous workers. "This agreement commits both parties to a range of employment and enterprise initiatives," he said.

"It will significantly strengthen future training, business and job opportunities for the local Indigenous community.

"Mining operations are expanding in the Pilbara and we need to ensure Indigenous people and traditional owners benefit from this development.

"Through a joint approach by RTIO, Indigenous people in the Pilbara and the State Government, we will create as many jobs as possible."

The Minister said the agreement would focus on ensuring the right education, training and employment pathways were in place so that Indigenous people had the necessary skills required in the mining and services industries.

The agreement also commits to establishing contracting opportunities between RTIO and Indigenous-owned businesses, as well as enabling an

Indigenous-owned mine rehabilitation enterprise that acknowledges the traditional owners' strong interest in the remediation of their land as mine closures occur.

Mr Walsh described the agreement as a milestone in Indigenous involvement in the resources boom, which was largely being driven by the iron ore industry in the Pilbara.

Vital

"It is vital that the traditional owners and other Indigenous people of the Pilbara not only participate in and enjoy the benefits of this extraordinary activity, but that they become better equipped to control their destiny long after mining has ceased," Mr Walsh said.

"It is clear we need more than a 'business-as-usual' approach, and that no one company or organisation alone can achieve what is necessary.

"If together we can deliver greater and sustainable Indigenous participation (individual, family and community) in the Pilbara economy, we will have achieved a great deal.

"By securing ongoing employment with RTIO, its contractors, or other organisations, as well as through greater retention of young people in schools, through to university or other training, they will have the choices denied to previous generations."

The agreement will identify up to 300 new Indigenous workers

from the Pilbara and elsewhere to join RTIO's operations in a range of occupations by 2010. RTIO's operations already use more than 500 Indigenous workers across WA, including 70 now undergoing training or apprenticeship programs.

Rio Tinto and the Department of Industry Resources will collaborate on pre-employment and job-based training programs to ensure recruits are job-ready and properly supported once they start.

Mr Ripper said the department had successfully piloted Indigenous pre-employment training programs for the resources sector during the past 12 months in partnership with TAFE and private training providers.

US student immersing herself in culture

Story by ALF WILSON in Townsville



AMERICAN Theresa Petray is taking an 'immersive' approach to her a PhD on Aboriginal activism at Townsville's James Cook University.

The 23-year-old student from upstate New York has joined the Townsville Indigenous Human Rights Group, and regularly attends what she calls 'field days'.

"There is always something going on," Ms Petray told *The Koori Mail*. "I've been to meetings regarding stolen wages, and to events like Sorry Day, Mabo Day, NAIDOC Day, and the Palm Island Strike of '57 Commemoration."

Ms Petray has been taken under the wing of well-known Aboriginal activist and community leader Gracelyn Smallwood.

"I am enrolled at JCU in the disciplines of sociology and anthropology and I'm currently nine months into the three-year



US student Theresa Petray with Aboriginal man Stedman Sailor, left, and Torres Strait Islander Louis Mooka.

program," Ms Petray said. "My project is applying social movement theories to Aboriginal activism. My research is relying on field work, oral histories from the JCU archives, and published literature."

Ms Petray said her research, called 'critically engaged activist research', took a different approach to that of many other academics.

"That means that I combine regular

studying with a committed involvement in the cause," she said. "I'm personally very committed to equality and an end to racism, so I'm happy to give my energy to this for my research."

"It's tiring sometimes, but it's worth it. Instead of being an academic who comes in and gets information and then leaves without giving anything back, I hope that I'm giving as much as I'm getting."

Before moving to Townsville, Ms Petray did her honours research about a community of Rastafarians in rural Ethiopia.

Ms Petray hopes that her studies will bring global attention to the work of the many strong Aboriginal activists here in Australia.

"I want to highlight the work that has been done in the past few decades and especially now," she said. "So many Americans have no idea what is going on in this country, but I hope to open the door for stronger international links between activists."

Busloads of pride in Willmot



IT'S not every day you have a bus as the canvas to express your artistic talents. But that was exactly what the young people from the Willmot area of Western Sydney had to work on at a recent community day.

With a free barbecue lunch, a visit from a couple of Penrith Panthers NRL players, a jumping castle and traditional Aboriginal games, the youngsters had plenty to keep them busy while waiting for the paint to dry.

The bus, which was donated for the day by local company Westbus, was painted with two designs, one Aboriginal and one general.

Kearn Bryant created the Aboriginal design, while Claire Jackson created the general design.

Organised by a number of government and non-government agencies and organisations, the community day was the idea of a working group developing positive initiatives for young people and their families in the Willmot area.

NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs Sydney Regional Manager Kristy



Jessica Parodi, winner of the Willmot Bus Painting Slogan Design Competition, with Mi-kaisha Masella stenciling her design on to the Westbus Bus.

Masella said the day helped promote community pride.

"There have been a large number of rock-throwing incidents in the area and a number of local bus services have been affected by this anti-social behaviour, including some local vehicles," she said.

Ms Masella said the interagency working group was attempting to rebuild some community pride in its

local services and provide interesting activities for young people over the school holidays.

"This is usually the time when young people come into contact with the local police or authorities," she said.

Adding to the day, Koori Radio broadcast live, and the young people were given the chance to have a go as DJ.



Willmot children painting the Aboriginal Design by Kearn Bryant on the Westbus bus at the Community Day.



Community Services Department caseworker Unity Mbogua-Njoroge with little Kylic Masella, Jessica Parodi, who won the Willmot Community Day Bus Slogan Design Competition, and Mi-kaisha Masella.



Members of the Department of Community Services Brighter Futures Team.

Respected Ngaanyatjarra artist passes away



RESPECTED Aboriginal artist and advocate Fred Forbes passed away on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands late last month.

As the oldest surviving Ngaanyatjarra man, at age 84, Forbes passed peacefully at Wannam Aged Care where he

had spent his last days in the presence of a good friend and family.

Considered one of the Papulankutja Art Centre's most significant artists, Forbes was also a cultural leader for both the community and the emerging generation of Aboriginal artists.

"Fred Forbes was a custodian for both the Papulankutja artists

and the community. With his understanding of land, traditional law, history and Tjukurrpa (Dreaming), he was recognised as the most knowledgeable regional Elder," said Papulankutja Art Centre Manager Dianna Isgar.

"He was a gentle and great man and artist, yet most of the world never knew him and never had the privilege of his company."

As an original inhabitant of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, Forbes drew his creative inspiration from his extensive knowledge of the land and Tjukurrpa.

"Fred was known for his dynamic and expressive brush use. Often singing while he painted, his loose gestures overlaid a strong sense of design which recalls the spaces and

tracks and richness of his home country," Ms Isgar said.

In an effort to preserve his heritage, Forbes conversed predominately in his native tongue, Ngaanyatjarra, and continued the traditional way of life until his late years.

Some of Mr Forbes' works can be viewed at the National Gallery of Victoria.

Young plant seeds for the future



Participants Willie Philp, Pamela Philp and Dot Stephens looking at the map before water sampling.



THE Baarkindji people from Haythorpe Station, near Menindee, in the south-west of New South Wales, have signed on to an educational project to sample stream water in their area following successful tree planting and Waterwatch activities in recent months.

The Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is conducting practical educational opportunities for the young people to highlight vegetation and salinity issues in their area.

Haythorpe Station is an Aboriginal-owned operation about 35km upstream from Menindee, on Baarkindji traditional land.

Western CMA Aboriginal Community Support Officer Dot Stephens ran the tree-planting day at Haythorpe Station, educating and involving youths over two days.

"The young people planted about 30 native trees, each in remembrance of someone they loved," she said.

"It was a good opportunity to educate them about their environment, and it gave them something fun to do in the school holidays."

Western CMA Water Quality and Salinity Officer Craig Allison said the initiative would educate children about their local environment.

"The children were interested in learning more about their environment and how they can affect it," he said.

The young people were involved in collecting and identifying vegetation in



Haythorpe Youth Group members, back from left, Pamela Philp, Tiveta Newman and Feleitu Newman and, front from left, Joseph Newman, Steven Newman and Andrew Philp.

the area and examining the erosion and habitat to determine where they should plant their trees. They sampled water for salinity, sediment and temperature to recognise the effects these factors have

on the overall water quality. They then sampled water bugs, which are indicators of water health.

"They found native grasses, acacias (wattles), saltbush species, eucalyptus

(gum trees) along with other native plant species common to the Lower Darling floodplain," Mr Alison said.

He said the tree planting was the first of a number of educational activities, and he hoped the initiative would be held monthly.

The Haythorpe group has also registered to become a Community Stream Sampling group.

"The Bureau of Rural Science, a Commonwealth agency, has contributed financially to the WCMA to implement the community stream watch project with about \$40,000 to use over three years," Mr Alison said.

"The focus is the community involvement and raising awareness about water health."

"People can take monthly readings of the salinity levels and analyse them to see how healthy our waters are because if they're too high, there is a negative impact on water health and the plant, animal and human communities it supports."

The Haythorpe group will undertake community stream sampling in early March.

Ms Stephens and Mr Alison are hoping to attract others to the programs.

"These programs are great because they allow the kids to take part in their community and understand how things happen in the environment by being involved," Mr Alison said.

People interested in community stream sampling in their area should contact the Western CMA office or call 1800 032 101.

Talented bunch



Descendance's Arthur Turtle Tamwoy with Palm Island kids

Descendance dancers in visit to Palm Island



PALM Islanders saw in 2008 with a show of talent and community spirit in a big concert featuring a 60-strong children's dance group.

The concert was the culmination of a series of dance workshops run by the Descendance Aboriginal and Islander Dance Company for local not-for-profit community group Bwgcolman Future. It was Descendance's third visit to Palm Island in twelve months.

Bwgcolman Future coordinates a range of activities in the north Queensland community, with many of them focused on young people, including film, TV, photography, hip-hop and traditional dance.

Bwgcolman Future's president Rob Blackley told *The Koori Mail*

that the organisation ran the workshops to show local children that there were professional opportunities in all kinds of interesting areas.

"They say 'this is fun and I could make a living out of this if I work hard at it'," Mr Blackley said.

"We're just trying to show the kids that it's not a part-time thing for these professionals, there are real jobs to be had - jobs that can even help them see the world."

He said several local teenagers were hoping to join Descendance in future years to pursue a career in dance. The dance group left for Croatia and Serbia last week with tours to Hawaii and Canada also planned for the next few months.

Descendance director Jose Calarco said the group was working with Mr Blackley and Bwgcolman Future's treasurer Svea Pitman to help build esteem and confidence amongst the



Thyra Huddy, Elise Watson and Sharmika Geia of the Palm Island children's dance company.

community's children.

"The children of Palm Island are its future and make up one third of its population," Mr Calarco said.

However, he accused governments of neglecting the community, especially with regards to housing and - with unemployment estimated at more than 90 per cent - said many locals had left the island because of appalling living conditions unemployment and a high rate of violence.

"Most of the existing housing

stock on the island is old, dysfunctional and in need of renewal," Mr Calarco said. "Windows are broken, roofs are leaking and plumbing is inadequate. But even more striking is that the community averages twelve people per house."

"At present, Palm Island residents don't have access to tools or building materials.

There are no retail outlets such as a hardware shop where residents can buy building materials to repair houses, no

workshops to practice craftsmanship, few adequate sports facilities for youth, no modern waste disposal plant, no landscaping, no barbeque facilities for families, no public toilets or reasonable public space, no decent public gathering spaces, no community garden and no decent townscape."

"A moral obligation exists for governments to supply decent housing to these people, yet, despite decades of housing funding, there is still a long waiting list."

'Parra Girls' enjoy a Christmas gathering



WOMEN who spent their early years at the Parramatta Girls Home were joined by NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Lynch for the first ever Christmas gathering of the 'Parra Girls'.

Mr Lynch said the horrific experiences of women who passed through the Parramatta Girls Home had deeply affected many Australians.

Parramatta Girls Home was the longest operating institution of its kind in Australia, with up to 40,000 girls - many of them Aboriginal - living there.

"Many Australians would like to forget about the Parramatta Girls Home, but the 'Parra Girls' will not let us forget, and nor should they," Mr Lynch said.

Former Parra girl and organiser of the festivities Bonney Djuric said the event had gone well.

"It was a strong gathering," she said. "There were a lot of 14-year-old girls there, because that is about the age when they left."

"It has been a long time between visits. And there was this great connection with the girls."

Ms Djuric said while a similar gathering she organised earlier this year received support from outside agencies, she was disappointed by the level of support for the Christmas gathering, especially when one of the recommendations for forgotten Australians was to have more reunions.

"There was almost zero support for the event," she said.

The Parramatta Girls Home had previously been a Government Orphanage built in 1841 for the children of the Female Factory women next to the site.

Ms Djuric hopes next year she can bring back the group to the home, despite claims from government officials that the site is not occupational safe.

"They need to go back to the home, so they can see it, to get closure," she said.

BY SOLUA MIDDLETON



Former residents of the Parramatta Girls Home enjoyed a catch up at a Christmas holiday reunion.

Australian Education Union



New Zealand education union leader Tangi Tipene pictured with filmmaker Melanie Hogan.

Maori leader shares her experiences

OUR Maori neighbours attended the recent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Seminar 2008, sharing and exchanging their experiences with Indigenous education. *The Koori Mail* spoke to Tangi Tipene, from Wellington, the national president of the education union in New Zealand.

Ms Tipene spoke about her impressions of Indigenous education in Australia from interaction with Aboriginal educators, and the differences between the two countries.

She thought there was still not enough effort by the Australian Government and the Department of Education to ensure that Indigenous education was valued and taught to all Australians.

"I applaud the work of Indigenous teachers who are working much, much harder than many of their white counterparts because of the passion and love of their people and not necessarily for money," she said. "Those people are the heroes of Indigenous education."

Ms Tipene said that there could be improvements in the teaching standards in Australia.

More money

"There should be more money put into Indigenous teachers, more family support, more understanding of what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people want and need, and not what whites think they need," she said.

"The conditions of work and their pay must be that of a professional."

While Ms Tipene said that she could not comment first-hand on what could improve the Australian students' education, she said any improvement for Indigenous education must be gauged by Indigenous people in what they wanted their children to be and what they wanted them to inherit.

"For non-Indigenous Australians, they must learn their history and learn it well, it should be compulsory and it should be the truth," she said.

"Early childhood to primary are the telling years. If improvements and finances were given to this area they wouldn't need to have as many second-chance educational programs happening."

Ms Tipene said the cost of adult education could be decreased by making those improvements and injecting the funds at the beginning of life, not towards the end.

"We have struggled to be heard, like yourselves, in our own country for many things, education being one of them," she said.

"We still have to have permission from the government to change things and we still have to comply by their rules, so really not much has changed."



NSW Teachers Federation members who attended the conference.



The World Indigenous Peoples Conference: Education (WIPCE) group, from left, Wayne Costelloe, Dr Kaye Price, Mark Rose, Beresford Domic and Lionel Bamblett.



Australian Education Union Federal Aboriginal Education Officer Wayne Costelloe and Aboriginal Education Co-ordinator Charline Emzin-Boyd.



Girls just wanna have fun ... and that's what they were doing at the 'Koori-oke' networking event.



The harmony circle farewell.



Susan Hopgood presents Kerry Wellham with the Arthur Hamilton Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.



Keynote speaker Dr Kaye Price.



Troy Williams signs up for the sea of hands at the ANTAr stall.

Indigenous Seminar 2008



The Australian Education Union Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Members Committee.



Tasmanian member Michelle Purdy, from Burnie.



Uncle Max Eulo with Troy Williams pictured behind him.

Educators look ahead

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



'OUR voice, our vision, our rights to the future' was the theme for the recent Australian Education Union (AEU) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Seminar 2008.

About 30 fully qualified Indigenous teachers joined other Indigenous education workers from around the country at the conference, held early January, to talk education. The Indigenous meeting preceded the (AEU) conference.

AEU Federal Aboriginal Education Officer Wayne Costelloe said the Aboriginal seminar was successful.

"We listened to the news on industrial relations systems and what that means for our teachers and education workers," he said.

Free access

"One of the main things we're going to push this year is free access to early childhood education for Indigenous children. It is very important work and sets the foundation for the future learning for the child."

Also coming out of the conference was wide support for Indigenous education workers currently on CDEP to be employed full-time by their schools.

Mr Costelloe said AEU Federal President-elect Angelo Gavrielatos gave a passionate address about giving



A group shows the flags at the conference.

Indigenous kids the same education as other Australian children.

Mr Gavrielatos said it was a national disgrace that there were children in the Northern Territory who did not have access to schools.

At the conference, teacher Kerry Welham was announced as winner of the Arthur Hamilton Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

The conference also had a social component allowing the teachers to network with each other at 'Koori-oke' and a cultural cruise on one of the Tribal Warrior vessels.



The 'Koori-oke' was popular at the education conference.



Elder Aunty Sylvia delivers the welcome to country.



AEU Federal President-elect Angelo Gavrielatos.

Scholarship forms available on internet



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council's education drive is continuing

with the internet release of application forms for its two major scholarship programs.

Students of all ages can apply for the new \$30 million Education Endowment Fund, while the Freddy Fricke Scholarship offers individual

funding of up to \$10,000 for tertiary students.

NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton said the Council was thrilled to be able to offer a large number of educational opportunities to students throughout the State.

"Education is the key to reducing disadvantage and securing more opportunities for improved lives and well-being of Aboriginal

people," Ms Manton said.

"Our new Education Endowment Fund will provide up to 200 scholarships a year for students ranging from primary school age to mature age students.

"The Freddy Fricke Scholarship seeks to address the lack of Aboriginal people working in the professions, including medicine, finance and commerce.

"These roles are vital to our communities and organisations and our future self-determination."

Preference will be given to scholarship applications by members of Local Aboriginal Land Councils and their children.

Complete nomination forms for the two land council scholarship programs can be downloaded from the NSWALC

website - www.alc.org.au

Nomination forms for the land council scholarship programs need to be completed and forwarded to Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Australia by the close of business on 29 February.

CAF inquiries should be directed to the National Manager Foundation Services, Marlene MacFarlane, on (02) 9929 9633.

Engineering focus for summer school

Indigenous students get plenty of support



TWENTY budding engineers from across Australia received some words of encouragement from lofty sources earlier this month

when the Governor-General and a former Prime Minister attended a reception for the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School.

The reception, in the form of a graduation dinner at Admiralty House in Sydney on 19 January, capped off the annual event, which was hosted by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with the Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies.

It was attended by Governor-General Major-General Michael Jeffery and Mrs Jeffery, Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School Patron, former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, and his partner Blanche d'Alpuget. The keynote speaker at the graduation dinner was prominent journalist and commentator Jeff McMullen.

The Year 11 and 12 students, some from as far away as Western Australia and far north Queensland, spent eight days immersed in the world of engineering.

Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment, Professor John Carter, said the innovative program aimed to encourage more Indigenous students to pursue a career in the engineering field.

"Engineers are in huge demand across Australia, yet Indigenous Australians are under-represented in the engineering profession," he said.

"By giving Indigenous students a hands-on understanding of the field, we're offering a real insight into what engineers do on a daily basis.

"The Summer School will provide a challenging environment for Indigenous students to discover the benefits of engineering and a forum to meet



Engineering Summer School graduates with Governor-General Michael Jeffery and Mrs Jeffery and former Prime Minister Bob Hawke and his partner Blanche d'Alpuget at Admiralty House. Photo courtesy of Government House.

engineering role models."

The students took part in a range of academic activities across all engineering disciplines, and had the opportunity to talk to engineers, participate in design work and observe projects in action.

Activities were rounded out by site visits to the Williamtown RAAF Base, Eraring Power Station and a mine.

Major-General Jeffery spoke of the potential benefits of Indigenous graduates to their communities.

"Think of what you might be able to do to support Indigenous people and their communities in the remote areas of this country, to restore dignity and hope for the future," he told the graduates.

"Think in terms of housing construction,

water and sewerage provision, renewable energy facilities and so on.

"All are potentially within your capacity to do something positive about."

The Summer School was established in 1999 by not-for-profit organisation Engineering Aid. It is supported by engineering companies, government departments and private donors.

Senior Counsels dig deep to help out



THE Indigenous Literacy Project received a major boost recently after 23 senior counsels at the NSW Bar Association dug deep to help out.

At a ceremony in Sydney in December, the lawyers presented a cheque for \$65,000 to the project through one of its partners, The Fred Hollows Foundation.

The Indigenous Literacy Project has raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars to help address the crisis in literacy in remote Indigenous communities.

Pictured here, from left, are Ian Tonking SC, Margaret Cunneen SC, Graham Ellis SC, Michael Wigney SC, Gregory McNally SC, Lloyd Babb SC, Brian Dooley SC, Gabi Hollows (The Fred Hollows Foundation), Francois Kunc SC, writer Tara June Winch (Ambassador for the Indigenous Literacy Project), Peter Tomasetti SC, and David Gaunt (Chair of the Indigenous Literacy Project).



Thirst for knowledge

CDU hosts UN learning centre



CHARLES Darwin University now officially hosts a major centre aimed at enhancing a broader understanding of, and training in, Indigenous knowledge.

It is the Institute of Advanced Studies' (IAS) Centre of Traditional Knowledge, which is part of the United Nations University (UNU).

The Centre, which has been supported and welcomed by the Northern Territory Government, was launched by the UNU-IAS chief Professor A H Zakri.

The schedule of the Centre's activities for this year is being finalised, with a major Darwin-based workshop planned for March. This workshop, titled 'Carbon markets and their impact on Indigenous people', is an early activity to promote the exchange of ideas and the planning of subsequent research and training.

Co-sponsors of the March 2008 workshop include the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA), the Australian Greenhouse Office



● LEFT: Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgeour, right, with CDU Vice-Chancellor Professor Helen Garnett and UNU-IAS head Professor A H Zakri at the launch in Darwin.

and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

NT Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgeour said the Government was pleased to have committed \$2.5 million to the Centre to further develop the Territory's knowledge-based industries.

"The new Centre will tap into the unique knowledge of Indigenous Territorians in fields

such as science and the environment for use in modern and emerging industries, helping develop new economic and job opportunities in remote and rural areas," she said.

The UNU advised in July 2006 that it had chosen Charles Darwin University to host the Centre of Traditional Knowledge, and planning had been under way since then.

The move by the UNU

recognised CDU's capacity to play a central role in the international debate on traditional knowledge.

In August last year the NT Government announced its commitment to the establishment of a UNU Centre of Traditional Knowledge at CDU with an investment of \$2.5 million over five years. Other philanthropic funding has also been received.

Last year the UNU-IAS spent

almost \$1 million on pilot programs designed to demonstrate the types of activities that could be undertaken through the centre, which will now be developed at CDU. These pilot activities include the role of traditional knowledge in fields such as climate change, water, international policy making, biological resources and marine management.

Cherbourg TAFE courses are HECS fee-free



COURSES in Community Services Protective Care and Indigenous Primary Health Care are reportedly proving particularly popular with new students at Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE's Nurunderi campus at Cherbourg, north-west of Brisbane.

But there are plenty more subjects available for full-time, part-time or a flexible basis study, including aged care and child care, business and computer skills, massage, horticulture and literacy and numeracy.

Campus Business Manager Santina Schmocker said the courses were affordable because students did not have

to pay Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) fees and concession holders received discounts on course cost.

"There are also flexible payment opportunities, so enrolling at TAFE is easy and affordable," Ms Schmocker said, adding that some people were looking to upgrade their skills while others hoped to start a new career.

"We try to make our courses and programs as accessible and easy to apply for as possible. When you apply, all you need is a copy of any qualifications you have and a resume."

For more information, contact staff at the Nurunderi campus on (07) 4169 9999 or visit the website www.sqit.tafe.qld.gov.au

Dream run for Indigenous scholarships

By SARA COLLINS



GRIFFITH University workers in Queensland have scooped the pool in the Indigenous Staff Scholarship Program, taking three out of five national scholarships on offer.

Harry Van Issum (Education), Kerry Bodle (Accounting and Finance) and Maureen Newton (GUMURRII Student Support Unit) have received scholarships enabling them to take one year of leave to undertake full-time higher education study in their chosen academic or professional areas.

The program was established by the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council to recognise Indigenous staff (academic or general) who have actively encouraged Indigenous students to participate in higher education and complete

their courses.

Mr Van Issum said the scholarship was an important acknowledgment of the work staff had undertaken in recent years assisting Indigenous students, particularly in the GUMURRII centre.

His research will focus on Aboriginal men's constructions of gender identity and the changing nature of male gender roles.

"The scholarship will allow me to complete any required PhD qualification courses prior to enrolling in the full PhD program," Mr Van Issum said.

"The most important aspect is the time that will be available to write, and funds to 'survive' during that time."

Kerry Bodle says the scholarship will allow her to make substantial progress towards completion of her PhD.

"My PhD is investigating the impact the new Australian equivalents to the Financial

Reporting Standards (A-IFRS) have on various bankruptcy prediction models. After completing my PhD, my goal is to assist Griffith with their current policy to imbed Indigenous content into accounting courses," Ms Bodle said.

Maureen Newton will put her time towards completing a Master of Indigenous Studies (Wellbeing), which she hopes to use through volunteer work with Indigenous organisations in the future.

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Student Outcomes) Professor Sue Spence said it was a great result for Griffith and recognised the university's commitment to enhancing opportunities for Indigenous education.

"We are very proud of these staff who are incredibly deserving of this recognition, especially for the additional role they take on as leaders and mentors for Indigenous people contemplating or undertaking tertiary study," Professor Spence said.



From left, Scholarship recipients Kerry Bodle, Harry Van Issum and Maureen Newton.

Students work towards a secure future



SEVEN women are amongst a group of nine

Indigenous people who have spent the past month learning the basics of a career in the security industry.

The course, held in Marrickville, was conducted by TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute, and will result in the graduates achieving a Certificate I in Security Operations.

"Security is about communication and not about brute strength," said Sydney Institute teacher Mel Kane.

"Employers are becoming more interested in the people skills of their employees, because around 80 per cent of a security officer's job involves talking to and reasoning with the public.

"The Certificate gives graduates a provisional licence that is valid for one year, allowing people to work under supervision. During this time, a Certificate II or III in Security Operations must be completed so a

full security licence can be gained.

"Security is an industry growth area, with more than 43,000 people employed in New South Wales.

"It's a great opportunity for Indigenous people to enter this career."

Integral

Margaret Kelly, a highly respected member of the Indigenous community, was integral in organising the participants and venue for the course. Ms Kelly is also undertaking the course.

"It's really important that Indigenous people know what training is out there to help them get started in a career," she said.

"This training has made a difference to their confidence and self respect."

Ms Kelly is now a mentor and will work in the Aboriginal Unit at Sydney Institute.

For details for other security courses to be run in the near future, ring Mel Kane on 0438 143 134.



● LEFT: Some of the course group with Margaret Kelly (front, far left) and teacher Mel Kane (front, far right).

Photo courtesy of TAFE NSW

Training network boost to community capability



A PEAK body for non-profit providers of employment and related services is to establish an Indigenous Training Network (ITN).

Jobs Australia expects the initiative to develop the capacity of Indigenous organisations and communities to deliver high-quality vocational education and training (VET) to their communities.

The network is being jointly funded over 18 months by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and Jobs Australia.

Building on Jobs Australia's ongoing work with Indigenous organisations in the delivery of nationally recognised training, the ITN is expected to provide a valuable new opportunity for Indigenous organisations and communities to become qualified

deliverers of VET.

The ITN will build capacity by assisting organisations and communities to:

- Identify local VET needs
- Prepare to deliver nationally recognised VET qualifications locally
- Gain access to support and advice from existing successful Indigenous RTOs and to network with other Indigenous organisations
- Identify community members with

existing VET skills and support their career enhancement and development within the VET sector

- Access Jobs Australia support and advice on VET
- Access funding opportunities via tender support.

ITN membership will be available nationally and open to all Indigenous organisations and communities.



The youngsters getting ready to receive their graduation certificates.

'Graduation' for pre-schoolers

Photos and story by
SOLUA MIDDLETON

NSW HIGH school and university students weren't the only ones graduating at the end of last year.

Children from the Jarjum Pre-School at Lismore, northern NSW, also got the chance to dress up in graduation gowns and receive certificates for graduating pre-school.

During the celebrations, parents and guests were treated to a surprise performance from most of the children from the pre-school.

Aboriginal dancer Dhinawan had been working with the children for several weeks teaching them a range of Aboriginal dances.

The children delighted the parents and special guests with dancing and singing while adorned in tradition dress and ochre paint.



ABOVE: Artist Dhinawan paints up one of the Jarjum Pre-school students before the graduation performance.



LEFT: Young Kasmir gets her graduation certificate.

Celebrations as new TAFE centre opens



Pictured at the opening, from left, Deputy Director-General of TAFE and Community Education Marie Persson, community member and ABC TV's Indigenous Programs Unit Executive Director Susan Moylan Coombes, Kayee Griffin MLC, Elder George Watts, Aboriginal architect Dillon Kombumerri, Federal MP Bronwyn Bishop and Northern Beaches College Director Kevin Keller.

NSW A NEW dedicated teaching and learning space for Aboriginal students has opened at TAFE NSW - Northern Sydney Institute's Northern Beaches College.

About \$900,000 has been invested in the Gawura Aboriginal Learning Centre, designed by Australia's first professionally registered Aboriginal architect, Dillon Kombumerri.

NSW MLC Kayee Griffin and Federal MP Bronwyn Bishop joined the students and the local Aboriginal community to celebrate the opening late last year, with tours of the new facility followed by entertainment from local Aboriginal people.

Featuring a conference room, classroom for up to 60 students, a large meeting room/learning space and a kitchen, the

building will assist in delivering TAFE NSW core programs to Aboriginal students such as Indigenous tour guiding, events management and other Aboriginal cultural education programs.

The Australian Museum has also loaned ethnographic and archaeological material from its collections to the centre.

Meeting place

Ms Griffin said Gawura would provide a meeting place for Aboriginal students, staff and community groups.

"Aboriginal students will find a welcoming space to help in their understanding of TAFE NSW programs and services," she said.

"Gawura will also be used to deliver Aboriginal cultural education training and support to TAFE staff and the private sector."

One family, two captains



KYRA Haywood is understandably proud of her captain kids. Her son Kyle

Williams, 12, was the school captain at Lethbridge Park Public School, NSW, in 2007.

And now, with the election of her daughter Kerliesha Williams, 11, to the position this year, the proud mum has scored double bragging rights.

"I don't believe that there has been a brother and sister as captains before," Ms Haywood, of Sydney, told *The Koori Mail*.

She said Kyle, a keen rugby league player, was looking forward to starting this year at Patrician Brothers Catholic School in Blacktown, leaving his sister to take on the captain's role.



Siblings Kyle and Kerliesha Williams ... both school captains.

Kerliesha will be well prepared for her new role as she served as a school councillor last year.

For now though, Ms Haywood said the family members were enjoying the last of their holidays in Darwin.

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Ngapartji Ngapartji a big hit

By MARGARET SMITH in Sydney

TREVOR Jamieson and his people of the spinifex plains south-west of Alice Springs have created a dramatic gift to the nation, and Sydney audiences are eagerly lapping it up.

Ngapartji Ngapartji is currently playing at Sydney's Belvoir St Theatre and enjoyed a star-studded premiere on 11 January, attracting the likes of film star Cate Blanchett, playwright and director Andrew Upton, Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett and actor Jeremy Sims.

The theatre production explores the impact of fallout from invasion and later Maralinga nuclear tests on Jamieson's family, and seeks to educate non-Indigenous Australians on Aboriginal thinking and traditions. It involves 17 people on stage, several of them from the actor's extended family.

Ngapartji Ngapartji went through a long process that first involved young people and language workshops. It introduces its characters with drawings by Albert Namatjira's grandson Elton Wirri, video projections, and Pitjantjatjara songs by the women's choir, which the audience is enticed to sing along to.

A gifted performer, Jamieson spoke to *The Koori Mail* in the foyer of the Belvoir Theatre about the show he co-created with Scott Rankin of Big hArt productions.

"It raises the question of how the younger generation are going to uphold language and culture in the future," he said.

"The elderly people still have the culture. They are doing heaps of things in



Pictured above and top: Scenes from *Ngapartji Ngapartji* which features powerful storytelling from co-creator Trevor Jamieson.

the bush. We can take up modern technology to enhance the preservation of our language.

"The play is a way to open up ideas to make people understand."

Jamieson said most mainstream Australians had a different society based on 'purchasing'.

Incredible change

"For our people there's been an incredible change in the last 20-50 years. There are social issues and loss of language," he said.

"Non-Indigenous Australians need to

understand why it is that we do the things we do, and the reasons for the social problems."

In the play, it's the displacement and cancer caused by Maralinga, and the struggle of Jamieson's younger brother Jangala with alcohol and imprisonment. His story is pivotal to the stories of the older women, who retain their language and culture through tragedy and renewal.

Jamieson said he believed the nation would advance if mainstream Australians understood an Indigenous language.

"When we go to the Eiffel Tower people

make an effort to say 'hello' in French," he said. "But when people visit Uluru they don't know how to say hello in Pitjantjatjara. How much do Australians really know about their past?"

Trevor Jamieson has been involved with film and theatre since 1991. His credits include *Burning Daylight*, *Yandy*, *Rabbit Proof Fence* and *Kullbi Foot*, for which he won a Dendy Award.

Scott Rankin previously worked with Leah Purcell on *Box the Pony*. Big hArt is based in Alice Springs and is a national arts and social change company, whose productions revolve round empowering young people and communities.

Jamieson and Rankin are calling for a national Indigenous language policy to be developed for schools, to 'halt the irreplaceable loss of Indigenous language and culture'.

They said they were encouraged by the NSW Government's Aboriginal Language Research and Resource Centre and its program to teach Indigenous languages, and would like to see the policy taken up Australia-wide.

A website related the production, www.nintngapartji.org.au, encourages Indigenous language skills.

Ngapartji Ngapartji is on at the Belvoir St Theatre in Surry Hills until 10 February, with a free performance for the unemployed on 7 February at 2pm. Book online at www.belvoir.com.au or by calling (02) 9699 3444.

The producers hope it will next perform at the Darwin Festival.

"The term *Ngapartji Ngapartji* refers to reciprocity i.e. 'I give you something, you give me something'."

Shed art is branching out

AN exhibition by artists from the Jambama Art Shed in Casino, northern NSW, will open in nearby Ballina this weekend.

Branching out features paintings on canvas, boomerangs, clapsticks, sculptures, pyrographic pieces and designer wall hangings. Sewn products include bags, place mats and cushion covers, all with original hand-printed designs.

Noel (Charlie) Caldwell is one of the 15 Bundjalung artists included in

the exhibition. "Painting is a big part of my life," he said.

"I've been painting since I was 15 and I'll never stop painting. It's great that now I'm recognised across the region as a painter."

"I often paint bush tucker such as gwee-ahnj (possum), njamahis (goanna) and bingings (turtles) or ceremonies and everyday life such as hunting and fishing."

Jambama Art Shed is a training centre run by Buyimbin Aboriginal

Corporation for the Aboriginal community in Casino, teaching CDEP workers the skills of painting and sewing.

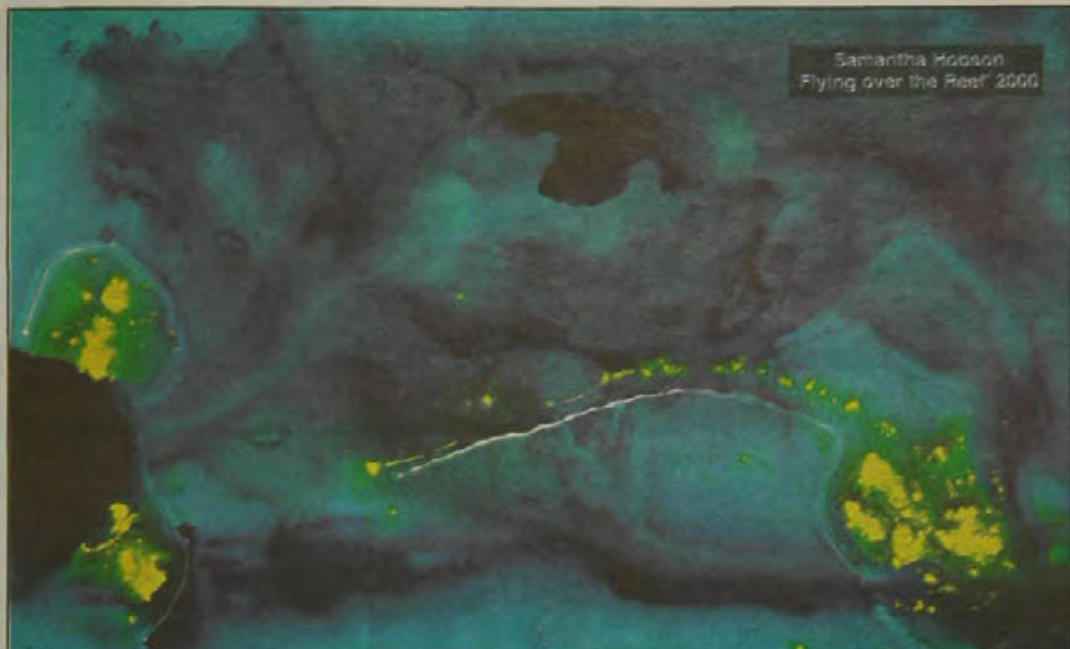
Branching out will be exhibited at the Ballina Community Gallery from 1-24 February. There is an open invitation to the opening this Saturday, 2 February, from noon - 2pm at the gallery, 44 Cherry Street, Ballina.

● Pictured: One of Noel (Charlie) Caldwell's recent works, *Two Catfish Nesting*.





Fiona Ormeenooy
'Growing' 2006



Samantha Hobson
'Flying over the Rest' 2000

Our Way in USA

Lockhart River Gang's art a hit in America



ABORIGINAL art from Lockhart River in Queensland's Cape York area is making its way across America.

The University of Queensland's successful exhibit of Lockhart River Aboriginal art is on show for two months at the University of Virginia.

The Virginia exhibit of *Our Way: Contemporary Aboriginal Art from Lockhart River* will run until 15 March and follows a successful stint at Stony Brook University in New York.

Our Way is the first exhibition to bring together the works of the Lockhart River Gang, a group of young artists from Lockhart River, a remote Aboriginal community in Queensland's Cape York, located approximately 800km north of Cairns.

The group is led by internationally-recognised painters Rosella Namok,

Samantha Hobson and Fiona Ormeenooy. UQ lecturer in art history and exhibition curator, Dr Sally Butler, who was in Virginia in time for the opening, said the tour had so far been a great success.

"It's fantastic that The University of Queensland and the Queensland government have supported the US tour of this exhibition," she said.

"There is a very healthy market for Aboriginal art in the US, and this tour has really lifted the profile of Lockhart River within that market."

Our Way will be displayed within the Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of the University of Virginia, a museum established in 1997 which exhibits only Australian Aboriginal art.

"I'm really pleased that the exhibition is heading to Virginia," Dr Butler said.

"Kluge-Ruhe has one of the leading international Aboriginal art collections and features a lot of work from Arnhem

Land and Central Australia.

"I think this collection from North Queensland will be a most welcome addition."

"Audiences tend to love both the artwork and the story behind it."

"The artwork itself has a beautiful sense of colour and a very keen sense of environment, but there is also a wonderful good-news story of the young Aboriginal people behind it."

On 13 February, Professor Terry Smith, a leading Australian art historian now based in the USA, will deliver a public lecture at Kluge-Ruhe to mark the opening of a satellite exhibit of *Our Way*.

During July and August 2007 *Our Way* was shown at the National University of Singapore before making its way to Stony Brook University, New York, in October 2007.

Our Way is supported by a hardback publication of the same title, published by The University of Queensland Press.



Terry Platt 'Before Time' 2002.



Lou Bennett in *Show Us Ya Tiddas!*

One woman's artistic journey



SYDNEY audiences will have a chance to see one of the hits of last year's Dreaming Festival for one weekend in February.

Show Us Ya Tiddas!, a one-woman show written and hosted by Lou Bennett, member of ARIA-winning folk group The Tiddas, will play at the Performance Space at the CarriageWorks in Eveleigh on 16-17 February.

The show is essentially a musical autobiography for Bennett; a talented Indigenous singer/songwriter who faced challenges coming to terms with her sexuality in a rural town, and went on to international success with her group The Tiddas.

Accompanied by her new band Sweet Cheeks, Bennett sings and yarns

her way through her life story, from small-town black chick playing doo-wop in her Uncle's band to international fame with The Tiddas.

Produced by Melbourne Workers Theatre, *Show Us Ya Tiddas!* boasts an all-female, all-Indigenous artistic team, with a collective wealth of experience and successes behind them.

When The Tiddas disbanded in 2000, Bennett's transition from music to theatre was swift. Since then she has released solo albums, formed two bands, created public soundscapes and worked with theatre and documentary film as a composer and performer.

Bennett acted in a host of productions including *Conversations with the Dead* by Richard Franklin, *Yanagail Yanagail* by Andrea James and

Natives Getting Funny for Ilbjerri.

Director Rachel Maza has worked extensively in theatre, television, radio and film and dramaturg Yorta Yorta woman Andrea James is the Artistic Director of Melbourne Workers Theatre.

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Members of the Tiwi Islands' Pwanga Women's Enterprise at work on their screenprinting and wearing the fruits of their labour. They'll be featured at WOMAdelaide.

Here comes WOMAD



Victorian performer Kutcha Edwards will feature in the impressive line-up for WOMAdelaide 2008.

SA ADELAIDE'S stunning Botanic Park will come to life for three days and two nights in March with the richness of cultures from around the world, including performances from Indigenous Australia.

WOMAdelaide 2008 will see more than 400 artists from 20 countries unite to celebrate cultural diversity and the depth of creative talent from around the globe.

From 7-9 March, WOMAdelaide 2008 will feature an impressive line-up of established greats alongside many new talents on seven open-air stages throughout the park.

The performances will take place alongside more than 100 international food, crafts and display stalls plus street theatre,

Black 'super band' on huge festival program

performance installations, visual arts, workshop activities, KidZone and more.

The Indigenous program includes the popular Black Arm Band in Murundak for one show only. This musical event features images celebrating music as an instrument of identity, resistance and freedom.

The Black Arm Band is a 32-piece super band of Australian Indigenous artists including Stephen Pigram, Archie Roach, Ruby Hunter, Lou Bennett, Joe Geia and Kutcha Edwards. Edwards will also be performing a solo show.

From the Tiwi Islands, the Pwanga Women's Enterprise (Australia) features 17 Tiwi women producing unique fabric prints and sewn garments in bold, timeless designs, with traditional symbols, structures, family and environmental representations central to Tiwi culture.

For WOMAdelaide, Pwanga will create screen-printed fabric on site.

● The full-line-up and ticket information is available online now at www.womadelaide.com.au

Japanese exhibition for art great's works

SA EMILY Kame Kngwarreye – one of Australia's leading painters of modern times – was 80 at the time her work went on public show for the first time. Now, 12 years after her death, 120 of her works are being curated for the largest-ever solo exhibition of an Australian artist to tour overseas.

Utopia: the Genius of Emily Kame Kngwarreye will open at Japan's National Museum of Art next month and at the National Art Centre, Tokyo, at the end of May.

The \$30 million exhibition has sourced works from more than 60 national and overseas collections, including the National Gallery of Australia, Art Gallery of New South Wales, National Gallery of Victoria, Powerhouse Museum, Melbourne Museum and some early works from the Holmes a Court collection.

The exhibition explores Kngwarreye's life as a senior Anmatyerre custodian

and the environment in which she worked, 250km north of Alice Springs, which provided much inspiration for her extraordinary large canvases.

Her paintings came to prominence in the summer of 1988-1989 when her first

'Emily's ability to penetrate the soul of this land and capture the hearts, minds and imagination of the Australian audience is beyond art'

canvas – *Emu Woman* – was reproduced on a catalogue for an exhibition at the S H Ervin Gallery in Sydney.

Before that she had been a founding member of the Utopia Women's Batik Group, a communal Indigenous artistic

body which started work in 1977.

Their work found its way into the public domain through a series of similar projects sponsored by the Holmes a Court collection.

Kngwarreye's first solo exhibition was held at Utopia Art Sydney in 1990, creating great demand from art enthusiasts.

Within a short space of time Kngwarreye's earnings were said to be substantial, but in keeping with her custom she rejected personal wealth, preferring to share the proceeds from the sale of her paintings among her kin.

The exhibition has been arranged by the National Museum of Australia in response to an invitation from major national galleries in Japan.

"Emily's ability to penetrate the soul of this land and capture the hearts, minds and imagination of the Australian audience is beyond art," curator Margo Neale said.

The exhibition will return to Australia in August when it will be on show at the museum in Canberra. – AAP

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Ilbjerri pair bid farewell

Multicultural, by Peter Robinson is one of the works in *The Robinson Clan* currently being exhibited by Peter, his twin brother and cousin in their family exhibition at Kyogle.

Exhibition is a real family affair



A PASSION and flair for the arts runs in the family for the Robinsons of the northern rivers region of New South Wales.

Peter Robinson, his twin brother Paul and their cousin Samantha (Lisa) Robinson are all members of the Walahbal clan of the Bundjalung nation and last week opened their first combined exhibition.

Aptly titled *The Robinson Clan*, the exhibition at the Roxy Gallery in Kyogle will run until 16 February.

Related not only by clan group but also birth, these three artists all take a different approach to their art.

Peter's work explores the use of found earth pigments to produce mediums for painting images that reflect traditional life patterns and contemporary life issues. He also crafts didgeridoos and boomerangs.

His identical twin Paul uses landscape painting as a mechanism to express his cultural link to land and country.

Grafton-based Samantha, also known as Lisa Robinson, paints on a variety of surfaces, from fabric to turtle shells and emu eggs.

"This is the first time all three artists have exhibited their works in a gallery environment and the Roxy Gallery is delighted to support their creative talents and assist them to get their arts out into the broader public arena through this exhibition," said gallery director Ruth Tsitlimbinis.

All works in *The Robinson Clan* are for sale. Roxy Gallery in Kyogle is open Tuesday to Friday from 10am - 4pm and Saturday from 10am - noon.

Correction

In our last edition, the story 'These artists are from a great many walks of life' on Page 42 stated incorrectly that Tracey Bostock was born in the Tweed district of New South Wales. Tracey Bostock was born in Brisbane, and she is employed by Marrickville Council as an Early Childhood Educator. We apologise for the error.



Kim Kruger, left, and Kylie Belling, who are bidding farewell to Australia's longest-running Indigenous Theatre Co-operative, Ilbjerri, in Melbourne.

BY JIRRA LULLA HARVEY in Victoria



KYLIE Belling and Kim Kruger, two of Ilbjerri's co-founding members, have announced their retirement from

Australia's longest-running Indigenous Theatre Co-operative.

It can be easy to take black theatre somewhat for granted, but learning of Kylie and Kim's journeys with Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre Co-operative is a reminder of our communities' long-standing fight for self-representation.

"I'm shocked that we still have to explain the need for us to write our own stories," said Belling, affirming Ilbjerri's goal to produce theatre for Indigenous Australians, by Indigenous Australians.

"From the start we thought why have an Indigenous theatre co-operative unless we are to challenge current theatre practises, unless we cater for people who aren't otherwise being catered for."

Ilbjerri was formed in 1990 by a group of Melbourne Indigenous artists and community members and survived

for many years on project-based funding.

With an impressive history including six seasons of *Stolen*, multiple stints in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and a sell-out season of the 2006 Deadly Award-winning drama *The Dirty Mile*, it's hard to believe that Ilbjerri runs with just four full-time employees.

It was after the runaway success of *Stolen* that Richard Frankland was appointed Ilbjerri's first General Manager. The following year Kim Kruger took over the position until 2006, when she made her first attempt to leave the co-operative.

"But we wouldn't let her go!" smiled Belling, who became Ilbjerri's first full-time Artistic Director in 2005.

Acting career

Belling's acting career has covered a range of works across film, television and theatre. She directed Ilbjerri's first play, *Up the Road*, an uncommissioned work by John Harding, and has since been directing productions almost continuously, with recent credits such as *Songlines of a Multi Multi Man*, by Kutcha Edwards, and *Chopped Liver*.

So what now for Belling? Having hung

up her acting cap a few years ago, she said she was still 'happy to boss people around and direct if everyone involved is passionate and they want me on board'.

As for Kruger's next move, we're just going to have to wait and see.

But you get the impression both have thoroughly enjoyed their 'labour-intensive, high-on-creative-energy' jobs with Victoria's only Indigenous theatre co-operative.

Ilbjerri will open its 2008 season with *The Dirty Mile*, performed in promenade style through the Aboriginal (and Torres Strait Islander) streets of Fitzroy from Saturday 23 February to Sunday 16 March.

The Dirty Mile offers audiences a chance to get to know Fitzroy's profound Indigenous significance. From its Woiwurrung beginnings, Fitzroy was the centre of the Victorian Indigenous community as people moved from missions, came back from war, or sought family and work opportunities.

As a result, Fitzroy became the birthplace of many Aboriginal organisations and the hub for Indigenous advancement, whether sporting, religious, political, social or cultural.



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Review by David Rollison

GAYLE Kennedy is a comic master of the art of saying a lot in few words, 'Aussie blackfulla style'.

For me, all the stories in her 2006 David Unaipon Award-winning book *Me, Antman & Fleabag* are about country and reconciliation. But they're big words and I'll come to them in a moment.

The storyteller ('Me') is 'a NSW desert girl'. Her mate Antman's mob are river people. Antman's job as a builder means they travel a lot from city to country and town to town. Fleabag gets a wash in the first story and is pictured on the cover as a curious and slightly bemused Jack Russell terrier.

They're nomads: "When we git sick of city life we go out bush."

In 'Whitefulla dreamin' they head for a 'dreamin festival... up north'. 'Cos we ain't ever been up that way, we reckoned if we went, we could git ta meet all our bruthas and sistas from the coast and the mountains'.

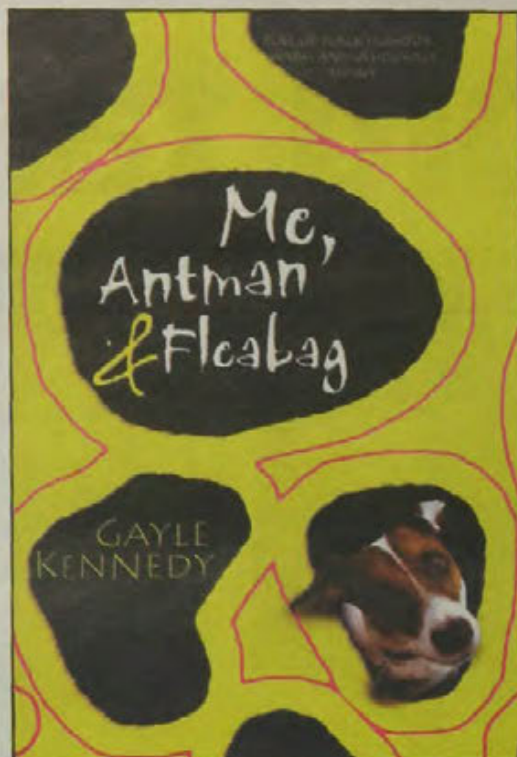
On the way up they feel uneasy driving through the hills and coastal country. After encountering condescending feral Anglos at the whitefulla dreamin' they drive back and 'ain't afraid of the spirits in the damp, dark green country anymore'.

Travelling with Slim Dusty, Archie Roach, Kev Carmody, No Fixed Address and Merle Haggard, their country gets bigger all the time. There are many more stories where these came from.

Fleabag also gets to meet old mates on their travels. 'Trev' ('The purebred pedigree'), plays 'a pretty mean air guitar version of *Highway to Hell* with his back legs' when Ant's Croat mate Boris gives him a 'tummy tickle'.

Ant's lawyer cousin Andrew's beagle, Harry, 'sits out the front of the courthouse minglin' with the mob' but 'don't hang out with the town mutts 'cos they're always lookin' for a blue and Harry is a lover not a fighter'. ('Court Day')

Fleabag is in awe of Auntie Pearl's Missy who is 'flash, white and fluffy' but 'mean': 'She towelled him up proper when we was visitin' a couple of years ago. Now he



crosses the road whenever he sees her comin'... Dad used ta reckon Flea was weak as piss for letting Missy stand over him. Then she gives his dog Humbug a tune-up. Now Humbug

sits outside with Flea and Dad don't say nothing'. ('Shoppin with Auntie Pearl')

That a book of 126 pages celebrates so many memorable characters is

testimony to Gayle Kennedy's deft touch. The characters and stories stick, not the language, but it should be said this is beautiful writing, so good you don't notice it.

The message is simple and shines out all through. The book is about 'the good things in life, like family, laughin, travellin' and, best of all, love'. ('Me, Antman and Fleabag hook up')

Very bad shit happens, as in 'The golden wedding anniversary' and 'Grandfather's medals'. There are chilling moments, but reconciliation begins when good people stand up, like Uncle Vic in 'The golden wedding anniversary'. The bad bastards take responsibility for what they did and apologise (like Merv) or end up sad, lonely, miserable and unloved.

Maybe it doesn't always happen like that, but hope comes from love, laughter and getting over it. Whatever happens doesn't change the fact that bitterness is bad for our health.

On the first page, 'Antman's cuz' says that 'whitefellas ain't the enemy... they love drinkin' and partying outside too...

they got it worked out so coppers don't bother 'em'. Cousin Damien's theory is that 'we go about things the wrong way... we give up too easy'.

I finished the book wanting more stories from the lives of the desert girl, Antman, Fleabag, Granny Edie, Auntie Essy, Uncle Vic and Auntie Bess, angry Della, 'Me little nephew Bunt' who cries when it rains 'cos he's never seen rain before, Lennie Boy, big Boris, Cousin Moodle ('mad on funerals'), Grandfather, Auntie Tibby, Cousins Andrew and Damien, Auntie Sugar (who explains her longevity to a tipsy condescending white 'lady' by saying 'I only sniff unleaded'), Choo Choo ('a bit too fond of the yahndi') and all the other inhabitants of Gayle Kennedy's country. It's a big country, full of life, love and laughter.

Buy two, give one to a friend.

● David Rollison is an interdisciplinary social historian and author. He is a life member of Cambridge University and is currently completing a new history of early modern England for Cambridge University Press.

Photography the focus of major project



THE Campbelltown Arts Centre's first major project for 2008 is *More Than My Skin*, an exhibition that brings together the work of six of Australia's leading Aboriginal photographers.

More Than My Skin will be presented at Campbelltown Arts Centre from 8 February to 20 April.

It is curated by Campbelltown Arts Centre Indigenous Curator – Contemporary Art, Djon Mundine. The project features an official opening, a visual arts exhibition and artists' talks.

Leading lensmen to show photos

It will be opened next Friday 8 February at 6.30pm by Indigenous Tourism Australia Executive Chairman Aden Ridgeway. The exhibition is free.

The role and character of adult

Aboriginal males is the subject of intense discussion. In the exhibition, photographers Michael Aird, Mervyn Bishop, Gary Lee, Ricky Maynard, Peter McKenzie and Michael Riley explore through their viewpoint what it is to be an Aboriginal male and how Aboriginal masculinity has been constructed in recent times.

The talks by exhibitors will be from noon - 2.30pm on 8 February. Admission is free. Michael Aird, Mervyn Bishop, Gary Lee and Peter McKenzie will be speaking.

Mum 'helps' young writer



Promising writer Ben Strok is one teen grateful for his mum's stickybeaking.



NOT many teenagers would say they're grateful for their mum 'stickybeaking'.

Without his mum doing so, the Ballarat-based 17-year-old's talent for creative writing might have remained undiscovered.

Of Torres Strait Islander and Croatian descent, Ben recently scored a \$5000 Australia Council for the Arts grant under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board's Skills and Arts Development Individuals funding.

He must now start his project, titled *Sparred Away*, over the next six months, with a publication and launch on completion.

Ben was born in Melbourne but moved with his mum Rebecca Sam and four siblings

to Thursday Island in the Torres Strait where he went to kindergarten and primary school for a few years until his family moved to Cairns.

There, he joined the local Aboriginal dance group based at Wu Chopperen Health Service and learned to how to 'shake a leg'.

Crumpled paper

Later, the family returned to Victoria and it was in the family home in Ballarat that his mum – who happened to be cleaning Ben's room – found crumpled pieces of paper with writing that she describes as 'hauntingly painful but beautiful', the laments of a teenage boy.

After much encouragement from family, Ben hesitantly applied for funding to pursue his writing, not expecting to be successful in gaining the grant approval. He was successful, as it turned out, and you could say the rest will be history.

Healthy agreement

NSW A NEW agreement signed earlier this month is expected to improve the delivery of quality health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Sydney's west.

On 16 January, Professor Steven Boyages, Chief Executive of the Sydney West Area Health Service (SWAHS) and Frank Vincent, Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), Western Sydney (formerly known as Daruk Aboriginal Medical Service), officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance after hours medical care for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Senior managers from SWAHS and local Board Members from AMS were present to witness the signing.

Under the agreement, staff from the AMS will now be on call after hours. Mt Druitt Hospital staff will be able to ring AMS staff, via a 24/7 contact number, to obtain important treatment and medical history information when Aboriginal people who are AMS patients present to the hospital's Emergency Department after hours.

This will enhance continuity of care for patients who receive care from both services and ensure that patients who present to the hospital have the appropriate follow-up care.

AMS staff will also attend the hospital if required to support



AMS, Western Sydney CEO Frank Vincent and SWAHS Chief Executive Professor Steven Boyages (seated, front) with SWAHS senior staff and AMS Board Members at the agreement signing.

patients who require urgent treatment.

The new service model and the associated enhancements will support the AMS in maintaining health service accreditation, and improve both the care to Aboriginal people and

communication and referrals between the services.

"The signing of this MOU formalises the longstanding partnership between SWAHS, the AMS and other service providers working with the AMS," said Professor Steven Boyages.

"This agreement signifies the commitment of our services to improving access to quality health care for Aboriginal people.

"SWAHS and the AMS have been working together to improve health care for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

of western Sydney for over ten years," he said.

Frank Vincent said the MOU signing would improve the delivery of quality health care in the Western Sydney area and further strengthen the partnership between all parties.

Diabetes worker Chris is 'an unsung hero'

NSW EVERY day, across Australia, hundreds of healthcare professionals from multiple disciplines are working at the coalface to provide optimal care for people with diabetes.

The Inspirational Journeys award program recognises the enormous contribution of these unsung heroes. Indigenous health worker Chris O'Brien was one of five exceptional people selected to each receive \$1000 awards for their dedication to improving outcomes for people with diabetes.

Healthcare professionals working in diabetes were asked to nominate colleagues who they believe are making a significant difference to the lives of people with diabetes.

An Aboriginal health worker at the Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service (IAMS) in Wollongong, south of Sydney, Chris was nominated by the medical service's Dr John Watson.

Eligible nominees were judged on criteria of creating a uniquely positive experience of care and striving to achieve evidence-based best practice and measurable success, as well as overcoming barriers in groups with particular needs, mentoring fellow healthcare professionals, and sharing information between



Chris O'Brien (right) receives his Inspirational Journeys award from one of the judges, endocrinologist and Australian Diabetes Society vice-president Associate Professor Stephen Twigg.

members of the extended diabetes team.

Chris is regarded by many people as the public face of the service's commitment to tackling diabetes in the Indigenous population in the Illawarra area.

In the time that he has been working with IAMS, he has actively encouraged the need for

better health outcomes for clients with chronic illnesses including diabetes.

The awards judging panel, made up of representatives from Diabetes and other organisations dedicated to fighting the disease, said all of the awardees were well deserving.

"While the treatment of

diabetes is complex, what these stories show us is that individuals with energy and initiative, who focus on working closely with their patients as well as other healthcare professionals, can dramatically improve outcomes for Australians with diabetes," the judges said.

"We thank all those who

nominated their inspiring colleagues – all nominees should be incredibly proud that the work they do is recognised by their peers. "There is some fantastic work being done at the coalface of diabetes care and Inspirational Journeys is one way we can recognise these efforts."

Chris works closely with the general practitioners of the IAMS to manage chronic care plans, ensuring that his clients have the opportunity to receive at least the minimal diabetes management care. He also coordinates various clinics for diabetes clients and endocrinologists, as well as asthma clients.

Recently returning from Alice Springs after attending the Quality Assurance Aboriginal Medical Services workshop, Chris received an extended invitation to act as proxy leader for NSW on a national level.

Chris's clients reportedly rely on him enormously to help manage their condition. He has embraced the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Checks as a valuable tool for screening and educating.

Chris is zealous about helping his clients live better and enjoy healthier lifestyles.

The Koori Mail is reliably informed that he has been known to hunt down clients to check up on them!



At the launch, from left, Casey Donovan, Nellie Dargan, Merinda Beale, Aunty May Robinson and Aunty Brenda Bengie (seated).



Marumali Project Officer Dorothy Shipley, Director of the Aboriginal Health Sydney West Area Health Tim Agius and Deputy Director Trish Heal.

Marumali program a first



A NEW Indigenous brokerage program has been

launched to help improve the health of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in south-western Sydney.

The Marumali Health Program is a first for NSW. It is supported by the Commonwealth Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health with funding sought by the Macarthur Division of General Practice, Campbelltown.

The program was launched last month by local Elders Aunty Brenda Bengie and Aunty May Robinson at the Liverpool Catholic Club, with entertainment provided by the Coota Gula Pre-School children's Muru Nanga Mal dance group, Villawood Koori Kids, Nellie Dargan and star attraction Casey Donovan.

About 300 people attended.



● ABOVE: Members of the Muru Nanga Mal dance group.
● LEFT: Drug health worker Dereck Shipley and Macarthur Division of General Practice, Campbelltown, chief Rene Pennock.



Marumali Manager John Sierra, Dorothy Shipley and Marumali Chairperson Mark (Jack) Johnson.



Dean Murphy, Dorothy Shipley, Nellie Dargan and Marumali Board member Susan Murphy were there.

Going backwards



THE health and well-being of Indigenous Australians is going backwards compared with Indigenous populations in Canada, the United States and New Zealand, a major international study has found.

The report, published in the online open access journal BMC International Health and Human Rights, found that while the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people regarding their health and social conditions had closed in other countries, it had become greater in Australia.

Researchers combined life expectancy, educational attainment and income statistics from government sources between 1990 and 2000 to establish a Human Development Index (HDI) and

International report finds health and well-being gap is widening

measure changing status through the years in each country.

"Between 1990 and 2000, the HDI scores of Indigenous peoples in North America and New Zealand improved at a faster rate than the general populations, closing the gap in human development," the report said.

"In Australia, the HDI scores of Indigenous peoples decreased while the general population's improved, widening the gap in human development."

It found Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only lived until an average age of 59.6, which has remained steady from 1990-91 to 2000-01.

American Indians and Alaskan natives lived an average 70.6 years, which had also remained steady.

But life expectancy for Maoris and Canadian Aborigines improved from 67.7 to 71.1 years and from 70.6 to 72.9 years respectively.

The gap between income levels for

Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians was also the most pronounced.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people fared better in education, with 83 per cent having attained primary school or higher qualifications in 2001 compared with 57 per cent of Maoris, 88 per cent of Canadian Aborigines and 91 per cent of American Indian and Alaskan natives.

The report acknowledged only basic indicators had been used, but said they did give a good overall picture of the health and socio-economic status of the populations.

"The resulting picture is best described as one of inconsistent progress ... the lack of progress in Australia is worrying," it said.

The authors warned more efforts had to be made to see the gaps closed further by the end of this decade. -AAP

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



Skilling for potential future aviation careers are, from left, Demetrius Mabo, Andrew Watson and Robert Stoddart.

Aviation careers are ready to take off

Five Indigenous apprentice aviation mechanical engineers working for Qantas at the airline's Engineering Brisbane Heavy Maintenance Facility in Pinkenba are enjoying a career path they didn't think about when they were in school.

Andrew Watson, Demetrius Mabo, Doug Enoch, Philip Bilney and Robert Stoddart all say the best part about their job is that it always offers something new.

They passed on their views to Indigenous Employment and Training staff from the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations at a recent meeting.

Learn more

The Government workers wanted to learn more about aviation so they could help more Indigenous people into the industry.

"My job is to lift the retention rate of Indigenous trainees and apprentices in North Brisbane," Indigenous Employment and Training Support Officer Paul Williams said.

"To do that, I need managers, trainers, apprentices or trainees to talk to me if there are any issues in the workplace that might lead to the person quitting their training.

"A visit like the one to the aviation apprentices is a great way to meet everyone and see what their jobs involve.

"This will also help me give Indigenous students better advice

about the options available to them and what training they need to do to get into the aviation industry.

"It is great to see these five guys working hard, looking forward to coming in each day and that everyone is supporting each other."

The first step to becoming apprentice aviation mechanical engineers for this group was signing up for a pre-vocational training course in engineering with Aviation Australia.

Leading the way

CEO Paul Brederick says Aviation Australia is the leading aviation training centre in Australia, and since 2002 it has trained more than 600 apprentice aircraft engineers.

"Places are available on courses for Indigenous students in Brisbane and Cairns, with the training costs funded by the Queensland Government, and there are a wide range of opportunities for Indigenous students who complete the 11-month full-time program," he said.

For more information on employment for Indigenous Australians at Qantas, go to www.qantas.com or phone 1300 788 460.

The Queensland Government has established the Indigenous Employment and Training Support hotline on 1300 369 925, or for more information visit www.employment.qld.gov.au

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REF: QLD/COM4579/08

Key Duties: Contribute to the achievement of the outcomes of the Department in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs through effective leadership and strategic management. Develop strategic partnerships across Government and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Provide advice to Government regarding the development of policy directions, including land related matters.

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Closing Date: Monday, 11 February 2008

Principal Evaluation Officer (Specified)

Strategic Policy and Evaluation Directorate

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Communities

Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a. Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM4632/08

Key Duties: Conduct evaluation projects and provide recommendations; • Provide professional advice regarding the development, design and conduct of evaluation processes; • Sensitive negotiate with managers regarding the conduct, timing and methods to be used with evaluations so as not to diminish the effective conduct of operations; • Consult with government, non-government organisations and communities with respect to issues connected with evaluation processes.

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Service Leader (Youth Justice Conferencing) (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

Communities

Salary: \$69 726 - \$74 600 p.a. Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM4770/08

Key Duties: Provide leadership and supervision 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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(Two (2) permanent full-time positions available) (Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Communities

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a. Location: Cairns

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Key Duties: Design, facilitate and evaluate developmental adventure-based programs for target groups, specifically at-risk youth. Develop training, resourcing and support plans and programs for agencies who work with these clients. Comply with Departmental legislation, policies and procedures. Supervise and mentor others.

Skills and Abilities: Undertake administrative functions, including record keeping, in accordance with Departmental policies and procedures. Foster a culture and philosophy of cooperation, team work, commitment to customer service and the promotion of the service.

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Court Coordinator (Specified)

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Communities

Salary: \$59 564 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM4793/08

Key Duties: Represent department in court matters involving young people. Provide advice to departmental staff to promote high standard of services to courts and clients, including post court advice.

Skills and Abilities: Advanced written and oral skills required. Mandatory professional qualification required.

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Indigenous Service Support Officer (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

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Communities

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM4750/08

Key Duties: Assist Youth Justice staff in culturally appropriate assessments and interventions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and their families.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to implement culturally appropriate case plans through intervention strategies and linking young people to the services they require.

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Closing Date: Monday, 11 February 2008

Caseworker (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Communities

Salary: \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Logan

REF: QLD/COM4530/08

Key Duties: Provide Culturally appropriate and well planned services to young people to assist with their compliance with court orders and reintegrate into the community.

Skills and Abilities: Engage and communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people, from diverse cultural backgrounds.

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Closing Date: Monday, 11 February 2008

Caseworker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

Communities

Salary: \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/COM4795/08

Key Duties: To provide quality professional casework services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention using sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated and culturally appropriate services.

Skills and Abilities: Mandatory possession of tertiary qualifications relevant to the role.

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Closing Date: Monday, 11 February 2008

Caseworker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

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Communities

Salary: \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/COM4699/08

Key Duties: To provide quality professional casework services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention using sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated and culturally appropriate services.

Skills and Abilities: Mandatory possession of tertiary qualifications relevant to the role.

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Closing Date: Monday, 11 February 2008

Senior Youth Worker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

Communities

Salary: \$42 296 - \$46 436 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/COM4694/08

Key Duties: To provide supervision and support to young people subject to youth justice intervention. To support the Resource Officer in the ongoing management of Youth Workers, including assistance with induction, performance management and adherence to Workplace Health and Safety policies.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to control and manage stock levels to a commercial level, and possession of good communication skills.

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Closing Date: Monday, 11 February 2008

Cook

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

Communities

Salary: \$38 067 - \$40 566 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM4837/08

Key Duties: Provide nutritious meals to staff and Young People, including specialist diets.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to control and manage stock levels to a commercial level, and possession of good communication skills.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 11 February 2008

Caseworker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(One (1) permanent part-time position available (36.25 hrs per wk) available.) (Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

Communities

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/COM4797/08

Key Duties: To provide quality professional casework services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention using sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated and culturally appropriate services.

Skills and Abilities: Mandatory possession of tertiary qualifications relevant to the role.

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Closing Date: Monday, 11 February 2008

Speech and Language

Pathologist

Service Delivery

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$59 564 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/DSQ4745/08

Key Duties: Provide specific clinical services utilising an individualised assessment and service delivery approach for adults with a disability who have challenging behaviour and complex support needs and their families and carers. Extensive training opportunities exist for practitioners with limited disability experience.

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Closing Date: Monday, 11 February 2008

Client Service Manager

Central Queensland Area Office, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$60 769 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Gladstone

REF: QLD/HO4644/08

Key Duties: Efficient and effective delivery of quality services and outcomes to a diverse range of clients through leading and managing a client service team.

Skills and Abilities: Undertake planning/research/analysis, provision of advice and support in the application of the departmental policies/procedures and relevant legislation.

Enquiries: Barry O'Rourke (07) 4938 4074

or Email: johvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 4 February 2008

Senior Housing Officer

Brisbane South Area Office, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$52 436 - \$57 662 p.a.

Location: Buranda

REF: QLD/HO4640/08

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: Paul Roberts (07) 3405 5316

or Email: johvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 4 February 2008

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Aboriginal Caseworkers and Administrator

Do you want to join a dynamic, growing and quality service based in Liverpool dedicated to improving outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people?

The KARI Out of Home Care Team are looking for Aboriginal people with a firm commitment to supporting Aboriginal children, young people and Carers.

If you have good communication, report writing and problem solving skills we can offer you a rewarding full time position. An attractive salary package is offered including on the job training.

KARI is also seeking an Aboriginal person as an administrator for the Out of Home Care team (full or part time hours)

For more information or an information package, please phone Kathleen or Casey on (02) 9822 4922.

Applications close: Friday 29th February 2008.

THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

The Foundation for Young Australians, a national grant making organisation committed to developing initiatives that support and empower young Australians, is seeking to fill two full time positions.

Initiative Managers

Two positions

(Indigenous grants and other projects)

Due to growth and internal promotions, we are seeking to appoint two persons to the roles of Initiative Manager within the Initiative Team.

Applications have been granted for exemption from the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 to enable the appointment of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons for the two positions.

The primary purpose of the roles is to assist The Foundation in the grant making operations, manage grant partnerships and support youth led community initiatives.

These full time positions require a collaborative approach to working with Indigenous and non Indigenous young people and their communities. Knowledge and experience working with projects in the non-profit sector, and frequent interstate travel is a requirement of these positions.

Salary range: \$48,000- \$56,000 pa (excl. super).

Applications close: Monday 25 February 2008.

Position descriptions and application information is available at www.youngaustralians.org or call (03) 9670 5436.



SKYCITY Darwin is the total experience with award winning first class resort style accommodation, world class gaming facilities, premier dining and luxury amenities as well as superior conference, banquet and entertainment facilities.

SKYCITY is seeking an Indigenous HR Coordinator primarily responsible for the implementation and coordination of its participation in the Indigenous Employment Structured Training and Employment Project (STEP).

- 1 Year Contract
- HR Generalist Role

Some of the key responsibilities of the role are:

- Source suitable participants and work in conjunction with the Human Resources and Management teams to recruit and select new employees.
- Provide mentoring and training to project participants.
- Build and develop strong relationships with recruitment providers and Indigenous Australian communities.
- Develop systems to facilitate SKYCITY's long term commitment to Indigenous recruitment and retention.
- Liaise with, and provide ongoing reports to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

To be successful you must have:

- Previous experience working with government assisted employment programs.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous Australian societies and cultures.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous Australian people.
- Superior verbal and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated leadership and negotiation skills.
- A tertiary qualification in HR / Organisational Behaviour / IR or relevant discipline is desirable but not essential.

To be eligible for this position you must be eligible under the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Indigenous Employment Policy. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close 8th February 2008.

Please send your application to Human Resources GPO Box 3846 Darwin NT 0801, or email Annette.Bullock@skycitydarwin.com.au For further information regarding this role, please call Annette on 08 8943 8854.

For this and other job opportunities visit www.skycitydarwin.com.au



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Mental Health

Occupational Therapist – Community Old Age Psychiatric Service, Cairns Integrated Mental Health Service, Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$76 974 p.a., comprising salary between \$45 544 – \$67 464 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (PO2/PO3) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08CNS011. **Duties/Abilities:** Participate as a member of the multidisciplinary Community Old Age Psychiatric Service (COAPS) team while providing high quality Occupational Therapy services to promote the health and well being of clients of the service within an integrated model of care, incorporating varied community components. Provide assessment and clinical management of clients of COAPS and liaise with the other components of the program with regards to the ongoing care of clients. **Enquiries:** Joe Petrucci (07) 4046 8544. **Application Kit:** (07) 4050 6753 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Tuesday, 12 February 2008.

You can apply online at www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be conducted on the successful person for the job. A non-binding policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



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Department of Families,
Housing, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

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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.

Indigenous Co-ordination Centre Cairns

Indigenous Coordination Centres (ICCs) bring together staff of key Australian Government agencies who administer programs and services for indigenous people to coordinate services across relevant agencies. The Cairns ICC is the main mechanism for coordination of Indigenous-specific programs in the region including a range of welfare reform initiatives, particularly the Cape York Institute welfare reform trials at four Cape York Communities.

Senior Welfare Reform Officer

Executive Level 2

Are you enthusiastic and looking for a leadership role? The Senior Welfare Reform Officer will work in a Whole-of-Government environment with Indigenous communities, organisations and individuals to lead a range of welfare reform initiatives in the region. In this role you will have the opportunity to shape strategic thinking, cultivate collaborative relationships, and identify strengths, opportunities, issues and solutions through evidence based practice to achieve results. Your knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Indigenous Australians and the Australian Government's policy objectives in providing services to Indigenous communities can be used to advantage.

Welfare Reform Officer

Executive Level 1

Several Positions

Interested in working within a team driving a significant whole of government welfare reform agenda in delivering improved outcomes for Indigenous Australians? Why not take a lead role in assisting senior staff to work with Indigenous communities, organisations and individuals to identify strengths, opportunities, issues and solutions? You will enjoy a challenging environment, liaising with other agencies and playing a key role in the implementation of Targeted Australian Government strategic intervention processes in rural and remote Indigenous communities in the Cape York region. You will also have the opportunity to utilise your excellent communication, interpersonal and highly developed analytical and conceptual skills to work to achieve results.

An attractive remuneration package will be offered.

How to apply

For further information visit 'Careers in FaHCSIA' at www.fahcsia.gov.au or contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (07) 3321 7104.

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.

Senior Program Advisor

Children, Youth and Families Division
Youth Services and Youth Justice Branch
\$69,584 - \$84,190 + superannuation
Part time, ongoing

The Senior Program Advisor, Youth Services Team, will primarily be responsible for the development of innovative policy and program responses that support vulnerable Victorian youth to achieve positive outcomes. This role will suit you if:

You have a passion for working in partnership across Government and with the youth sector,
You are interested in developing policy and programs;

Enjoy being challenged and making a difference.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Lisa Hema on (03)9096 7018. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no DHS/CYF/67195

Applications close Wednesday 13 February, 2008

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.



Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

www.careers.vic.gov.au

COLLECTION MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

University Library

UTS has a continuing commitment to Indigenous employment which is reflected through its Wingara Indigenous Employment Strategy.

Join UTS's strong Indigenous Staff Network in the position of Collection Maintenance Assistant, and be provided with ongoing support throughout your employment at UTS in this identified role.

You will be responsible for reshelving books and general maintenance of the University's collections. Previous experience working in a library and knowledge of library classification systems are beneficial but not essential. Training will be provided to the successful candidate.

The position is offered as a 2 year fixed term contract. The hours of work will be 20 hours per week during semester periods only (36 weeks per year).

UTS offers a range of benefits to staff including study support, a fitness centre and three child care centres.

If you require advice on applying for this role please contact Charlotte Moar, Indigenous Employment Officer on 02 9514 1093.

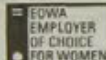
Closing Date: 13 February 2008

For information on the role, salary and how to apply please refer to the Careers at UTS website at <http://www.hru.uts.edu.au/jobs/> and search for R130108.



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General Practice and Primary
Health Care - Northern Territory

Female General Practitioner

Malabam Health Board - Maningrida, Northern Territory

Work in Partnership with the Maningrida
Aboriginal Community

• Total package value up to \$235,000

A unique opportunity is being offered by Malabam Health Board (MHB) for an experienced female GP to join their established team of health professionals which includes two GPs. MHB are seeking a GP to provide a range of primary health care, emergency and public health services to the Maningrida Aboriginal community and outstations. MHB is a community controlled Aboriginal Health Service based in Maningrida and this position will work from the NT Government Clinic, a modern health facility completed in 2001. The position is supported by nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers with specialist services visiting regularly.

Maningrida is situated on the coast in West Arnhem Land and is one hour by air from Darwin. Its population is approximately 2600 people, with 13 language groups. Maningrida is a community where traditional culture is practiced and local languages predominate. The community boasts a school, stores and sporting facilities surrounded by a natural environment with excellent boating and fishing.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant including rent free 3 bedroom house with utilities and 4WD for personal use. A site visit, relocation support and tailored orientation will be offered by GPPHCNT.

Eligibility for full registration with the NT Medical Board is essential.

For further information go to www.gpphcnt.org.au; email recruit@gpphcnt.org.au or contact Michelle Bonner (08) 8952 1062

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

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ADMIN/MANAGEMENT

Aboriginal Health Service Manager (HSM Level 1)

Ref: 53961. Salary: \$53,357-\$71,776 pa.

F/T at Liverpool Community Health Service.

Eng: Patricia Clark, (02) 9828 4844.

Closing Date: 8 February 2008.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Apply online at: www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au
or send applications quoting Ref. No. to: Manager, Recruitment Unit,
Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1571 or email applications to:
jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



NCOSS is the peak body for non-government social and community services in NSW. We work with our members, on behalf of disadvantaged people and communities, to achieve social justice. NCOSS is seeking to fill the following position:

Senior Policy Officer

35 hours per week

We are looking for a skilled and experienced person to fill a senior policy officer position, which is part of a small team of policy staff. The position involves a range of policy development, advocacy and liaison activities with community, government and business organisations.

Currently, this position undertakes policy and project work in the area of Children and Families, Community Services Grants Program, Domestic Violence and Education and Training.

Annual salary of \$66,000 (plus super) is payable, with generous working conditions. The position is permanent, subject to a 3 month probationary period.

Applicants must obtain an information package containing job description and selection criteria by contacting Craig Howe on (02) 9211 2599 x101 or via email at craig@ncoss.org.au

For further inquiries please contact: Samantha Edmonds, NCOSS Deputy Director Policy and Communications on (02) 9211 2599, ext 111.

Applications close 5pm 8th February 2008.

Please visit the NCOSS website at www.ncoss.org.au



Centre for
Appropriate
Technology

Senior Technical Officer - Cairns

The Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT) is an Indigenous not-for-profit NGO which exists to support remote Indigenous communities to pursue sustainable livelihoods by facilitating access to appropriate technology.

Our objective is to provide relief of disadvantage suffered by Indigenous people living in remote locations. CAT's range of services include providing technical and scientific advice, referral, technical training, and project management in the areas of water and energy supply, waste management, shelter, community planning and capacity development.

The Senior Technical Officer will support the NQ regional team consisting of: Regional Manager, Project Officer, another Senior Technical Officer and Administration Assistant.

This person will:

- provide technical expertise in development and delivery of projects;
- implement effective liaison with Indigenous communities and relevant organisations;
- identify areas of potential development within CAT's programs.

The successful candidate is likely to offer:

Qualifications in either engineering/science or formal qualifications and significant experience in trades (or a range of trades); relating to the science and technologies found in remote Indigenous communities.

Key prior experiences may involve:

- Working with Indigenous people, and sound understanding of issues relating to Indigenous culture and communities, especially those faced in remote communities;

Persons of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

Further information is available on our website at www.icat.org.au or by contacting Cheryl

Prestipino, Regional Manager, on 07 40 310 505.

Please forward all applications consisting of a resume, addressed selection criteria and a covering letter to: Lucy Ayre, PO Box 8044, Alice Springs, NT, 0871 or via e-mail to vacancies@icat.org.au

CLOSING DATE: 22nd February 2008.



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LEGAL OFFICER (CIVIL LAW) (ABORIGINAL)

LO IV, Haymarket, Permanent Full-Time,

Job Reference No CV08/007.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$99,105 p.a.
(\$88,113-\$89,810).

Provide high quality legal advice and representation to homeless people in NSW through the co-ordination of a network of outreach services.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality Legal qualifications and a NSW Practising Certificate Excellent knowledge of and demonstrated experience in the effective conduct of a civil law practice, including the capacity to establish a new practice and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume environment Demonstrated capacity to develop service delivery initiatives and ability to network with stakeholders Demonstrated ability to represent legal aid clients in civil law matters and undertake an advocacy role before Courts and Tribunals Strong interpersonal skills and communication skills including excellent written and verbal communication and the ability to conduct community legal education Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people Ability to understand Legal Aid Commission policies and procedures or the capacity to rapidly acquire such knowledge Well developed legal research/analytical and statutory interpretation skills Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse workload including demonstrated ability to supervise and train legal staff; Class C Driver's Licence, as required. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: In accordance with Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position. An eligibility list may be created from this recruitment action to fill future generic positions that may arise within the next 12 months.

Inquiries: Sarah Burke (02) 9219 5033. Information Packages: Mary Healy-North (02) 9219 5056.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Jenny Del Rio, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box 8647, Haymarket, NSW, 1238 or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 08 February 2008



NSW Department of
Commerce

NSW Department of Commerce

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All applicants will be expected to demonstrate an understanding and commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Industrial Relations Service Delivery Division

Workplace Services

Office of Industrial Relations

Clerk Grade 3/4

Position No: 2008/025

Coffs Harbour

Permanent

Salary: \$62,570 pa. Package includes salary (\$51,784 - \$56,701 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Notes: Position is targeted under the Department of Commerce's Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Responsibilities: The purpose of this position is to deliver timely, consistent and accurate information and advice on NSW industrial relations legislation and industrial instruments to the NSW public. This may be through the OIR phone inquiry services or compliance activities or by promotional or educational activities.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application.
- Capacity to respond to changing environments, demands and priorities, including new modes of service delivery.
- Ability to consistently deliver a high quality client service in a high volume work environment.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, using sound initiative and judgement.
- Effective written and oral communication skills and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to interpret legislation, analyse data and understand the NSW industrial relations system.
- Computer literacy and experience in the use of Microsoft Office and databases.
- Capacity to effectively contribute to the implementation of EEO, OH&S and Ethical Practice policies and procedures and to apply the Office's Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement.

Enquiries: April Edwards on (02) 9020 4820 or Tamara Bellair-Mayers on (02) 93727672 or Email: Tamara.Bellair-Mayers@commerce.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Access Information Packages at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or for email packages contact infopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au with position number '2008/025' in the subject heading - this is an auto response. Or if by post, contact Paul Wyatt (02) 9372 7194.

Applications To: You can apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or if by post mark 'Confidential' to Paul Wyatt, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000.

Closing Date: 15 February 2008.

USQ is a leading provider of quality distance and on-campus education. Our University highly values the contribution of its employees in supporting approximately 25,000 students studying in Australia and overseas.

Benefits can include:

- 17% Employer subsidised superannuation
- Development and training
- Work/life balance initiatives
- Flexible leave arrangements
- Salary packaging
- Relocation assistance.

TO APPLY:

1 Obtain an information package from www.usq.edu.au/jobs or email jobs@usq.edu.au or phone Recruitment 4631 2193

2 Your application must include:
(i) USQ Application Cover Sheet
(ii) Curriculum Vitae
(iii) A statement systematically addressing the selection criteria.

3 Send to:

Recruitment, Human Resources
University of Southern Queensland
Toowoomba QLD 4350
or email jobs@usq.edu.au
by 5pm on the closing date.

USQ is an
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The USQ Toowoomba Campus is situated 90 minutes drive from Brisbane on the Great Dividing Range. Toowoomba is the regional centre of the rich Darling Downs produce belt. The city is the economic and educational capital of southern Queensland offering affordable housing, excellent shopping, facilities and a healthy lifestyle. USQ is an integral part of the Toowoomba community and contributes extensively to the city's economy, culture and well-being.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for the following positions:

**INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT OFFICER
Human Resources (Toowoomba)**

Salary: USQ Level 7 \$28,446 to \$31,454 pa (.5 fractional)

Term: .5 fractional (36 hours per fortnight) for two years

We need an experienced and committed Indigenous Employment Officer to implement Indigenous employment initiatives at the University of Southern Queensland. You will work to recruit new Indigenous employees to positions within the University and will provide expert advice in relation to Indigenous cultural employment matters for all existing Indigenous employees and their supervisors.

You should possess excellent communication skills, including the capacity to interact sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people including a sound knowledge and understanding of the historical issues which impact upon the contemporary circumstance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Reference No: 008004 Closes: Wednesday 13 February 2008

**INDIGENOUS MARKETING OFFICER
Marketing & Public Relations (Toowoomba)**

Salary: USQ Level 7 \$28,446 to \$31,454 pa (.5 fractional)

Term: .5 fractional (36 hours per fortnight) for two years

We need an experienced and innovative Indigenous Marketing Officer to develop and implement a marketing strategy to reach the desired number and mix of Indigenous students at USQ. In addition you will be responsible for promoting the University's offerings to secondary schools and other organisations.

You should have tertiary qualifications in Marketing with substantial relevant work experience. It is essential that you are able to develop marketing strategy and execute tactical marketing and promotional plans. You should also possess excellent communication skills, including the capacity to interact sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Reference No: 008005 Closes: Wednesday 13 February 2008

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Community Access Case Management positions

The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care is embarking on a new direction for disability services, as part of our Stronger Together initiative. This initiative promotes community inclusion, flexible services and practical solutions to enhance the lives of people with a disability, their families and carers.

We are seeking people to fill a range of exciting new positions across NSW.

Senior Practitioner Case Management - Clerk Grade 11/12
Job Reference: DADHC-08-10061

Total remuneration package is up to \$116,886 per annum (Salary: \$91,589 to \$105,923 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide expert advice and consultancy on regional case management practice to ensure the delivery of flexible, long term and innovative services for people with a disability, their families and carers.

Senior Manager Access - Clerk Grade 11/12
Job Reference: DADHC-08-10060

Total remuneration package is up to \$116,886 per annum (Salary: \$91,589 to \$105,923 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Lead and manage the delivery of disability community support services in a designated regional area to ensure quality outcomes for people with a disability and their families and carers.

To apply for these roles it is essential you have a current driver's licence.

For full details of these positions and how to apply, please visit DADHC's website www.dadhc.com/employment or phone 1800 185 466.

Applications close 15 February 2008

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The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care is an equal opportunity employer



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**Link-Up (NSW)
EO Position**
35hrs per week

This new position supports the CEO in providing organisational administrative direction to Link-Up and manages the human resources, policy development and Link-Ups compliance with legislative and funding requirements.

Essential Criteria: 3 years community management experience; Demonstrated experience in policy, systems development and staff management; Understanding of the Aboriginal OHC sector, the Link-Up program and Stolen Generation issues; Provide leadership, support and supervision to Link-Up staff; Implements and manage OH&S, and Link-Up policies and practices; To be available to travel within NSW and interstate; Current drivers licence.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977.

A full set of the essential criteria will be available with the job package. Only applicants meeting all essential criteria will be considered. This position is covered by SACS award paid according to MCRN above award rates

For enquiries and/or job packages: Ring Glendra on 02 47591911.

Applications to: Link-Up Employment committee PO Box 93 Lawson NSW 2783

Applications close: 11th Feb 2008.



**Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited**

Join our team

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company owned and financed by the Australian Government. Through our Central Office located in Canberra, and eight Regional Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

**Canberra
Central Office
Finance & Property Division**

Divisional Manager

APS Executive Level 2

\$79,036 - \$89,666 pa, plus superannuation

This position will require the occupant to manage the Finance and Property Division preparing the Company's budget and financial allocations, provide input into annual and other reporting cycles and coordinate Divisional policy inputs. We are seeking people with an understanding of financial management and high-level managerial skills.

Further inquiries: Dr Kamlesh Sharma Telephone No: 02 6212 2012

Selection documentation: Roxanne Smith Telephone No: 02 6212 2001 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 15 February 2008 and should be sent to:
Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30 Woden ACT 2606

Sydney

Regional Administrative Officer

APS Level 5

\$49,254 - \$52,270 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a motivated person who will be responsible for the day to day administration of the Regional Office. Other duties include financial returns, preparing regional budgets, supervision/identifying training and development needs of regional staff, recruitment and personnel/payroll administration and liaising with Central Office.

Further inquiries: Russell Lane Telephone No: 02 9310 2777

Selection documentation: Roxanne Smith Telephone No: 02 6212 2001 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 15 February 2008 and should be sent to:
Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30 Woden ACT 2606

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Women's Medical Hostel

Assistant Hostel Manager

(part time 15.2 Hours per week)

APS Level 2

\$275.12 - \$291.94 per week, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Elizabeth Sheppard Telephone No: 08 8972 3040

Selection documentation: Jackie Kyle Telephone No: 08 8981 4388 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 15 February 2008 and should be sent to:
Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 3820 Darwin 0801

Thursday Island

Canon Bogge Pilot Hostel

Relief Houseparent

(part time 30.4 Hours per week)

APS Level 3

\$607.48 - \$644.69 per week, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty and ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students. Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teenagers in a residential setting would be an advantage as well as a current Senior First Aid Certificate. This position requires the successful applicant to possess a licence to drive a 22-seater bus or the ability to obtain one.

Further inquiries: Michael Jackomos Telephone No: 07 4051 4588

Selection documentation: Sandra Collopy Telephone No: 07 4051 4588 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 15 February 2008 and should be sent to:
Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143 Cairns QLD 4870

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the six 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

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Program Coordinator

G(h)in.gil Family Violence Prevention Legal Service

This position supervises the day-to-day operation of the program to deliver culturally appropriate legal, advisory and referral services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in relation to family violence and sexual assault issues. Applicants will be required to demonstrate their ability to coordinate a service of this kind, their understanding of indigenous culture, and their ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with indigenous people.

A salary up to \$57,501 will be offered, in addition to a 9-day f/night and up to 12% Super.

Position Number 2474.

Applications close Monday, February 4, 2008 at 4pm.

Rockhampton City Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

How to Apply:

For more information and to obtain an application kit please contact HR Services on 4936 8352 or visit www.rockhampton.qld.gov.au

North Coast Institute

JOIN OUR TEAM

Have you got the skills we need?
Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?
The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on:

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Legal Aid

NEW SOUTH WALES

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

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Legal Aid NSW is offering Aboriginal Traineeships for experienced dispute resolution practitioners/mediators

Legal Aid NSW wishes to enhance its family dispute resolution services to Aboriginal clients and is offering four traineeships to be followed by supervision in Legal Aid NSW's family dispute resolution program. The participants upon satisfactory completion of training and supervision would have the opportunity to qualify for registration as family dispute resolution practitioners under the Family Law Act and be placed on Legal Aid NSW's panel of mediators for family dispute resolution.

Successful participants who are offered a place on the Legal Aid NSW panel of mediators for family law disputes must be able to commit a minimum of four hours per week to attend mediation conferences for Legal Aid NSW, if required. However, Legal Aid NSW cannot guarantee that mediators will be offered work. The fee payable to mediators who attend mediation conferences at the request of Legal Aid NSW is \$350 per conference.

Successful applicants will be funded to attend a 4 day advanced mediation course on 13-16 March 2008 and a 2 day assessment course on 16-17 May 2008 in the family law stream which will include formal assessment of role plays.

The Aboriginal trainees ideally would have prior experience in dispute resolution and must be available to attend the courses nominated as well as agree to participate on Legal Aid NSW's family dispute resolution panel for at least 2 years.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following:

- Aboriginality.
- Some experience or good understanding of dispute resolution mediation.
- Demonstrated understanding of legal issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people.
- Good interpersonal skills including oral and written communication skills.
- Willingness to travel to areas in the state where family law dispute resolution services are provided.
- Understanding of family law, or capacity to acquire knowledge of the law.
- Demonstrated computer skills.
- Capacity to work within LANSW policies and guidelines including those relating to Family Dispute Resolution.

This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

All inquiries and request for information packages including terms and conditions of traineeships to Elaine Harrison, Manager Family Dispute Resolution on 02 9219 5865.

Applications to close on 15 February 2008.

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.

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 15 February 2008 at GPO Box 1150, Canberra ACT 2601 or by email to recruitment@nga.gov.au or facsimile (02) 6270 6407.

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Parkes Place, Parkes ACT

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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 \$\$\$
- Opportunity to work with a flexible team
- Opportunity to co-manage 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 position offers the chance to join a company that can provide an interesting and varied career path. Opportunities also exist to gain exploration 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 or mail to PO Box 1726 West Perth WA 6872.

Website: www.excoresources.com.au

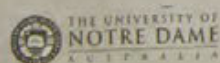
Lecturer – Indigenous Health School of Nursing, Sydney

The University of Notre Dame Australia was established in 1989. It has grown from an enrolment of 80 students in 1992 to over 6000 across its three campuses in Perth, Broome and Sydney. The University's Objects are the provision of university education within a context of Catholic faith and values; and the provision of an excellent standard of teaching, scholarship and research, training for the professions and pastoral care for its students.

Notre Dame's Sydney School of Nursing, located at Darlinghurst, is currently seeking a suitably qualified Indigenous Australian to be appointed as a part-time (0.4 FTE) Lecturer in Indigenous Health. The School is committed to developing programs in Indigenous nursing and this new position is suited to a self-motivated person with current knowledge and experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues.

The appointee would have a primary responsibility for conducting lectures, tutorials and student evaluation in a final year, undergraduate nursing unit of study – "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health". The position requires an able communicator who is motivated to collaborate with academic and administrative staff to promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues within the School and to provide support to Indigenous students. The position provides an exceptional opportunity for the appointee to apply their knowledge of the Indigenous community and to further their academic career.

Further information about this job is available at <http://www.nd.edu.au/jobs/sydney.shtml> or email sydneystaffing@nd.edu.au or telephone (02) 8204 4407.



The University of Notre Dame Australia
160 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst (Schools of Medicine and Nursing)
PO Box 944 Broadway NSW 2007
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Australian Government

NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

NATIVE TITLE REGISTRAR

Applications are invited from persons who wish to be considered for appointment as Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal.

The Tribunal is an independent body established under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The Tribunal provides assistance to resolve native title issues over land and waters.

It is required to carry out its functions in a fair, just, economical, informal and prompt way.

As the head of a statutory agency, the Registrar has powers equivalent to those of the secretary of a department of the Australian Public Service in relation to financial matters and the management of employees. The Registrar also has a range of responsibilities under the *Native Title Act*.

A person suited for appointment will be a highly motivated leader with proven corporate management skills, relevant legal qualifications and substantial experience in relation to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander societies, the law, administration or the other activities relevant to the duties of the Registrar.

A total remuneration package of \$221,370 (including base salary of \$156,780, superannuation, allowances and other benefits) is payable in accordance with the Determination 2007/11 of the Remuneration Tribunal.

Selection will be based on assessment against specified criteria. Applicants should ensure that their application addresses their claims in terms of those selection criteria.

Further information, including a description of the role and selection criteria, can be obtained from the Attorney-General's Department's website at www.ag.gov.au. Inquiries should be directed to Alison Playford on (02) 6250 6669 or Alison.Playford@ag.gov.au.

Applications should be forwarded by 7 March 2008 to:

Alison Playford
Assistant Secretary, Civil Justice Division
Attorney-General's Department
Robert Garran Offices,
2 National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600

Or e-mailed to: nntt.appointments@ag.gov.au

Aboriginal Services Coordinator

Barwon - South Western Region
VPS 5 - \$69,584 - \$84,190 + Superannuation
Ongoing - Full Time

This position provides the key interface between the Barwon-South Western Region and funded Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations. The focus is upon maintaining sound and constructive partnerships with the department and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations in strengthening the provision of culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal individuals and communities. The position includes the management and monitoring of the Service Agreement process between funded partner Aboriginal organisations, providing authoritative advice and support for the implementation of regional Aboriginal initiatives to the sector and regional program units, and the provision of cultural advice to staff.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with John Hedditch on 5226 4815. Job Descriptions and application forms are available from the Recruitment Officer on 5226 4901. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on vacancies. Please quote reference number when applying.

Please quote reference no DHS/BSW/43032
Closing Date: Friday 8th February 2008.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.
www.careers.vic.gov.au

UnitingCare Burnside

FAMILY CASEWORKER

ABORIGINAL INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE (AIFSS)

FULL TIME
WALGETT

AIFSS aims to support Aboriginal families with a child or young person with a disability who are under a high level of stress / crisis, and at risk of family break down and entering out of home care.

We are seeking a skilled and innovative caseworker able to provide short-term, intensive and flexible in home support to target families for 6-16 weeks.

An attractive salary package will be offered. Burnside offers a professional and supportive work environment and staff development opportunities.

In accordance with Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Please go to our website www.burnside.org.au for a list of criteria for this position.

You must clearly address all the selection criteria in your application.

Please contact Alf Beale for further information on 0439 047 530 or for an application package please contact Jessykah Flower on 9768 6848 or email jflower@burnside.org.au.

Applications close: 18 February 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.

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INDIGENOUS LIAISON OFFICER

Consumer Affairs Victoria

Grade 3, \$48,714 - \$59,148

Position No: DJ4349

Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) provides advice and assistance on a range of issues including consumer and tenancy matters. The Indigenous Consumers Unit has been established to provide advice and assistance to Indigenous people, community groups and organisations.

You have demonstrated knowledge, experience and understanding of Indigenous culture and societies and will assist in the implementation of the Indigenous Consumer Protection Strategy, and other projects.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 15 February 2008
www.justice.vic.gov.au

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ABORIGINAL SERVICE COORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Weja Aboriginal Branch
Southern Region, Queanbeyan
Permanent Full-time
Position No: HCS-08-10144

Salary package is valued up to \$63,028 pa includes a salary range \$51,784 pa to \$57,117 pa leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: Responsible for providing consistent case management, high quality and cost-effective services to Home Care's customers through the planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers, matching service delivery resources to requirements.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of the community care needs of frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- Commitment to improving quality of life for frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers.
- A focus on customer service, effective written and oral communication skills and computer literacy.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health sciences.
- Ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system.
- Sound organisational skills, ability to supervise staff, administrative, record keeping skills and willing to undertake training.
- Drivers licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and Understanding of Common Selection Criteria.

Job Notes: Position is based in Weja Aboriginal Branch, Queanbeyan. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries: Sharon Bloxsome on 02 4421 7611.

Information Packages: Sharon Bloxsome on 02 4421 7611.

Applications to: Sharon Bloxsome, Weja Aboriginal Branch, PO Box 1135, NOWRA NSW 2541

Closing Date: Friday 8 February 2008.



Are you interested in working at the ABC?

The ABC has a range of positions around Australia and, as the national broadcaster, is committed to increasing Indigenous representation throughout the Corporation. Our goal is to reflect the cultural diversity of the Australian community in our programs and workforce and we see Indigenous employment as a key component towards achieving this goal. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with drive, determination and a will to succeed.

Jobs Available

Please check our website at abc.net.au/jobs

It is important to check the website on a weekly basis to ensure that you don't miss out on any job opportunities.

For more information contact Paul Brant - Indigenous Employment Coordinator on (02) 8333 1089.

The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for positions. The Corporation is committed to Indigenous employment outcomes and values the Indigenous culture.

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Entry Level Rural Reporter

- Location To Be Confirmed
- \$45,714 - \$49,863 p.a.

Local Radio's Rural Department has a vacancy for a highly motivated, entry level program maker. Working to the Executive Producer Rural, the successful applicant will have proficient reporting, production and presentation skills and will report for regional, state and national radio programs as well as online. On the job training will be provided as well as opportunities to undertake specific training programs, however applicants must demonstrate strong potential in broadcasting as well as a sound knowledge of the issues affecting primary industries and rural communities. The successful applicant must be prepared to travel and work anywhere in Australia and will be part of the overall Local Radio team, contributing to operational and administrative activities of regional radio stations.

Selection Criteria:

1. Good interpersonal and communication skills, aptitude for reporting and presenting in radio and online with developing editorial judgement.
 2. A developing capacity to produce accessible and relevant program content, targeting rural audiences, as well as a creative approach to program construction and delivery.
 3. Good knowledge of issues affecting people in rural and regional communities with a sound understanding of agricultural and primary industries.
 4. Ability to work under pressure and to tight deadlines, the ability to work under supervision and a proven team player.
 5. Knowledge of modern broadcast technology including digital editing and online content.
 6. An understanding and commitment to ABC Editorial Policies as well as EEO and Cultural Diversity issues and their relevance to program making.
- All applications must include audition material on CD Only (No MP3s) with your application (non-returnable).

Copies of the ABC Editorial Policies are available at abc.net.au

For further information contact Kate Tilbury on (03) 9626 1712.

Applications quoting reference KVR04049 should be sent to Recruitment, ABC, GPO Box 9994, Adelaide SA 5001 or email recruitment@your.abc.net.au by COB 8 February 2008.

Applicants must address the selection criteria. For information on how to apply visit 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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CRICOS Provider No. 00124E

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER HUMAN RESOURCES

\$52,725 - \$57,069 per annum, plus 17% employer superannuation contribution. This is a full-time, continuing appointment.

Are you interested in helping your mob secure a rewarding career at a dynamic and innovative University that values diversity and has a strong commitment to employing Indigenous Australians in a supportive and culturally safe environment?

You will be required to support the Indigenous Employment Coordinator in the implementation of the Yarroneit Employment Strategy through developing and maintaining networks, the promotion of Victoria University as a desirable place of employment and having close liaison with the Indigenous community.

The position requires cultural sensitivity, specific indigenous knowledge and practical experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

people and communities with a broad understanding of the challenges faced by Indigenous people in accessing employment and career opportunities.

This position is identified as a position for an Indigenous Australian and is covered by an exemption granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act (Vic) 1995.

Application no. AS9/2005

Please quote reference number G00016 when applying.

Applications for this position close 4pm Friday 15 February 2008.

Position descriptions and application information are available from:

Website: www.vu.edu.au/employment

Phone: 03 9919 4957

Applicants should systematically address the selection criteria.



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NOTICE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AREAS INTO MINERAL LEASE 4SA

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 any or all of the following additional areas to be included into existing Mineral Lease 4SA under the Mining Act 1978 (WA) and in accordance with Clause 10.1(1) of the Iron Ore (Hamersley Range) Agreement Act 1963:

| NO | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | CENTROID | SHIRE |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Sec 284 | Hamersley Iron Pty Limited | 1007.79ha | 34km Wly from Tom Price | Lat 22°42' Long 117°27' | Ashburton |
| Sec 285 | Hamersley Iron Pty Limited | 99.4ha | 40km Wly from Tom Price | Lat 22°40' Long 117°24' | Ashburton |
| Sec 286 | Hamersley Iron Pty Limited | 185.80ha | 39km Wly from Tom Price | Lat 22°42' Long 117°25' | Ashburton |
| Sec 287 | Hamersley Iron Pty Limited | 1532.68ha | 26km SWly from Tom Price | Lat 22°48' Long 117°33' | Ashburton |
| Sec 288 | Hamersley Iron Pty Limited | 1555.18ha | 26km SWly from Tom Price | Lat 22°53' Long 117°36' | Ashburton |
| Sec 289 | Hamersley Iron Pty Limited | 155.12ha | 30km Wly from Tom Price | Lat 22°44' Long 117°30' | Ashburton |

Nature of the Act: Inclusion of additional areas into existing Mineral Lease 4SA which authorises the lessee to mine for minerals for the duration of the current term on the lease, with the right to successive renewals of twenty one (21) years.

Notification Day: 30 January 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 30 April 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

The additional areas may be included into Mineral Lease 4SA if, by the end of the period of four months after the notification day (i.e. 30 May 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the additional areas), 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 |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 04/1710 | King Leopold Diamonds Ltd | 71.89km ² | 111km NWly of Fitzroy Crossing | Lat 17°18' Long 125°05' | Deby-West Kimberley |
| 04/1711 | King Leopold Diamonds Ltd | 205.43km ² | 109km NWly of Fitzroy Crossing | Lat 17°42' Long 124°41' | Deby-West Kimberley |
| 06/1684 | Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd | 449.33km ² | 28km Nly of Panamawonica | Lat 21°24' Long 116°14' | Ashburton/Rooibome |
| 06/1685 | Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd | 448.68km ² | 14km Wly of Panamawonica | Lat 21°41' Long 116°12' | Ashburton |
| 06/1686 | Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd | 483.83km ² | 35km Wly of Panamawonica | Lat 21°38' Long 115°59' | Ashburton/Rooibome |
| 06/1795 | Rubicon Resources Ltd | 47.34km ² | 79km Ely of Coral Bay | Lat 27°00' Long 114°31' | Ashburton/Carnarvon/Eumouth |
| 06/1796 | Richmond Mining Ltd | 76.21km ² | 56km SWly of Panamawonica | Lat 21°57' Long 115°54' | Ashburton |
| 06/1804 | Korab Resources Ltd | 37.71km ² | 168km Ely of Coral Bay | Lat 23°26' Long 115°23' | Carnarvon |
| 06/1805 | Rhino Investments Corporation Pty Ltd | 9.41km ² | 40km SWly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°32' Long 117°31' | Ashburton |
| 06/1806 | Rhino Investments Corporation Pty Ltd | 12.56km ² | 38km SWly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°29' Long 117°29' | Ashburton |
| 06/1807 | Rhino Investments Corporation Pty Ltd | 3.13km ² | 38km Sly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°31' Long 117°33' | Ashburton |
| 06/1808 | Rhino Investments Corporation Pty Ltd | 6.27km ² | 38km Sly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°32' Long 117°36' | Ashburton |
| 06/1809 | Rhino Investments Corporation Pty Ltd | 3.14km ² | 32km SWly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°27' Long 117°31' | Ashburton |
| 06/1810 | Rhino Investments Corporation Pty Ltd | 9.43km ² | 35km SWly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°29' Long 117°32' | Ashburton |
| 09/1523 | Nova Energy Ltd | 35.2km ² | 141km SWly of Panamawonica | Lat 22°47' Long 115°43' | Ashburton |
| 09/1630 | Savvy Resources Pty Ltd | 34.71km ² | 144km SWly of Panamawonica | Lat 22°50' Long 115°40' | Ashburton |
| 09/1635 | Athens Resources Ltd | 488.79km ² | 172km NWly of Yalgoo | Lat 28°56' Long 115°56' | Murchison |
| 09/1472 | Lightwave Investments Pty Ltd | 205.86km ² | 138km Sly of Paraburdoo | Lat 24°23' Long 117°14' | Upper Gascoyne |
| 09/1474 | Aurora Resources Pty Ltd | 610.73km ² | 58km Nly of Kalbarri | Lat 27°11' Long 114°04' | Northampton/Shak Bay |
| 09/1477 | Richmond Mining Ltd | 489.33km ² | 96km SEly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat 25°41' Long 115°51' | Murchison/Upper Gascoyne |
| 09/1485 | Dawn Metals Pty Ltd | 104.76km ² | 151km SEly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat 26°55' Long 116°22' | Murchison |
| 09/1499 | Adelaide Outback Mining Pty Ltd | 68.54km ² | 157km Sly of Paraburdoo | Lat 24°31' Long 117°07' | Upper Gascoyne |
| 20/651 | PML Prospecting Pty Ltd | 117.88km ² | 51km SEly of Cue | Lat 27°39' Long 118°19' | Ore |
| 28/1747 | Saracoin Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 65.2km ² | 108km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°10' Long 122°23' | Kalgoorlie/Boulder |
| 31/731 | Duskyle Pty Ltd | 5.93km ² | 117km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°00' Long 122°18' | Menzies |
| 31/741 | Saracoin Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 8.91km ² | 118km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°00' Long 122°20' | Menzies |
| 31/742 | Saracoin Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 2.98km ² | 119km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°00' Long 122°13' | Menzies |
| 31/743 | Saracoin Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 29.7km ² | 118km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 29°57' Long 122°14' | Menzies |
| 31/744 | Saracoin Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 2.96km ² | 118km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°06' Long 122°22' | Menzies |
| 31/745 | Saracoin Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 2.96km ² | 117km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°01' Long 122°21' | Menzies |
| 31/746 | Saracoin Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 2.96km ² | 116km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°00' Long 122°17' | Menzies |
| 36/600 | Wildara Pty Ltd | 5.04km ² | 42km SEly of Leonora | Lat 28°30' Long 121°14' | Leonora |
| 37/867 | Bumby Resources Ltd | 3.01km ² | 43km Sly of Leonora | Lat 28°30' Long 121°14' | Leonora |
| 38/1218 | Nature Resources Ltd | 29.97km ² | 45km Sly of Leonora | Lat 28°30' Long 121°14' | Leonora |
| 45/3086 | Quasip Investments Pty Ltd | 225.33km ² | 161km NEly of Shay Gap | Lat 19°54' Long 121°32' | Broomie/East Pilbara |
| 45/3087 | Norian Purnia De Sila | 225.19km ² | 88km NEly of Shay Gap | Lat 20°06' Long 120°51' | East Pilbara |
| 45/3125 | De Grey Mining Ltd | 44.79km ² | 116km Nly of Marble Bar | Lat 21°05' Long 119°42' | East Pilbara |
| 45/3136 | Tandem Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd | 147.51km ² | 30km SEly of Shay Gap | Lat 20°43' Long 120°19' | East Pilbara |
| 46/747 | Mark James Thompson | 54.11km ² | 59km Ely of Halls Creek | Lat 21°46' Long 120°40' | East Pilbara |
| 46/748 | Wily Pty Ltd | 633.84km ² | 41km Nly of Newman | Lat 22°26' Long 120°32' | East Pilbara |
| 46/749-51 | Wily Pty Ltd | 609.12km ² | 71km Ely of Halls Creek | Lat 21°42' Long 120°46' | East Pilbara |
| 46/752 | Wily Pty Ltd | 222.54km ² | 64km Ely of Halls Creek | Lat 21°56' Long 120°43' | East Pilbara |
| 47/1716 | Yanyarra Pty Ltd | 124.82km ² | 40km SWly of Dampier | Lat 20°59' Long 116°32' | Rooibome |
| 52/2043 | Mihau Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd | 610.25km ² | 71km Wly of Newman | Lat 23°24' Long 119°02' | East Pilbara/Medaktharra |
| 52/2124 | Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) | | | | |
| 52/2125 | North Mining Ltd | | | | |
| 52/2126 | Robt River Mining Co. Pty Ltd (Registered Business Name) | | | | |
| 52/2127 | Information Management Investment Co Pty Ltd | | | | |
| 52/2128 | De Grey Mining Ltd | 199.15km ² | 179km NEly of Medaktharra | Lat 25°59' Long 119°20' | Medaktharra |
| 52/2129 | Central Victor Brown | 21.5km ² | 179km Sly of Newman | Lat 24°55' Long 120°06' | Medaktharra/Wiluna |
| 52/2130 | Veritue Uranium Pty Ltd | 12.22km ² | 129km Ely of Wiluna | Lat 28°55' Long 121°06' | Wiluna |
| 52/2131 | Cariboo Mining Pty Ltd | 130.17km ² | 67km NWly of Yalgoo | Lat 27°57' Long 116°09' | Murchison/Yalgoo |
| 52/2132 | Maverick Resources Ltd | 50.92km ² | 54km NEly of Paynes Find | Lat 29°02' Long 118°10' | Yalgoo |
| 52/2133 | Quasip Resources Pty Ltd | 80.06km ² | 73km Wly of Paynes Find | Lat 29°16' Long 116°56' | Yalgoo |
| 52/2134 | Potomac Iron Ore Ltd | 2.95km ² | 58km Ely of Paynes Find | Lat 29°26' Long 117°07' | Yalgoo |
| 52/2135 | Potomac Iron Ore Ltd | 24.21km ² | 66km SEly of Yalgoo | Lat 28°52' Long 116°56' | Yalgoo |
| 52/2136 | Mark Gentry Casey | 287.54km ² | 64km SWly of Balladonia | Lat 33°07' Long 123°25' | Exeter/Perth |
| 52/2137 | Rumell Holdings Pty Ltd | 568.99km ² | 13km NEly of Wongan Hills | Lat 30°49' Long 116°47' | Wongan/Balladonia |
| 52/2138 | Quasip Resources Pty Ltd | 20.45km ² | 14km Ely of Morawa | Lat 29°12' Long 116°09' | Morawa/Perth |
| 52/2139 | Mirador Holdings Pty Ltd | 20.92km ² | 23km Ely of Morawa | Lat 29°16' Long 116°14' | Morawa/Perth |
| 52/2140 | Snodgrass Australia Mining Pty Ltd | 365.4km ² | 70km SEly of Jarraungup | Lat 34°27' Long 119°22' | Jarraungup |
| 52/2141 | Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd | 49.14km ² | 83km Ely of Hyden | Lat 32°42' Long 119°43' | Kondinin/Kulin/Lake Grace |
| 52/2142 | King Leopold Diamonds Ltd | 319.99km ² | 99km Nly of Halls Creek | Lat 17°23' Long 127°31' | Halls Creek |
| 52/2143 | Trispan Holdings Pty Ltd | 19.64km ² | 109km Sly of Kunurra | Lat 16°52' Long 120°22' | Wyndham & East Kimberley |
| 52/2144 | Alan Paul Rudd | 192.55km ² | 107km NEly of Fitzroy Crossing | Lat 17°44' Long 126°29' | Halls Creek |
| 52/2145 | Gazard Investments Pty Ltd | 216.87km ² | 162km NWly of Wyndham | Lat 14°17' Long 127°15' | Wyndham & East Kimberley |
| 52/2146 | Primer Base Metals Ltd | 697.87km ² | 96km NWly of Halls Creek | Lat 17°47' Long 126°53' | 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: 30 January 2008

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With guidance and support from the Director, Indigenous Employment and Engagement and the relevant Manager, trainees will primarily focus on providing administrative support and customer service and undertaking project duties. Equally important will be a high level of enthusiasm, strong team-work skills and a willingness to work whilst completing your TAFE qualification. An interest in developing a career in business administration would be a strong requirement.

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Position Enquiries: Melissa Williams, (02) 9678 7587.

Closing Date: 19 February 2008.

Please visit the UWS Website: <http://www.uws.edu.au/vacancies/> for full details on this position and how to apply.

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Out-of-Home Care Positions LIFESTYLE SOLUTIONS

Lifestyle Solutions was established in 2002 with the vision to provide creative support services for people with a disability and/or challenging behaviours. The organisation commenced in Newcastle and has services throughout NSW and now QLD. We are a client centred organisation that provides support based on the individual needs of clients with involvement from all key stakeholders.

Lifestyle Solutions has recently been funded to provide out of home care services to children and young people in the statutory Care of the Department of Child Safety. This funding spans the Department's Ipswich and Western; Brisbane South and Gold Coast; and Central Queensland Zones. As a result of this funding, the following positions are currently available:

Area Manager - South Queensland (Position Number AMS0001)

Area Manager - Central Queensland (AMC0001)

Psychologist - (P0001)

Future Planner (Foster Care) - Gold Coast (FPG001)

Team Leaders - Gold Coast (TLC0001); Ipswich (TLP001); Bundaberg (TLB001); Gladstone (TGS001); Rockhampton (TLR0001)

Receptionist - Brisbane (R0001)

Lifestyle Solutions is an EEO employer and welcomes applications from people from ATSI and CALD backgrounds. All applicants are subject to employment screening and working with children checks and must be eligible for a blue card prior to being appointed.

Application packs are available from: Kylie Francis at our National office - Newcastle. kylie.francis@lifestylesolutions.org.au or telephone: 02 4967 7777.

For further information relating to these positions, please contact: Tess Parker, State Manager - Queensland on 0400 689 590.

Please quote the position number when making an enquiry or submitting your application.

Applications Close: 11th February 2008.

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 8 February 2008



New South Wales Government



Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander THEATRE CO-OPERATIVE

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

An exciting opportunity exists for an Artistic Director with Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre Co-operative.

Ilbjerri has developed a national and international reputation creating and presenting professional theatre by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists that challenges and reaffirms Indigenous cultures. Ilbjerri is searching for a dynamic creative leader to work collaboratively with the General Manager to steer the company through its next phase of growth. You will be a highly innovative and motivated leader with a strong track record for developing Indigenous theatre and story telling.

The Ilbjerri Board is now inviting applications for the role of Artistic Director. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information about this position please contact John Harvey on (03) 9329 9097 or email admin@ilbjerri.org.au.

Applications close 5pm Monday, 11th February 2008.

Department of Sustainability and Environment

Indigenous Facilitator, The Living Murray, Gunbower Koondrook-Perricoota

\$60,307 - \$68,424 + 9% Super

Position No: DSE 328940

Are you interested in working with the community? Able to forge partnerships? Interested in working with a wide range of people?

The Living Murray Indigenous Partnership Project (IPP) is a vital component of the consultation and communication for the Living Murray Initiative. The aim of the IPP is to ensure that Indigenous community knowledge, values and perspectives are taken into consideration in each of the Icon Site Environmental Management plans. Your challenge will be to ensure that Indigenous people have a meaningful role in the planning and management of the Gunbower Koondrook-Perricoota Icon Site as part of The Living Murray Initiative.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Friday, 8 February 2008.

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Department of Planning and Community Development

Do you want to be part of protecting Victoria's unique cultural heritage?

Are you passionate and committed to making a difference?

We're seeking an innovative leader and a senior advisor to work with the newly formed Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council.

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council is the first all-Aboriginal council created under Victorian law. The Council comprises eleven Traditional Owners responsible for:

- Providing strategic advice about the management and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage; and
- Appointing Aboriginal groups to manage and protect cultural heritage at a local level; and
- Promoting public awareness and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Manager – Secretariat to the Aboriginal Heritage Council

- \$85,350 - \$114,216 plus 9% super
- Fixed term: 12 months (maternity leave vacancy)

Committed to the successful development of the recently established Aboriginal Council, you are a creative thinker who can energetically lead a dynamic team operating in a new environment.

You will have a key role in shaping the strategic direction of the Council, building relationships with key stakeholders and leading a team providing high level advice, policy, research and mediation support to the Council.

Reference number: DPDC/PACA/VC1526

Senior Advisor to the Aboriginal Heritage Council

- \$69,584 - \$84,190 plus 9% super
- Fixed term: 12 months

In this newly created position, you will play a crucial role in advising and supporting the work of the Council.

You are an energetic contributor with outstanding policy, research and communication skills.

Reference number: DPDC/PACA/VC1410

Appointees will be employed by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, Department of Planning and Community Development under the terms and conditions of the VPS Agreement 2006.

To apply and access position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

and search via the relevant reference number.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council



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 |
|--------------|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 16/2375-2388 | Australian Strategic & Precious Metals Investment Pty Ltd | 2427.58ha | 34km NW of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°36' Long 121°00' | Coongardie |
| 20/2023 | Michael Ashley Giles | 26.4ha | 6km NE of Cue | Lat 27°24' Long 117°55' | Cue |
| 21/1689 | Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd | 99.52ha | 8km SW of Cue | Lat 27°28' Long 117°49' | Cue |
| 29/1944-50 | Great Gold Mines NL | 1326.13ha | 57km NW of Menzies | Lat 29°23' Long 120°34' | Menzies |
| 29/1977 | Great Gold Mines NL | 82.67ha | 80km W of Leonora | Lat 29°04' Long 120°32' | Menzies |
| 30/1012 | Great Gold Mines NL | 196.66ha | 53km NW of Menzies | Lat 29°21' Long 120°30' | Menzies |
| 31/1764 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 21.30ha | 118km NE of Kalgoorlie | Lat 29°58' Long 122°19' | Menzies |
| 31/1765 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 46.81ha | 110km NE of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°00' Long 122°13' | Menzies |
| 31/1766 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 140.39ha | 115km NE of Kalgoorlie | Lat 29°56' Long 122°13' | Menzies |
| 31/1767 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 97.64ha | 117km NE of Kalgoorlie | Lat 29°57' Long 122°17' | Menzies |
| 31/1768 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 46.8ha | 114km NE of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°00' Long 122°17' | Menzies |
| 31/1804 | Aurora Mining Ltd | 164.17ha | 141km S of Laverton | Lat 29°52' Long 122°39' | Menzies |
| 31/1805 | Aurora Mining Ltd | 200ha | 143km S of Laverton | Lat 29°53' Long 122°40' | Menzies |
| 31/1806 | Aurora Resources Ltd | 189.93ha | 142km S of Laverton | Lat 29°52' Long 122°40' | Menzies |
| 36/1664-6 | Linger & De Pty Ltd | 560.02ha | 71km NE of Leonora | Lat 27°21' Long 121°03' | Leonora |
| 37/7033 | Russell Geoffrey McKnight Ross Frederick Crew | 28.12ha | 40km NW of Leonora | Lat 28°38' Long 121°04' | Leonora |
| 37/7035 | Danny Smith | 196.86ha | 38km E of Leonora | Lat 28°54' Long 121°43' | Leonora |
| 37/7036 | Danny Smith | 130.92ha | 34km E of Leonora | Lat 28°51' Long 121°40' | Leonora |
| 37/7041-2 | Al-Australian Minerals Exploration Pty Ltd | 341.43ha | 11km NE of Leonora | Lat 28°48' Long 121°23' | Leonora |
| 37/7044-6 | Al-Australian Minerals Exploration Pty Ltd | 491.35ha | 39km NE of Leonora | Lat 28°39' Long 121°28' | Leonora |
| 37/7136-44 | Hannans Reward Ltd | 1336.83ha | 14km NE of Leonora | Lat 28°49' Long 121°26' | Leonora |
| 37/7145 | Glenn William Baker Hannans Reward Ltd | 112.17ha | 24km E of Leonora | Lat 28°56' Long 121°34' | Leonora |
| 37/7145-51 | Glenn William Baker Hannans Reward Ltd | 719.54ha | 14km E of Leonora | Lat 28°50' Long 121°28' | Leonora |
| 37/7152-5 | Glenn William Baker Hannans Reward Ltd | 563.83ha | 20km E of Leonora | Lat 28°53' Long 121°31' | Leonora |
| 37/7166-7 | Glenn William Baker Nashook Bhaini Robert Anthony Majstrovich Hannans Reward Ltd | 278.19ha | 25km E of Leonora | Lat 28°56' Long 121°34' | Leonora |
| 37/7168 | City Resources (WA) Pty Ltd | 194.39ha | 17km S of Leonora | Lat 29°02' Long 121°18' | Leonora |
| 37/7169 | Scot's Nickel Pty Ltd | 143.26ha | 58km NW of Leonora | Lat 28°27' Long 120°59' | Leonora |
| 38/3365 | Bruce Robert Legendre Bernhard Gunter Franz Wasse Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd | 124.49ha | 113km NW of Cosmo Newbury Mission | Lat 27°03' Long 122°24' | Laverton |
| 38/3367 | Pogo Resources NL | 173.49ha | 110km NW of Cosmo Newbury Mission | Lat 27°06' Long 122°22' | Laverton |
| 38/3380 | Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd | 164.31ha | 22km SE of Laverton | Lat 28°46' Long 122°35' | Laverton |
| 38/3387 | Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd | 122.02ha | 47km S of Laverton | Lat 29°01' Long 122°15' | Laverton/Leonora |
| 39/4491 | Nahum Harlap Amir Dwyah | 199.88ha | 49km S of Laverton | Lat 28°48' Long 121°59' | Laverton |
| 39/4548 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 34.95ha | 72km S of Laverton | Lat 29°15' Long 122°17' | Leonora |
| 39/4556 | Regal Resources Ltd | 75.78ha | 70km S of Laverton | Lat 29°13' Long 122°09' | Leonora |
| 39/4573-7 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 940.69ha | 70km S of Laverton | Lat 29°15' Long 122°20' | Leonora |
| 39/4590 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 74.79ha | 68km S of Laverton | Lat 29°12' Long 122°20' | Leonora |
| 39/4591 | Royal Harry Gold Mines NL Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 174.89ha | 122km S of Laverton | Lat 29°42' Long 122°36' | Menzies |
| 39/4592 | Royal Harry Gold Mines NL Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 183.91ha | 113km S of Laverton | Lat 29°37' Long 122°33' | Menzies |
| 39/4593 | Royal Harry Gold Mines NL Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 138.02ha | 109km S of Laverton | Lat 29°35' Long 122°33' | Menzies |
| 39/4683 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 168.83ha | 61km S of Laverton | Lat 29°09' Long 122°30' | Laverton |
| 39/4684-5 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 397.81ha | 66km S of Laverton | Lat 29°12' Long 122°29' | Menzies |
| 39/4686 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 198.67ha | 65km S of Laverton | Lat 29°11' Long 122°29' | Laverton/Menzies |
| 39/4687-73 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 1386.07ha | 68km S of Laverton | Lat 29°13' Long 122°31' | Menzies |
| 39/4674 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 153.12ha | 64km S of Laverton | Lat 29°11' Long 122°26' | Leonora |
| 39/4675-6 | Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 240.18ha | 66km S of Laverton | Lat 29°13' Long 122°27' | Leonora |
| 40/1144 | Royce William Allen | 103.32ha | 42km S of Leonora | Lat 29°14' Long 121°27' | Menzies |
| 45/2686 | Julie Lynne Young Bradford John Young | 143.72ha | 11km S of Port Hedland | Lat 29°24' Long 118°37' | Port Hedland Town |
| 45/2687 | Bradford John Young Julie Lynne Young | 63.29ha | 11km SE of Port Hedland | Lat 29°23' Long 118°38' | Port Hedland Town |
| 47/1316 | Warwick John Flint | 23.39ha | 72km W of Tom Price | Lat 22°36' Long 117°05' | Ashburton |
| 47/1317 | Warwick John Flint | 47.77ha | 70km W of Tom Price | Lat 22°38' Long 117°07' | Ashburton |
| 47/1318 | Warwick John Flint | 47.73ha | 73km W of Tom Price | Lat 22°39' Long 117°05' | Ashburton |
| 51/2439 | Alkerm Pty Ltd Luigi Bondini | 87.34ha | 37km SE of Meekathana | Lat 26°53' Long 118°38' | Meekathana |
| 51/2578-9 | Alkerm Pty Ltd Alwyn Joan Bondini | 322.4ha | 8km NW of Meekathana | Lat 26°52' Long 118°26' | Meekathana |
| 53/1470-82 | Gerard Victor Brewer Verfure Uranium Pty Ltd | 2672.99ha | 124km E of Wiluna | Lat 26°55' Long 121°24' | Wiluna |
| 53/1489 | Verfure Uranium Pty Ltd | 99.41ha | 90km SE of Wiluna | Lat 27°06' Long 120°55' | Wiluna |
| 53/1490 | Casely Iron Pty Ltd | 48.06ha | 37km W of Wiluna | Lat 26°35' Long 119°51' | Wiluna |
| 53/1491 | Casely Iron Pty Ltd | 125.01ha | 27km W of Wiluna | Lat 26°36' Long 119°51' | Wiluna |
| 53/1492 | Casely Iron Pty Ltd | 98.14ha | 32km W of Wiluna | Lat 26°35' Long 119°53' | Wiluna |
| 53/1493-5 | Furnace Technologies Pty Ltd | 576.03ha | 73km SE of Wiluna | Lat 26°54' Long 120°52' | Wiluna |
| 58/1426 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 21.2ha | 57km E of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°11' Long 118°24' | Mount Magnet |
| 58/1427 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 44.54ha | 58km E of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°14' Long 118°24' | Mount Magnet |
| 58/1428 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 15.23ha | 72km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°19' Long 118°30' | Sandstone |
| 58/1429 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 23.74ha | 70km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°20' Long 118°29' | Sandstone |
| 58/1430 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 25.71ha | 71km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°22' Long 118°29' | Sandstone |
| 58/1431 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 23.73ha | 71km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°23' Long 118°28' | Sandstone |
| 58/1432 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 23.73ha | 71km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°24' Long 118°27' | Sandstone |
| 58/1433 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 44.38ha | 72km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°24' Long 118°28' | Sandstone |
| 58/1434 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 21.22ha | 73km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°23' Long 118°29' | Sandstone |
| 58/1435 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 21.23ha | 74km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°22' Long 118°30' | Sandstone |
| 58/1436 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 21.24ha | 75km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°21' Long 119°31' | Sandstone |
| 58/1437 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 46.89ha | 71km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°25' Long 118°26' | Mount Magnet/Sandstone |
| 58/1438 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 49.43ha | 80km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°28' Long 118°30' | Mount Magnet |
| 58/1439 | Maximus Resources Ltd | 21.19ha | 84km SE of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°29' Long 118°32' | Mount Magnet |
| 59/1801 | Mingar Gold Pty Ltd | 13.15ha | 72km NW of Paynes Find | Lat 26°55' Long 117°03' | Yilgarn |
| 59/1802 | Mingar Gold Pty Ltd | 23.84ha | 72km NW of Paynes Find | Lat 26°54' Long 117°04' | Yilgarn |

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Solicitor - Fulltime

The Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria is seeking to employ a fulltime Solicitor to work with clients in Melbourne and regional Victoria. For a copy of the PD email solicitor@afvpls.org or call (03) 9654 3111. Closes 22nd February 2008.

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555,579-557,266pa. To provide direct liaison services to patients of the Drug and Alcohol Network and their carers, including the direct provision of clinical support services. SWAHS (considered that being an Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Enquiries: Sandra Hay (02) 4724 3753.

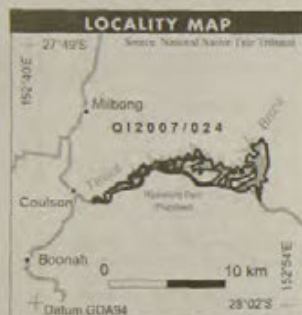
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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 13 February 2008



Q12007/024 Munanjali Wyaralong Dam ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 16km² and is located approximately 12km north-west of Beaudesert and approximately 8km north-east of Boonah, in the vicinity of the proposed Wyaralong Dam as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area is located within the Local Government Authorities of Beaudesert Shire Council and Boonah Shire Council.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Joyce Almat, Les Bonner, Lena Coolwell, Ruth Green (nee Currie), Lorraine Iselin (nee Paulson), Raymond Kelson, Beverly Logan, Roy Page, Pearl Sandy, Frances Wright (nee Fogarty), Bret Yarrle, 16/239 George Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000

Contact: Andrew Preston

Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd,
C/- McCullough Robertson Lawyers, Level 11,
66 Eagle Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000
Contact: Dominic McGinn

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 4.1 Consent

(a) The Parties consent to the following acts, whether or not they are Future Acts:

i. the grant to QWI of the Project Rights and the implementation of those Project Rights (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the creation, grant, registration or transfer of any interest in the Agreement Area to QWI);

ii. the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project and all works (including Public Works) and Ancillary Works necessary or incidental to the Project which is done by or at the request of, or on behalf of, QWI;

iii. the implementation and operation of the Project (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the creation, grant, registration or transfer of any interest in the Agreement Area to QWI); and

iv. the decommissioning of the Project and the required rehabilitation of land affected by the Project.

(b) To the extent this Agreement provides for consent to Future Acts, the Agreement is not intended to operate over areas where Native Title Rights and Interests have been validly extinguished by previous acts of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State, or by operation of the common law.

Clause 4.2 Project rights and Non-Extinguishment Principle

The Parties acknowledge that, in respect of the Agreement Area, the Non-Extinguishment Principle set out in the NTA applies to any Project Right when granted, and to any other Future Act consented to under clause 4.1

Clause 7.2 Statements for purposes of section 24EB of the NTA (which deals with the right to negotiate)

For the purposes of section 24EB of the NTA and for the avoidance of doubt the Parties acknowledge that Subdivision P of the NTA is not intended to apply to the grant of any Project Rights or to any other Future Acts consented to under clause 4.1.

Clause 1.1 Definitions

'Ancillary Works' includes but is not limited to the following works:

- the construction of any roads, bridges or other means of transport necessary to access Wyaralong Dam or other parts of the ancillary works;
- the clearing of land as necessary for the purposes of Wyaralong Dam and ancillary works;
- the inundation of land with water as a result of the construction and operation of Wyaralong Dam;
- the establishment of quarries for the purposes of construction of Wyaralong Dam and associated works;
- the instalment of power lines as necessary to support Wyaralong Dam and associated works;

(f) the relocation of any existing infrastructure (including roads, pipelines, powerlines and telephone lines) in order to accommodate Wyaralong Dam and associated works; and

(g) the construction of any other building or structures (including office or accommodation buildings) associated with the construction or operation of Wyaralong Dam and any associated works.

'Future Act' has the meaning given in the NTA

'NTA' means the Native Title Act 1993

'Project' means the planning, construction, operation, maintenance and ultimate decommissioning of:

- the development, construction, maintenance and ongoing operation of Wyaralong Dam; and
- all other works and operations within the Agreement Area which are to be undertaken in relation to or incidental to the investigation, development, construction, maintenance and ongoing operation of Ancillary Works.

'Project Rights' means any permission, licence, permit, authorisation, approval, interest, or rearrangement of existing property boundaries which are necessary or desirable for the undertaking of the Project.

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This project is funded by the Federal Government, Equal Opportunity Act Exemption A32/2007.



National Native Title Tribunal

Guardian Youth Care

Youth Worker

Guardian Youth Care is a residential out of home care service for children and young people between the ages of 12 and 17 years. Houses are based in the Inner West and Parramatta region. It is desirable that applicants have a Certificate III in Youth Work (or relevant qualifications) or have experience working with children and young people with high and complex needs. Ph: 1300857972, ed.dunlop@guardianyouthcare.org.au

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

TEACHER, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Teacher, Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08009. Total remuneration package valued to: \$76,139 p.a. (\$61,549-\$68,998) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for delivering accredited Information Technology programs to offenders and providing administrative and case management support for these programs. **Selection Criteria:** Degree in Education or Degree plus Diploma in Education or equivalent. Degree, Diploma or Certificate IV in Information Technology or equivalent. Experience teaching adults or demonstrated knowledge of adult teaching principles. Demonstrated knowledge of quality assurance practices which comply with national standards. Ability to provide flexible course delivery to meet learner needs and institutional constraints. Ability to undertake administrative duties related to teaching. Understanding of Case Management and Throughcare strategies. Ability to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants need to re-apply. For details please obtain an information package. Specific arrangements may apply to applicants who do not possess the required qualification in education. Applicants are requested to provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. Applicants must include a signed Applicant Declaration form and copies of qualifications and academic transcripts. Originals must be brought to interview. Note that overseas qualifications must be accompanied with relevant statement of Australian equivalent. An eligibility list may be created.

All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries: Kerry Josephs (02) 6840 2919 Email: Kerry.Josephs@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kerry.Josephs@dcs.nsw.gov.au telephone: (02) 6840 2919.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resource Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 01 February 2008.

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 (CACP's), 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: 65682522

Closing date: 22nd February 2008.

This is a re-advertised position. Applications including resume to be forwarded to: General Manager, Nambucca Valley Community Services Council Inc PO Box 132 Macksville 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.



NCOSS is the peak body for non-government social and community services in NSW. We work with our members, on behalf of disadvantaged people and communities, to achieve social justice. NCOSS is seeking to fill the following position.

Senior Project Officer

NCOSS Management Support Unit

21-28 hours per week

The NCOSS Management Support Unit aims to maximise the effectiveness and quality of non-government social services by improving the management capacity and performance of non government organisations (NGOs).

The successful applicant will require a comprehensive knowledge of the management and governance issues/needs of NGOs, particularly small NGOs, as well as a demonstrated capacity to develop quality customised resources and templates. High level contract management skills as well as excellent project development, management and evaluation skills are also essential to this position.

Annual salary of \$66,000 p.a. pro rata (plus super) is payable, with generous working conditions. The position is permanent, subject to a 3 month probationary period.

Applicants must obtain an information package containing job description and selection criteria by contacting Craig Howe on (02) 9211 2599 ext 101 or via email at craig@nccoss.org.au

For further inquiries please contact: Catherine Mahony, Deputy Director, Sector Development/Corporate Services on (02) 9211 2599 ext 110.

Applications close 5pm, 15 February 2008.

Please visit the NCOSS website at www.nccoss.org.au

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by a the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 13 May 2008.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE QLD 4001 by 13 May 2008.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. 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 Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS MANAGER

Melbourne - Full time
Bush Heritage Australia is a national non-profit organisation that protects Australia's unique plants and animals and their habitat. Our vision for 2025 is to protect 1% of Australia, and in doing so conserve land, water and wildlife of high conservation value.
This identified position is part of Bush Heritage's increasing commitment to working with Indigenous peoples in conservation and Caring for Country. The Indigenous Programs Manager will be responsible for delivery of the Conservation on Country program and staff. They will assist in implementing Bush Heritage's strategic goals through developing and supporting partnerships with Indigenous people, acquiring properties for conservation purposes, and facilitating and coordinating projects that support Indigenous peoples' conservation and Caring for Country aspirations. Regular travel within Australia and to remote regions is required. The position is identified for an Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander under Sec 19 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (VIC).
Applications must address the selection criteria listed in the Position Description available on our website: <http://www.bushheritage.org.au>
Applications to be sent to Sarah Eccles, either via email sarah@bushheritage.org.au, or by post to: Bush Heritage Australia, PO Box 129, Finckers Lane, Melbourne, VIC 3009.
Applications close: Friday 22nd February 2008.

Blacktown City Council

Life in Blacktown is diverse and multicultural. We're NSW's largest council, with 285,000 people and substantial land to develop in sync with the local area and wider economy. We're also strongly protective of our environment and highly efficient in waste management. Council is committed to equal employment opportunity principles.

Aboriginal Arts Development Officer

Reporting to the Manager, Arts and Cultural Development, you will implement a comprehensive Aboriginal arts development strategy that will include economic and professional development opportunities for Aboriginal artists. Development and increased recognition of the arts in Blacktown's Aboriginal communities will also be a prime objective of this newly created position. In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW), Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential: You'll have relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent work experience as well as a background in cultural planning, policy development and project management. Substantial experience with artists, arts organisations and Aboriginal communities is also vital, as is the detailed knowledge of the issues affecting Aboriginal artists.

Salary and Conditions: A salary of \$950.60 - \$1,045.60/wk will be paid in accordance with the Blacktown City Council Enterprise Agreement 2006. Currently funded by the NSW Ministry for the Arts, ongoing employment is subject to continuing funding.

Enquiries: Jenny Basson on 9839 6081.

Closing Date: 4.30pm Friday, 15 February 2008.

Applicants should obtain an Information Package from Council's website, which contains an application form and information about Council. Applications should quote the relevant position number and be forwarded to: The General Manager, Blacktown City Council, PO Box 63, Blacktown NSW 2148, or emailed to council@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Blacktown City Council

GROWING WITH PRIDE

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

LEGAL AID COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE

No smoking in the workplace is Commission Policy.

LEGAL SUPPORT OFFICER

(ABORIGINAL IDENTIFIED)

Clerk Grade 1/2, Wollongong, Permanent Full-Time,
Job Reference No RA08/024.
Total remuneration package valued to:
\$55,568 p.a. (\$46,320-\$50,356).

Provide quality secretarial, clerical and administrative services to Legal Officers and clients across the key program areas in the Commission's legal practices.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Good organisational and priority setting skills and ability to cope with a high volume workload. Ability to provide effective administrative and clerical support in a legal practice: good computer, word processing and secretarial skills. High level interpersonal and communication skills including ability to deal with sensitive issues. Commitment and capacity to provide high level customer service in an efficient and understanding manner to people from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Ability to adapt to change and work in a team environment with minimal supervision. Capacity to type legal documents and to acquire knowledge of legal terminology. Ability to quickly acquire an understanding of legal environment, court operations and local support agencies. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position has been identified for Aboriginal persons or Torres Strait Islanders. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Inquiries: Liz McAndrew (02) 4228 8299. Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or Liz McAndrew 4228 8299.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Jenny Del Rio, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K947, Haymarket 1238 or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

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 |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| EPM16399 | Approx. 145 km WNW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°27'S Long.138°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia | Area: 241 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 76 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2023 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 2024 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 2095 c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2167 c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z | Ventnor Mining Pty Ltd 120 835 387 |
| EPM16400 | Approx. 101 km WNW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°40'S Long.138°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia | Area: 275 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 87 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2242 e, u, z 2243 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 2244 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 2316 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 2317 l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x | Ventnor Mining Pty Ltd 120 835 387 |
| EPM16401 | Approx. 157 km NW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°15'S Long.138°33'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia | Area: 314 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 99 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1878 v, w, x, y, z 1879 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 1880 q, r, v, w 1950 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1951 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 1952 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 | Ventnor Mining Pty Ltd 120 835 387 |
| EPM16403 | Approx. 109 km W from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°45'S Long.138°51'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia | Area: 228 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 72 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2314 d, e, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, y, z 2315 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 2386 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2387 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 | Ventnor Mining Pty Ltd 120 835 387 |
| EPM16404 | Approx. 172 km NW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°06'S Long.138°28'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia | Area: 318 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1662 s, l, x, y, z 1734 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 1805 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1806 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1807 f, g, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1877 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1878 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u | Ventnor Mining Pty Ltd 120 835 387 |
| EPM16405 | Approx. 100 km W from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°49'S Long.138°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia | Area: 252 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 80 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2388 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 2389 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2458 e 2459 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2460 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2461 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n | Ventnor Mining Pty Ltd 120 835 387 |
| EPM16468 | Approx. 121 km WNW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°32'S Long.138°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia | Area: 133 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 42 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2098 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2170 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2242 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, o, q, r, v, w | Ventnor Mining Pty Ltd 120 835 387 |

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 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.

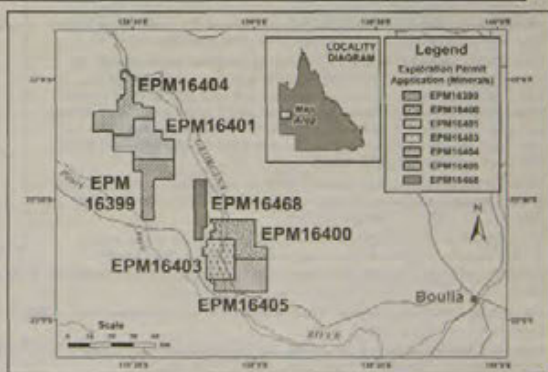
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3249 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 20 February 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to 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* | Grantee Party |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| EPM13702 | Part 1: Approx. 57 km NNE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°35'S Long.140°19'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area of Part 1: 23 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3052 o, t, y 3124 d, j, k, o | Exco Resources Limited 080 339 671 |
| | Part 2: Approx. 32 km NNE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°49'S Long.140°15'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3267 u, z | |
| | Part 3: Approx. 30 km E from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°01'S Long.140°20'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area of Part 3: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 28 e, k | |
| | Part 4: Approx. 50 km NNE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°39'S Long.140°19'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3124 y | |
| | Part 5: Approx. 38 km NE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°50'S Long.140°21'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3341 a | |
| | Part 6: Approx. 31 km NE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°54'S Long.140°19'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area of Part 6: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3340 y | |
| | Part 7: Approx. 23 km E from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°03'S Long.140°16'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area of Part 7: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 28 q | |
| | Part 8: Approx. 26 km E from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°03'S Long.140°18'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area of Part 8: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 28 s | |

Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map. Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block e.g. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. 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: qldng@fedcourt.gov.au

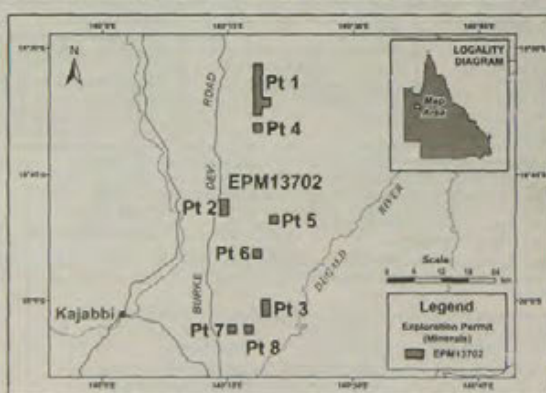
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

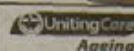
Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 20 February 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



UCC Day Centre Coordinator - Far West 22 Hours Per Week

UCC is currently seeking expressions of interest as a UCC Day Centre & Veteran Affairs Coordinator, located in Broken Hill. This position will report to the RN Coordinator, Far West and will assist in the coordination of community care services to clients in the Far West.

Essential Criteria:

- Certificate 3 in Aged Care or Disability Services
- Demonstrated ability to work with aged and disabled people (all ages)
- Sound communication and report writing skills
- Motor vehicle, current Class C Driver's Licence, comprehensive insurance and mobile phone
- Current First Aid Certificate.

Desirable Criteria:

- Computer skills
- Recent experience working in the community.

Applicants are encouraged to be a recognised member of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Applications Close: Friday 8 February 2008.

Enquiries and a Position Description can be obtained by

contacting: Rhonda Pitt, RN Coordinator - (02) 8088 6203.

UnitingCare Ageing is committed to OH&S and EEO principles. Relevant criminal record checks and functional assessment shall be conducted on applicants recommended for employment/appointment to positions within UnitingCare Ageing.

Indigenous Mentor

National Indigenous Centre for Enterprise Development
Wondal Queensland

SLF is a not for profit organization that cultivates success in Indigenous people by offering them work experience and on the job training at the National Indigenous Centre for Enterprise Development (NICED) near Wondal, Queensland.

An opportunity exists at the NICED for a dedicated, enthusiastic and experienced team member to be a mentor to our indigenous employees.

The role of the mentor will be to provide support for the indigenous youth employed in our enterprises.

The successful applicant will be a person who wants to make a difference. He or she will ideally be a respected indigenous person able to model culturally appropriate behaviours and values, while instilling hope and developing a capacity to participate successfully in the wider economy.

It is preferable that the applicant will possess experience in this or related fields, as well as in a private sector business. Work place training qualifications as well as an ability to participate more broadly in the current and future activities of our organization would be well regarded.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate including FBT exempt salary sacrifice.

SLF welcomes written applications from interested people by 8 February 2007 to the General Manager, NICED, PO Box 459 MURGOON QLD 4605.

Confidential Inquiries can be made to Mike Giles on 07 41690555 or email mike.giles@silverlining.net.au. Information on the Silver Lining Foundation can be obtained at www.silverlining.net.au

NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment

Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3272.

Aboriginal Child & Family Violence Counsellor (Specialising in Sexual Assault)

Location negotiable within Tablelands Cluster

Perm Full Time Position No: 57642

This is an Aboriginal defined position. This is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Applicants must be female. This is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Enquiries: Veronica Moore, (02) 6776 9712.

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Social Work and Welfare Department, Tamworth

Temp Full Time Position No: 56315

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Enquiries: Troy Arnold, (02) 6767 7070, troy.arnold@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Family and Child Health Worker (Specialising in Sexual Assault)

Aboriginal Health, Population Health, Planning & Performance, Moree

Perm Full Time Position No: 57005

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Applicants must be female. This is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Enquiries: Dana Cooper, (02) 6739 0100.

Closing Date: 15 February 2008.

Closing Date for all positions
(unless specified): 8 February 2008

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

AREA SERVICES

Manager, Program Development
Aboriginal Health Service
Health Service Manager Level 3

Perm Full Time Position No: AREA08003
Enq: Gail Daylight, (02) 9314 6270
Apps: rhw@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 15 February 2008

An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

We can offer Registered Nurses from overseas Temporary Business Sponsorships of up to four years under arrangements with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and NSW Health. We are committed to EEO, OH&S, Ethical Practices, and the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Salary and conditions (including general employer superannuation and salary packaging) are paid in accordance with the relevant award/enterprise agreement. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record check. Prohibited Persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment. Eligibility Lists will be kept for up to 12 months. Employment with SESHS is subject to you having current immunity status that complies with the Assessment, Screening & Vaccination against specified Infectious Diseases - Policy Directive. Appointment and ongoing employment will be subject to continued compliance with the policy directive.

Manager, Aboriginal Programs

Mission Australia is a leading not-for-profit community and employment services organisation which for more than 140 years has been helping the nation's most disadvantaged individuals and communities.

Reporting directly to the State Director - Victoria, we have an exciting opportunity for a new Manager of Aboriginal Programs. The position will manage the development, delivery and ongoing improvement of programs to meet the needs of Aboriginal people in Victoria. This is a visible position where you will have the opportunity to interact with top levels of management as well as government and external organisations to make a significant and positive contribution to the community.

To succeed in this role you will be experienced in developing and managing programs that meet the needs of Aboriginal Australians; have demonstrated participation in networks in the indigenous service sector; have an ability to provide expert advice for advocacy and program development; and have excellent program and people management skills.

This is a great opportunity to join an organisation which is undergoing an exciting period of rapid growth and offering excellent opportunities for progression and development.

Apply now, email FlanaganK@missionaustralia.com.au

For more information please contact Kristin Flanagan on 03 8615 2266.

Mission Australia is a non-denominational Christian community services organisation and an EEO employer. Applicants from an Indigenous Australian background are encouraged to apply.

Mission Australia
www.missionaustralia.com.au

Recruitment & Engagement Officers.

Centre for Indigenous Education, Academic Enrichment Services

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A112/2007). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

The University of Melbourne Centre for Indigenous Education has the following positions available:

Senior Recruitment & Engagement Officer

Salary: \$61,538 - \$66,615 p.a. plus employer super of 17%
Position Number: 0018647.

Recruitment & Engagement Officers (2 Positions)

Salary: \$55,771 - \$60,371 p.a. plus employer super of 17%
Position Number: 0018628.

All positions are full-time (contingent). Enquiries only should be directed to Associate Professor Mark Rose, Director - Centre for Indigenous Education, tel: +61 3 8344 7940, email rosem@unimelb.edu.au

Applications: by 8 February 2008 quoting the relevant position number.

For position information and to apply online go to www.jobs.unimelb.edu.au and search under the job title or job number.

An Equal Opportunity employer.



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Notice Of Proposed Grant Of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|
| EPM16452 | Approx. 116 km N from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.18°53'S Long.138°05'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa | Area: 124 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 60 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2377 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2378 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2449 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 2450 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 2521 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2522 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p | Archeoptryx Resources Pty Ltd 125 301 206 |
| EPM16465 | Approx. 83 km N from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°11'S Long.138°16'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa | Area: 194 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 117 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2667 n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2668 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2739 c, d, e, k, p, u, z 2740 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 2812 h, c, d, e | Copper Strike Ltd 108 398 983 |
| EPM16466 | Approx. 66 km N from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°20'S Long.138°12'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa | Area: 110 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 96 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2809 p, o, z 2810 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2811 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2812 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2881 c, k, p 2882 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2883 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2884 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p | Copper Strike Ltd 108 398 983 |
| EPM16467 | Approx. 79 km N from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°13'S Long.138°11'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa | Area: 253 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 78 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2666 y, z 2667 v, w 2737 k, p, u, z 2738 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2739 a, b, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2809 e, k 2810 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2811 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2812 a, f, g, h, j, k | Copper Strike Ltd 108 398 983 |
| EPM16529 | Approx. 107 km ENE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°42'S Long.139°07'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa | Area: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3182 l, m, n | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |

* 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.

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 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.

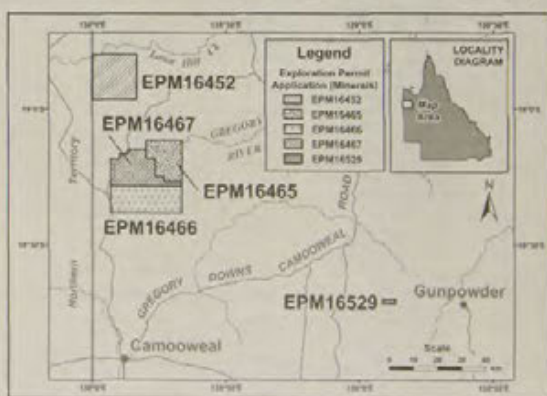
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 20 FEBRUARY 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Expressions of interests are sought for the position of Associate to a Judge of the District Court of NSW.

The position of Associate provides administrative, organisational and research support to the Judge (in Chambers and in Court) in order to facilitate their effective and efficient function.

The successful applicant will have an interest in pursuing a career in law or a law related area, will have either experience in a legal or para legal environment and have a minimum qualification of the HSC, or equivalent. The appointment will be for a 12 month period and will be based in Sydney's CBD.

The successful applicant will possess the following skills and experience:

- Experience in executive support services;
- Tact, discretion and judgment to maintain the strictest confidentiality at all times;
- Very strong interpersonal and communication skills, including negotiation and liaison skills, with an excellent command of spelling, punctuation and grammar and an understanding of legal terminology;
- Demonstrated strong organisational, administrative and problem-solving skills and high level time management skills;
- Ability to use initiative to prepare judgments, correspondence and memoranda and undertake research;
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team;
- Computer and word processing skills using Microsoft Word and Lotus Notes or equivalent products; and
- Understanding and commitment to the implementation of EEO, OH&S, ethical practices, a harassment-free workplace and principles of a culturally diverse society.

For enquiries please contact Jennifer Garvey on 02 9287 7234. Please submit your resume and a brief letter outlining how you meet this criteria to Jennifer Garvey at jennifer_garvey@agd.nsw.gov.au by the COB Friday 15 February 2008.

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION GRANTS OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 3/4, Haymarket, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No GR08/011. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Process, assess, determine and administer applications/extensions for grants of legal aid within policies, guidelines and delegations, to meet client service and Commission standards and benchmarks. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality Demonstrated high-level competency and performance in client service Capacity to make sound judgements on sensitive issues impacting on client entitlements Knowledge, or capacity to acquire knowledge, of policies and guidelines applicable to the determination of applications for legal aid Demonstrated high-level oral and written communication skills, including negotiation skills Capacity to meet deadlines and cope with a high volume workload Demonstrated experience in working and contributing in a team environment Excellent computer literacy skills and knowledge, or capacity to acquire knowledge, of the Commission's electronic databases (eg. LA Office System) Demonstrated high-level administrative skills, including managing electronic records Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1979, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Inquiries: Joy Gimbert (02) 9219 5184.

Information Packages: jobs.nsw.gov.au or Eileen King on (02) 9219 5159.

Applications: Marked 'Confidential' To: employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au or online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or to Lisa Ridoutt, Human Resource Management Branch, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket 1238.

Closing Date: Friday 08 February 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

For information on Commerce please see www.commerce.nsw.gov.au. For Information Packages please call (02) 9372 7194. Please quote position number.

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

CLERK GRADE 3/4, Port Macquarie, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 2008/016. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Division provides services to consumers & traders on all aspects of fair trading incl targeted activities to inform & regulate the marketplace. The CSO delivers effective, high quality customer services, including to Aboriginal communities. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application. Experience working effectively with Aboriginal communities. Demonstrated ability to provide quality customer service in a challenging environment. Proven problem solving, negotiation and dispute resolution skills. Demonstrated capacity to develop specialist skills in a range of Fair Trading legislation and services and demonstrated capacity to understand and apply legislation. Demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a team environment. Proven sound communication, interpersonal and organisational skills. A current drivers licence and willingness to drive. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Temporary Full Time position until 30 June 2008 under Section 24, 28 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Note: Applicants that do not specifically address all the selection criteria will not be considered for interview.

Inquiries: Jill Jessop/Christie Stewart, telephone: (02) 4925 7012/6584 1330.

Information Packages: Email infopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au or quote 2008/016.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: You can apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by post to Catherine Barrett, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKeil Building, 2-24 Rawson Place Sydney 2000.

Closing Date: Friday 15 February 2008.



Proposal To Grant Exploration Permit

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 Permit application/s applied for under section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967.

| NUMBER | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | SHIRE |
|------------|---|------------------------|--|--|
| 5/07-8 EP | BACKREEF OIL LIMITED and OIL BASINS LIMITED | 5061.5 km ² | The Application is located between Lake Daley and Lake Paterson. The north western corner (Lat 17° 04' 54.99" S, Long 123° 10' 04.52" E - GDA94) of the application is situated approx 57km north west of Derby. From this point the application extends approx 124 km in an easterly direction (Lat 17° 39' 54.97" S, Long 124° 20' 04.51" E - GDA94) and then from this point approx 18 km in a southerly direction to the south eastern corner (Lat 17° 49' 54.98" S, Long 124° 20' 04.52" E - GDA94). From this point the application extends approx 80 km in a westerly direction to (Lat 17° 44' 59.55" S, Long 123° 34' 35.26" E - GDA94). The application total area is approx. 5061.5km ² or 61 blocks (5' x 5') in the Canning Basin. | Shire of Derby West Kimberley (82.1%) Shire of Broome (4.9%) State Internal Waters (13%) |
| 11/07-8 EP | ERM GAS PTY LTD | 662.8 km ² | The Application is located between Lake Jasper and Blackwood River. The north western corner (Lat 34° 09' 55.84" S, Long 115° 20' 05.49" E - GDA94) of the application is situated approx. 22 km north east from Kamdale. From this point the application extends approx. 23 km in an easterly direction to the north eastern corner (Lat 34° 04' 55.82" S, Long 115° 35' 05.47" E - GDA94). The south east corner is (Lat 34° 25' 42.18" S, Long 115° 35' 05.50" E - GDA94) and the application extends north westerly along the coast approx. 26 km to the south west corner at (Lat 34° 18' 57.04" S, Long 115° 20' 33.95" E - GDA94). The Application total area is approx. 662.8 km ² or 12 blocks (5' x 5') in the Perth Basin. | Shire of Naradup (99.3%) Shire of Augusta-Margaret River (0.7%) |

Nature of the Act: Grant of exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

Notification Day: 30th January 2008.

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 30th April 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for either native title determination or prescribed body corporate to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 30th May 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum and Royalties Division, Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 and ask for extension 23 813.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| EPM16510 | Approx. 44 km NW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat. 17°35' S Long. 138°37' E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Doomadgee and Burke | Area: 212 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 65 (each 1 Lat x 1 Long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1232 E, S, T, U, W, X, Y, Z 1304 B, C, D, E, G, H, J, K, M, N, O, P, R, S, T, U, W, X, Y, Z 1376 B, C, D, E, G, H, J, K, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z 1448 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, O, P | Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd 122 727 342 |

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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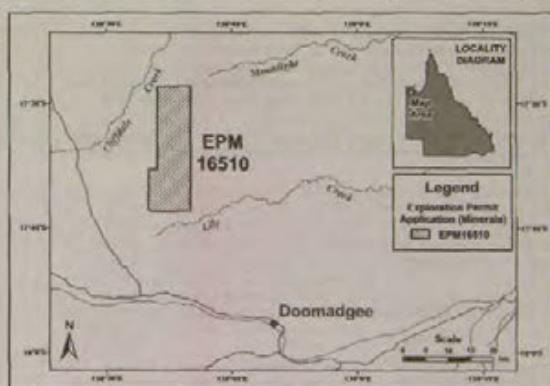
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Notification Day: 20 February 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Building Solid Families Program Link Up Research Co-ordinator Albany WA - Full-Time (2 positions)

The Building Solid Families program aims to deliver comprehensive information and support services for Aboriginal individuals, families and communities, particularly those affected by family separation, and past removal practices. Services provided include family tracing, reunification and counselling support.

The successful applicant must:

- Demonstrate an extensive understanding of issues impacting on contemporary Noongar culture and be able to communicate effectively with both Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people.
- Have previous experience in tracing family history or other research.
- Have a good understanding of Aboriginal history and how this affects Aboriginal people in society today.

The Great Southern GP Network is the employer and fundholder for this program. Proof of Aboriginality is essential for this position. On the job training and supervision will be provided. Excellent working conditions and generous salary package based on skills and experience will be offered. Application packs that include the selection criteria are available by phoning Gay Willis at the Great Southern GP Network on (08) 9842 7297. For further enquiries please ring Adam Wolfe on (08) 9892 7222.

Applications addressing the selection criteria must be received by close of business on Wednesday 13th February 2008. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 20th February 2008. Please send applications addressed to Mrs Suzanne Leavesley, CEO, Great Southern GP Network, by email to gwillis@gsgpn.com.au or mail to PO Box 5294, Albany WA 6330.



new Federation of
Housing Associations Inc

Seeking Aboriginal person for **ADMIN ASSISTANT TRAINEESHIP** with NSW Federation of Housing Associations, a community based organisation in Surry Hills (Sydney). One year traineeship includes off-the-job and on-the-job training, for skills including: reception, filing, working with computers, office equipment, meeting coordination - towards a permanent position. 36.75 hrs/wk \$29385/annum.

For an info pack telephone: (02) 9281 7144, email wendy@communityhousing.org.au or visit our website: www.communityhousing.org.au

Applications close: 22nd February 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 |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|
| EPM16487 | Approx. 138 km WSW from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat 20°11'S Long 144°58'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Dalrymple and Flinders | Area: 306 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 95 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 83 f, g, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 155 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 156 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 157 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 227 a, b, c, d | Bridge Mines Pty Ltd 125 263 676 |
| EPM16492 | Approx. 82 km SW from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat 20°23'S Long 145°33'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple | Area: 244 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 76 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 235 l, m, n, q, r, v 307 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 308 l, m, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 378 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p 379 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 380 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o | Bridge Mines Pty Ltd 125 263 676 |
| EPM16495 | Approx. 72 km NE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat 19°40'S Long 146°48'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Townsville and Dalrymple | Area: 165 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 51 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3129 p, q, z 3130 c, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 2202 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 3203 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w | Bridge Mines Pty Ltd 125 263 676 |

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Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORFAROO, 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.

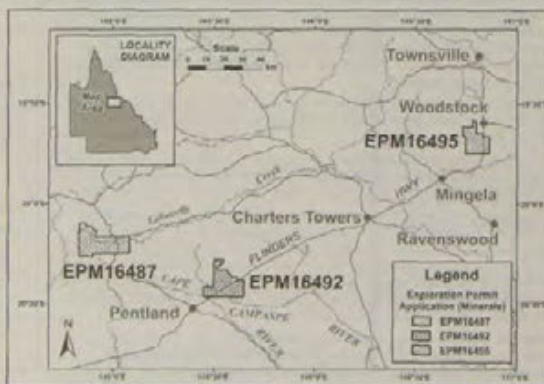
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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Notification Day: 20 February 2008



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Sexual Assault Worker (Counsellor)

G(h)in.gil Family Violence Prevention Legal Service

The primary responsibility of this position is to provide counselling and support services to victims-survivors of family violence and sexual assault. Applicants will have the ability to provide these services effectively and sensitively to indigenous people, with a demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and issues impacting on them in contemporary society.

A salary up to \$55,631 (dependent on qualifications and experience) will be offered, in addition to a 9-day f/night and up to 12% Super contribution.

Position Number: 2498.

Applications close Monday, February 11, 2008 at 4pm.

Rockhampton City Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer



How to Apply:

For more information and to obtain an application kit please contact HR Services on 4930 8332 or visit www.rockhampton.qld.gov.au



Lower Murray Darling
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CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOWER MURRAY DARLING CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

CATCHMENT OFFICER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Clerk Grade 7/8, Buronga (South West NSW near Mildura), Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No CMA2008/001. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,469-\$76,896). Provide expert advice on Aboriginal cultural heritage and cross cultural issues to improve the environmental, social, economic and cultural values of the Aboriginal communities. Engage Traditional Tribal Groups and support Aboriginal NRM programs. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and a well developed understanding of Aboriginal cultural and heritage issues. Well developed written and oral communication, conflict resolution and negotiation skills. Demonstrated ability to work with community groups, including facilitating meetings and workshops and ability to deal with cross cultural issues. Demonstrated ability to manage projects, organise and prioritise work with conflicting deadlines. Understanding of natural resource management issues and reforms and the NRM policy framework. Good analysis, research and problem solving skills. Ability to work cooperatively as part of a team. Current driver's licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Previously advertised as CMA2007/108. Previous applicants need to reapply.

Inquiries: Lesley Palmer or Kathy Markotis (Technical Enquiries) (03) 5021 9460 or (03) 5021 9442.

Information Packages: Email: cma.info@pack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 001 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 01 February 2008.

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

SOLICITORS (Aboriginal)

Grade I-III, Various. Vacancy No: CL08/026, Permanent Full-Time. Total remuneration package valued to: \$90,756 pa (\$55,472-\$82,244) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

The positions are responsible for conducting criminal law matters in the Local and District Courts and other jurisdictions, determining applications for legal aid and providing advice in criminal law matters. **NOTE:** Vacancies currently exist at Dubbo and Parramatta. An eligibility list will be created to fill future vacancies as they arise over the next 12 months.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Legal qualifications and a NSW Practising Certificate. Knowledge of criminal law and capacity to acquire knowledge of any specific area of criminal law as required and the capacity to represent legal aid clients and undertake an advocacy role before Courts or Tribunals. Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume work environment. Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare court documents, correspondence, submissions and other written materials. Ability to understand Legal Aid Commission policies and procedures to determine applications of legal aid and advise clients about eligibility or the capacity to rapidly acquire such knowledge. Well developed legal research/analytical and statutory interpretation skills. Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse workload. Demonstrated computer skills and a Class C Driver's License, as required. Common selection criteria also apply.

In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1979, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Inquiries: Paul Hayes on 8219 5660.

Information Packages: Samantha Borham on 6885 4233.

Applications marked 'confidential' to: jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au or to Jennifer Jackson, PO Box, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238

Closing Date: 15 February 2008

DURRI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL SERVICE - Galambila Aboriginal Health Service Vascular Health Worker

Galambila is seeking to employ an Aboriginal person in the position of Aboriginal Vascular Health Worker. The successful applicant will work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to implement Vascular Health screening and education programs and will act as a link between clinicians and clients to improve the vascular health of the Aboriginal Community. Interested applicants must complete an application package to be considered for the position. Application packages are available from David Kennedy on 8552-0850.

Note: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 15 February 2008.

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION RECORDS OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 1/2, Haymarket, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No GR07/004. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,568 p.a. (\$46,320-\$50,356) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Deliver broad-based records, data entry, mail, reception, telephone and administrative services to the Grants Division, to meet quality and customer service expectations and enable effective services to be provided to clients by the Division. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality Capacity or experience in administrative and clerical practices and procedures Good understanding of records management systems and practices including electronic file management systems Computer literacy including excellent data entry and word processing skills Excellent customer service skills and understanding of customer service principles and processes High level interpersonal and communication skills including ability to deal with sensitive issues Ability to work and contribute in a team environment Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Note: In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1979, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Inquiries: Rae Cameron 9219 5175. Information Packages: jobs.nsw.gov.au or Eileen King on 9219 5159.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Carla Duarte, Human Resource Management Branch, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket 1239; online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or via email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 08 February 2008.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE PROJECT OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Performance & Quality Improvement
Clerk Grade 7/8
Southern Region, Queanbeyan
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DADHC-08-10193

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This position implements policy, undertake activities & projects related to planning & delivery of services & options to departmental clients & provide advice for government which reflects contemporary needs & innovative responses.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality and demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes.
- Proven expertise to lead, formulate & implement strategies to improve Aboriginal peoples access to services & programs, or gained from experiences in the human services sector plus experience in policy formulation & financial analysis.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with, develop & maintain effective working relationships with Aboriginal people & their communities.
- High-level interpersonal skills, ability to communicate effectively, build relationships, consult with a wide range of non-Aboriginal external stakeholders & present a case in group settings.
- Conceptual and analytical skills and ability to interpret and apply legislation and high level of written and communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to research and undertake aspects of project implementation and commitment to teamwork and a willingness to show initiative and flexibility and reliability in meeting deadlines.
- Competence in the use of keyboard and standard PC software programs.
- Current NSW drivers licence.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This position will work with both Aboriginal and mainstream funded services. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants with relevant tertiary qualifications should include details in their application. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Please ensure all information is attached as a single file when submitting your application.

Inquiries: Denise Henry on 02 6200 7328.
Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or NSW Businesslink on 02 6200 5820

Apply on-line: As link given in the Information Package or Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Closing Date: Friday 8 February 2008.

Queanbeyan City Council

COORDINATOR FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Leaseback vehicle applies

The Queanbeyan City Council is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced candidate to Coordinate Council's Family Support Service and the Family Support and Accommodation Service.

To be successful in this position, you must have a Degree or University Diploma in Social Work, Social Welfare or related and a total of 8 - 11 years work experience with a minimum of 4 years experience in a family support setting or working with families at risk.

We are seeking a highly motivated person who is committed to an early intervention approach, has an interest in community development/capacity building and the ability to maintain good working relationships with government bodies and community organisations.

This position is a grade 13, with a salary range of \$51,511 to \$59,238 (plus super) and NAPS (Notional Agreement Preserving the Local Government (State) Award) conditions apply. The successful applicant will be offered use

of a lease back vehicle and Council offers flexible work practices.

Intending applicants may obtain an information package from Councils website www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/postionsvacant or email to recruit@qcc.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively you may contact our 24 hour answering service on (02) 6298 4504. For further information contact Philippa Moss Manager Family Services and Community Development on 6297 0202.

Applications close at 5.00pm Monday 18 February.

Gary Chapman
General Manager

Queanbeyan City Council is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from multicultural and Aboriginal people. Council employees enjoy free parking and a dynamic, safe and healthy working environment.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| EPM16213 | Approx. 47 km WSW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°39'S Long.147°25'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Bowen | Area: 321 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 473 z 474 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 475 q, r, v, w, x 544 g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 545 d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 546 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 547 a 617 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w | Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953 |
| EPM16214 | Approx. 40 km SW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°42'S Long.147°30'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Bowen | Area: 321 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 547 h, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 618 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 619 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 690 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 691 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y | Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953 |
| EPM16443 | Approx. 82 km S from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.21°10'S Long.147°49'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Bowen and Nebo | Area: 198 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 62 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1054 z 1055 g, h, m, n, r, s, v, w, x 1126 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1127 a, b 1198 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1199 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w | Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953 |

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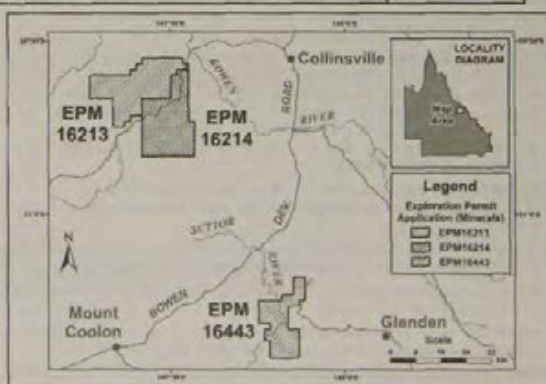
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Notification Day: 20 February 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - Aboriginal Programs

Want to improve your Dharug and make a difference?

Salary Range: \$64,139 to \$73,190 inclusive of super; Permanent Full time SPV 05/08.

This position reflects Council's commitment to social justice issues and the development of social capital. It has a key role in cultural programming, social planning and community development in the local government area with a particular emphasis on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

You will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, have demonstrated knowledge of the needs and strengths and have experience in leading effective community development process with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, communities and organisations. You will have the ability to achieve significant involvement from members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in programs.

You will join the Social Planning and Community Development Team, and take the leadership in broader community and cultural development programs including with culturally and linguistically diverse programs.

You will have excellent communication skills, strong organisational skills and the ability to manage complex projects. You will have experience in establishing partnerships with government and non-government bodies and forming and supporting advisory bodies.

A degree in Social Work, Community Development or a related field will be advantageous.

In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in terms of Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Visit www.lmc.nsw.gov.au/Positions-Vacant.html on our website for more information, or contact Erle Ronan on 93679149.

Applications close Friday 15 February 2008.



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:

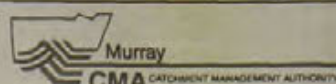
- Competitive remuneration package \$\$\$
- Opportunity to work with a flexible team
- Opportunity to be a part of well placed projects with highly prospective ground
- Supervision and mentoring of junior staff
- Autonomous role with an opportunity to make a real difference in a company that is gaining 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 or mail to PO Box 1726 West Perth WA 6872.

Website: www.excoresources.com.au



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
MURRAY CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

CATCHMENT OFFICER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Clerk Grade 7/8, Deniliquin (Preferred) or Albury, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No CMA2008/005. Total remuneration package valued to: \$64,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896).

Work with Aboriginal communities and CMA staff to ensure natural resource management activities reflect and include the concerns and needs of Aboriginal communities. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and a well developed understanding of Aboriginal cultural and heritage issues. Well developed written and oral communication, conflict resolution and negotiation skills. Demonstrated ability to work with community groups, including facilitating meetings and workshops and ability to deal with cross cultural issues. Demonstrated ability to manage projects, organise and prioritise work with conflicting deadlines. Understanding of natural resource management issues and reforms and the NRM policy framework. Good analysis, research and problem solving skills. Ability to work cooperatively as part of a team. Current driver's licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Deniliquin is the preferred location.

Inquiries: Helen Wilson, telephone: (02) 6051 2202.

Information Packages: Email: cma.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 005 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 08 February 2008.



The College is a leading provider of a large, diverse range of training, recruitment and community support services in the Central West NSW and beyond. We are a challenging, innovative, face-paced workplace with a commitment to a learning culture. Due to exciting expansion we are currently seeking committed and enthusiastic people to become part of our growing team. We offer staff a friendly, professional work environment with opportunities for training and further development.

EXCITING ABORIGINAL SERVICES EXPANSION

This is a great opportunity to join our newly formed Aboriginal Services Team. The College is contracted through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to deliver the STEP ERS Program across the Central West NSW. We are currently seeking applications for 2 newly created positions.

Client Consultant (#02-08), Fulltime, Condobolin, NSW

Client Consultant (#03-08), Fulltime, Bathurst, NSW

We are seeking committed and enthusiastic people to work with indigenous clients to prepare them for entry or re-entry into sustainable employment. These roles involve coordinating a range of training, employment and mentoring services.

Total remuneration \$50,926 - \$56,426 inclusive of superannuation and if you choose to take full advantage of salary packaging.

If you are looking for a start in an organization that can offer a great working environment, above average leave entitlements and access to full salary packaging contact Sharma Banks on 02 63345112 or email hr@cwcc.nsw.edu.au for an information package and quote position number.

Applications close: 1pm Friday 8th February, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT WELFARE OFFICER

Welfare Officer, St Heliers CC, Muswellbrook, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08043. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$81,784-\$87,448) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. An environmental allowance of \$2,229 pa applies during occupancy of this position.

Responsible for the provision of welfare services to inmates and for the maintenance of effective links between inmates, their family and community. **Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated social service delivery experience in an institutional setting. Proven ability to provide counselling, advocacy, negotiation, crisis intervention, and case management services to people affected by the Criminal Justice System. Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team. Initiative and willingness to participate in professional supervision. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Current drivers licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. Applications with relevant tertiary qualifications should include details in their application. Applicants with experience working with ethnic or Aboriginal Cultural issues and specialised skills in community languages should include details in their application. Applicants are requested to provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application. An eligibility list will be created and may be used to fill vacant positions within North West area. All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries: Kieren Shea (02) 6542 4357 Email: Kieren.Shea@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kieren.Shea@dcs.nsw.gov.au or telephone: (02) 65424357

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 08 February 2008.

Notice Of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|
| EPM13625 | Approx. 38 km SSW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21°02'S Long 140°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area: 185 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 58 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 821 a, f, i, m, s, w, x 892 b, j, k 893 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, z 894 f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 965 c, k 966 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, u | Goldstar Resources NL 098 939 274 (85%) Findex Pty Ltd 002 158 107 (15%) |

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 eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

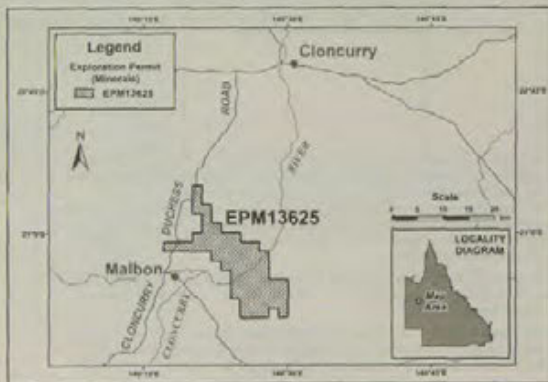
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 10, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 20 February 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

D&A Counsellor (Full-Time)

(Readvertised)

AWAHS is seeking to employ the services of a D&A Counsellor to complement existing Health Services provided by our Team of dedicated Health Professionals.

The successful applicant will have the following qualifications and experience:

- Registered / Enrolled Nurse or Degree in Social Work
- Previous experience working with Aboriginal people.
- Strong client and community focus
- Ability to develop strong networks with Allied Health Providers
- Friendly and outgoing personality
- Current Driver's License

A copy of the Position Description can be obtained by phoning AWAHS on BH: 02 6042 1200.

Applications should be forwarded to Scott Walters, Chief Executive Officer, AWAHS, PO Box 3040, Albury NSW 2540. Applications close 15 February 2008.



ABORIGINAL SERVICE COORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Wangary Home Care
Penrith
Permanent Full-time
Position No: HCS-08-10195

Total remuneration package valued up to \$63,028 pa includes a salary range \$51,784 pa to \$57,117 pa leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: Responsible for providing consistent, high quality and cost-effective services to Home Care's customers through planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers, matching service delivery resources to requirements and other duties as directed.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of the community care needs, commitment to improving quality of life for frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers, within the Aboriginal community.
- A focus on customer service and willing to undertake training.
- Effective written and oral communication skills.
- Computer skills with the ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system and record keeping skills.
- Sound organisational skills and ability to supervise staff.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting.
- Drivers licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.
- Understanding of and commitment to Aboriginal Access

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains further information about this position and information about the Department. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check. An eligibility list will be created.

Inquiries: Angela Nicholas 02 4734 9422.

Information Packages: Angela Nicholas 02 4734 9422.

Applications to: Branch Manager, Home Care Service, Wangary Aboriginal Branch PO Box 1893 Penrith BC 2751

Closing Date: Friday, 15 February 2008.

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JALI LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council (JLALC) 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.

Attractive remuneration package ranging from \$55,000 - \$60,000 dependent on skills, experience and qualifications of successful candidate. This position will also be provided with a work vehicle.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the JLALC'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 be able to demonstrate existing 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 please contact Joanne Bolt on (02) 66867055.

Applications can be forwarded and marked "Confidential" to:

The Chairperson
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1766
BALLINA NSW 2478

Applications close Friday 29 February 2007 at 4:30pm.

This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position which is regarded as a genuine occupational qualification under Section 9 of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.



Centacare
St Agnes Parish,
Port Macquarie
Community Services Worker
Aboriginal Intensive Family Service



A full time position is available with the AIFSS (Aboriginal Intensive Family Support Service) within Centacare, Port Macquarie. The primary purpose of this position is to case manage Aboriginal Families with a child or young person with a disability under a high level of stress or in crisis to resolve their immediate difficulties and create a safe, stable and nurturing home environment. Centacare will assist families to access needed/chosen community services. In fulfilling this purpose the incumbent is required to be familiar with, support and act in accordance with the Parish Vision and Mission as they relate to this position.

Community Services Worker
Fixed Term - Full Time
Position Number 09/08

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- Aboriginality.
- Ability to understand and "case manage" client groups.
- Ability to access relevant community resource networks.
- Commitment to adhere to Catholic Values and Principles.
- Good level of written and verbal communication skills.
- Current NSW drivers' license.
- Competency and accuracy in computer skills.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Counselling Skills.
- Community Work/Family Work/Case Work
- Certificate IV in Community Welfare minimum.
- Experience in working with People with a Disability.
- Understanding of EEO and OHS Principles
- Preparedness to learn legislation base to program

CONDITIONS: Salary and conditions are in accordance with the Social and Community Services Employees (State) Award. Position is full time, fixed term to 30th June 2009.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 4th February 2008.

Please contact HR on (02) 6586 7444 to request an information package to assist with your application. All applications must address the criteria.

Applications, quoting the relevant reference number (09/08) should be addressed to: For further enquiries, contact Deirdre Gordon, Assistant Director: jaynedee@priority1.com.au or telephone: (02) 6584 0704.

Child Legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening. They are also required to undergo an occupational assessment. St Agnes is an EEO Employer.

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 |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| EPC1151 | Approx. 23 km SE from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°42'S Long.152°50'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Woorcoo, Tiara and Cooloolia | Area: 582 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 188 [each 1LatX 1Long] Block Number Sub-blocks 1329 k, p, u, y, z 1330 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w 1331 a, f, l, q 1401 d, e, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1402 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1403 l, q, r, v, w, x, y 1473 d, e, j, k, p 1474 x, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1475 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1546 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1547 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 1548 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q 1618 d, e, j, k, p 1619 a, b, f, l, q, r, v, w, x | Core Coal (Qld) Pty Ltd 114 142 237 (50%) Jandale Holdings Pty Ltd 110 606 909 (50%) |

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 1456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 1456, 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 1456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

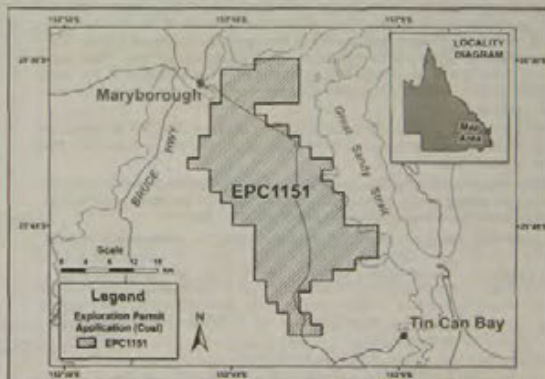
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 4100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 20 February 2008



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

PROJECT OFFICER COMMUNITY RENEWAL PARTNERSHIPS

Clerk Grade 7/8
Greater Western Sydney Division
Parramatta
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-10165

Total remuneration package valued up to \$68,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The role exists to provide support for the development, implementation and management of the Division's community renewal strategies.

Selection Criteria:

- Ability to analyse complex issues and develop strategic responses.
- Knowledge of the issues facing disadvantaged communities and of community renewal responses.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in the negotiation and development of partnership projects and processes.
- Demonstrated skills in project development and project management, in a social services field.
- Strong communication skills across the services sector and the ability to promote and support inter-agency planning and project work.
- Knowledge of human service delivery structures in government and non-government sectors.
- Qualifications in a relevant social services or business development field.
- Sound negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 12 months in terms of the PSEM Act, 2002. 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.

Inquiries: Maggy Yeum 02 9891 8139

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package

Closing date: Friday 8 February 2008.

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Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



INDIGENOUS FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTITIONER

Lismore NSW Family Relationship Centre

Interrelate Family Centres has operated one of Australia's most successful and caring Family Relationship Centres (FRC) since July 2006. Hundreds of Aboriginal families have accessed our Family Dispute Resolution services and allied early intervention centre since we achieved significant Commonwealth funding in 2006 for the Far North Coast NSW. We aim to provide support, information and culturally appropriate service for kin, couples and children in building positive relationships. We want to provide this in a recently designed Aboriginal-friendly environment based in Lismore, NSW, Bundjalung country.

Job Summary: An experienced Aboriginal Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner is required to work with the FRC Manager and team in Lismore, ideally 30 hours a week. You will need to be skilled in working with families from many communities, and have a proven ability to work with Aboriginal families in distress. You will be asked to do this while liaising strongly with our early-intervention counselling team in our other locations, and the network of service providers locally. You

will be provided with formal training, strong administrative support and be part of a new initiative to provide culturally sensitive choices to our clients. A salary package of FTE \$56,000 (base salary \$45,825) is offered.

Selection Criteria: This position requires relevant tertiary qualifications in behaviour or social sciences, Aboriginal cultural studies, counselling, mediation or family law etc., - and/or combined with sufficient and proven life & work experience in family dispute resolution (mediation). Experience in Indigenous community therapeutic healing practice or reconciliation is essential, as is Aboriginality. Other normal selection criteria apply.

Interrelate considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Further Information: Please call Julie on 02 66227003 or email to julie.leete@interrelate.org.au to discuss the position or to request a job package.

Closing Date: Monday 18th February 2008.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)
(Aboriginal Identified)

The Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council (KLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated Aboriginal people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the KLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council on (02) 65628688.

Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council,
PO Box 540, KEMPSEY NSW 2440.

Applications close 8th February 2008.

Position was advertised under s.14(d) of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

BURRINGURRAH COMMUNITY ABORIGINAL CORPORATION - WESTERN AUSTRALIA COORDINATOR

Burringurrah Aboriginal Community is located approximately 500km east of Carnarvon and 300km southeast of Meekatharra, at the base of Mt Augustus. Population varies between 150 to 300 people. The Community has a range of facilities including school, store, swimming pool, sporting activities, nursing past etc.

The Coordinator will be responsible for the delivery of services and the programs to the community. The salary package includes housing, remote area allowance, annual and sick leave provisions. Salary will be negotiable according to experience. The duty statement and selection criteria can be obtained by calling (08) 9964 5423 or by email to Karen.lane@dia.wa.gov.au.

Applications for this position will close at 5pm (WA time) February 2008 and should be mailed to Regional Manager, P O Box 2105, GERALDTON, WA 6531 or emailed to karen.lane@dia.wa.gov.au.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SENIOR HOUSING ANALYST

Clerk Grade 9/10

Housing Analysis and Research

Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time

Position No. DOH-08-10161

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$96,295 per annum (salary \$79,188 pa + \$87,263 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To undertake economic and financial modelling and analysis of housing data and related information to assess the impact of policies, product and service delivery initiatives and to support asset decision making.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in developing financial and economic models.
- Experience in applying skills in economics and financial assessment methods to a corporate environment.
- Understanding of the NSW housing market and socio-economic issues impacting on the provision of housing assistance.
- High level written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent analytical and problem solving skills, with an ability to think at a strategic level.
- Proven track record in working collaboratively with others.
- Ability to meet deadlines and balance competing priorities.
- Tertiary qualifications in economics / finance or a related discipline.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

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.

Inquiries: Max Perumal 02 8753 8237 or max.perumal@housing.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 8 February 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 |
|---|--|--|---|
| EPM16262 This Application consists of three separate parts. | Part 1: Approx. 24 km NE from Biloela Centred at approximate Lat.24°17'S Long.150°43'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Banana and Calliope | Area of Part 1: 137 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 44 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 154 x, t, u, x, y, z 155 v 224 u, v, w, x, y, z 225 j, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 226 c, d, e, h, j, l, m, n, o, q 227 a 296 b, g 297 b, c, d, e | Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857 |
| | Part 2: Approx. 14 km N from Biloela Centred at approximate Lat.24°16'S Long.150°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Banana | Area of Part 2: 22 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 223 a, f, g, h, m, n, o | |
| | Part 3: Approx. 12 km NNE from Biloela Centred at approximate Lat.24°18'S Long.150°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Banana | Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 223 u | |

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

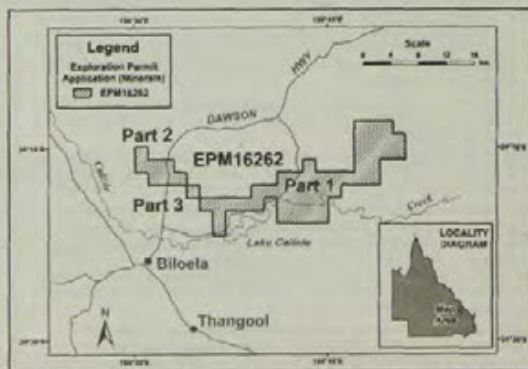
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 20 February 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

ABORIGINAL SERVICE COORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)

Thulagan-Gar Aboriginal Home Care

Northern, Moree

Permanent Full-time

Position No: HCS-08-10143

Salary package is valued up to \$63,028 pa includes a salary range \$51,784 pa to \$57,117 pa leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: Responsible for providing consistent case management, high quality and cost-effective services to Home Care's customers through the planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers, matching service delivery resources to requirements.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of the community care needs of frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- Commitment to improving quality of life for frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers.
- A focus on customer service, effective written and oral communication skills and computer literacy.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health sciences.
- Ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system.
- Sound organisational skills, ability to supervise staff, administrative, record keeping skills and willing to undertake training.
- Drivers licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and Understanding of Common Selection Criteria.

Job Notes: Position is based in Thulagan-Gar Aboriginal Home Care, Moree. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries: Raquel Clarke 02 6752 4866.

Information Packages: Raquel Clarke 02 6752 4866.

Applications to: Administration Officer, Thulagan-Gar Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW, PO Box 1145, Moree NSW 2400

Closing Date: Friday 8 February 2008.

TO ADVERTISE IN THE KOORI MAIL CONTACT NAOMI OR STUART ON 02 66 222 666

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

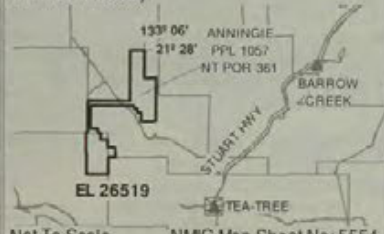
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26467 sought by AUSTRALIAN TANTALUM PTY LTD, ACN 095 384 491 over an area of 1 Blocks (4 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5072

Exploration Licence 26519 sought by FERM URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 120 807 267 over an area of 185 Blocks (573 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ANNINGIE locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5554

Exploration Licence 26529 sought by KETTLE ROSE PTY LTD, ACN 119 016 330 over an area of 430 Blocks (1384 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the COOLIBAH locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6057

Exploration Licence 26495 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 6 Blocks (20 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SURPRISE CREEK locality.



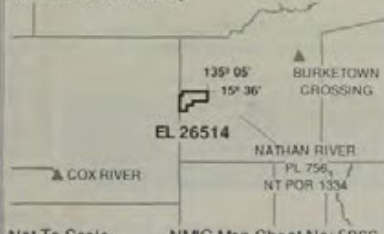
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Exploration Licence 26509 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 8 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



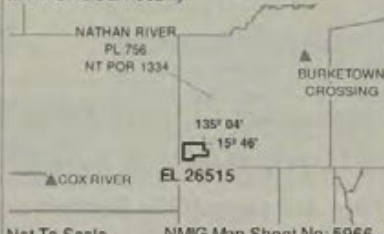
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Exploration Licence 26514 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 16 Blocks (51 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MANTUNGULA locality.



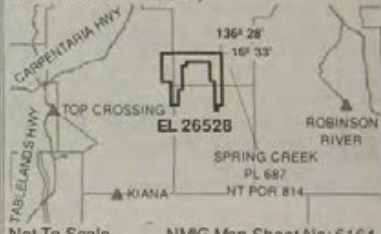
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Exploration Licence 26515 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 11 Blocks (37 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MANTUNGULA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5966

Exploration Licence 26528 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 98 Blocks (323 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6164

Exploration Licence 25789 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT PTY LTD, ACN 122 645 103 over an area of 33 Blocks (85 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5758

Exploration Licence 26322 sought by REGALPOINT EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 122 727 342 over an area of 7 Blocks (17 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5172

Exploration Licence 26480 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 3 Blocks (10 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6065

Exploration Licence 26481 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 4 Blocks (14 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6065

Exploration Licence 26482 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 11 Blocks (37 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6065

Exploration Licence 26486 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 10 Blocks (33 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6065

Exploration Licence 26321 sought by SWANCOVE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD, ACN 076 507 849 over an area of 90 Blocks (256 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5172

Exploration Licence 26542 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 89 Blocks (270 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the UTOPIA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5853

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 30 January 2008

Calendar

To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Free Aboriginal karate classes. The Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council and Seido Karate Kazoku Dojo. Bus leaves The Settlement at 5pm sharp every Monday and will return after class from Strathfield Girls High at 7pm. All participants should be home before 8pm. Ages 5-18 with uniform supplied. All welcome. Details: Linda Crawford on (02) 9228 8106 or Strathfield Girls High School on (0401) 988 409 or (02) 9629 6538.

Until 3 February: 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: Loanna Hos on (08) 9224 7424 or (0412) 385 034 or email jo@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

Until 10 February: People's Choice Awards. Award will be given to the most popular entry of the UQ National Artists' Self-Portrait Prize, which features work by 29 Australian artists. Details: (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au or visit www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au

Until 28 February: Ricci Mards Aboriginal Young Achiever Awards. Each year, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs awards \$5000 to two young Indigenous people who are role models in their community and have demonstrated leadership and initiative. Nominees must be Indigenous and aged between 16 and 25 years. Winners announced during

National Youth Week in April. Details call Melanie Abrams on (03) 9208 3240 or email melanie.abrams@dpcd.vic.gov.au or visit www.dpcd.vic.gov.au

Until 2 March: 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: (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au or visit www.maynecentre.uq.edu.au

Until 10 March: Fiona Foley and Samantha Hobson - Power and Beauty Art Exhibition. Held at Heide Museum of Modern Art, Bulleen, Victoria. Details: Andrew Baker on (07) 3252 2292 or (0412) 990 356 or email info@andrew-baker.com or visit www.andrew-baker.com

Until 23 March: Southern Indigenous Artist Exhibition. A collaboration between Karpa Ngarrattendi (Aboriginal Health Unit) and Arts in Health at FMC. Held at Promenade Gallery, Level 2, Flinders Medical Centre, Bedford Park, SA. Details: Laney Mackean on (08) 8204 5012 or Sally Francis on (08) 8204 3096 or email artinhealth@fmc.sa.gov.au

Until 4 April: Indigenous Visual Art Awards - Calling for Entries. The Indigenous Visual Art Award provides an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to tell their cancer story through art. Works can include painting, photographs, craft or sculpture. Details: Peta Reynolds on (03) 9635 5316 or 1300 656 585 or visit www.cancervic.org.au/artsawards

Until 30 June: 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: Richard Young on (03) 9484 5351 or email vaysr@bigpond.com

30 January-2 February: Yalukit Wilam Ngaree; People Gathering Place. This is a four-day Indigenous cultural program featuring indigenous music, live performance, market stalls, children's activities, freestyle Ngaree break dance comp and many more. Held at O'Donnell Gardens, St Kilda, from 11am-10pm. Details: (02) 9209 6777 or visit www.stkildafestival.com.au

30 January: 'Can you say 'how do you do' at Uluru?', a public forum on Australian Indigenous languages. From 6-7pm, at the Belvoir Street Theatre, Belvoir St, Surry Hills in Sydney. Hosted by Professor Larissa Behrendt with speakers including Makinti Minutjukur, (Pukatja), Kevin Lowe (NSW Board of Studies), Daryn Mckenny (Arwabukarl Cultural Resource Assn), Jody Broun (NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs), and Alex Kelly (Ngapartji Ngapartji). For details contact Alex Kelly on (0422) 777 590 or via email on alex@ngapartji.org

31 January: 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: Jenny Watt on (02) 6623 0272.

31 January - 27 November: Friends of Tranby Meetings. Held at Tranby, 13

Mansfield Street, Glebe from 6pm onwards. Details call Thomas Newman on (02) 9660 3444 or (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

1 February: 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, near Tabulam, and also provides a pathway to access further training. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. Details: Kerry Walker at Casino TAFE campus on (02) 6661 2087.

2 February: Union of the Soul. Presented by Jarrah Records, Power FM and Forte with special guests Clare Bowditch and the Feeding Set, Epicure and DJ Brother B. Held in the North Gardens, Ballarat. Details call 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

3 February: Union of the Soul. Presented by Jarrah Records and Chill Island. John Butler Trio, the Waifs with special guests Archie Roach and Shane Howard, San Lazaro, Dan Sultan and Brother B. Held at Chill Island Festival, Phillip Island. Details for tickets call (03) 9427 9198 or visit www.chillisland.org or visit www.ticketmaster.com.au or call 136 100.

4 February - 3 March: Creative Juices 08 professional development programs. This is a series of free workshops for emerging Indigenous artists and a great opportunity for artists of all ages who want to enter the 2008 Gold Coast Indigenous Art and Design Award. You can register for one or all. Details: Bianca Svantesson on (07) 5581 6075 or email

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Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

| Mineral Development Licence Number | Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application | Current Applicant ACN |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| MDL161 | Approx. 13 km West South West of Woodstock, Local Authorities (Shires) within the areas: Thuringowa and Townsville | Current Land Tenures: Lot 2 on plan EP248 - GHPL 44/2767 Lot 741 on plan FTY1437 - Mingela State Forest Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 406.02 ha | Pacminex Pty Limited 002 654 944 |

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate. PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongahba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downes Road, Charters Towers, 4820. Telephone: (07) 4761 5763.

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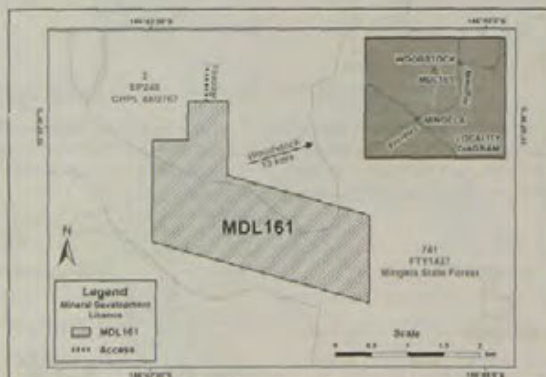
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Notification Day: 20 February 2008.



Exploration Licence 6776 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 2 square kilometres (2 units) situated approximately 2.5 km north of Ulan, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Ulan Stone Pty Ltd (ACN 123 199 191) is the holder of Exploration Licence 6776 for Group 2 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

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 Chris Cottier, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, phone (02) 4931 6462, fax (02) 4931 6776

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 15 February 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.



Calendar

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bsvantesson@goldcoast.qld.gov.au or visit www.goldcoastcity.com.au/cultural

5-10 February: Feelin' Good, Lookin' Deadly. This is a pre-employment preparation program for Aboriginal mums looking for work or looking to re-enter the workforce. Information session held on 23 January. Details: Bronwyn Lin on (02) 9698 3144 or Lisa Williams on (0404) 108 763 or email admin@yarnn.com.au

6 February: 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: Therese Murphy or Sharyn Lane on (02) 6674 7267 or (0400) 882 422.

7 February: Union of the Soul. Bare Bones-Rare, Intimate and Stripped Back featuring John Butler, The Waifs and Clare Bowditch. Held at the Enmore Theatre, Sydney. Details call (02) 9550 3666 or 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

10 February: Union of the Soul. Presented by Jarrah Records and Charles Touber with special guests Bridget Pros, Nicky Bomba and Dan Sultan. Families welcome with under 18s accompanied by a parent or

guardian and under 5 free. From 1pm onwards. Held at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Hobart. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit www.johnbutlertrio.com

11 February: 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

13 February: Union of the Soul. Bare Bones-Rare, Intimate and Stripped Back featuring John Butler, The Waifs and Clare Bowditch. Held at the Empire

Theatre, Toowoomba. Details call 1300 655 299 or visit www.johnbutlertrio.com

15 February-15 March: Hand in Hand, a multi-artform exhibition that draws artists from diverse Indigenous backgrounds including Maori, Fijian, Niuean, Samoan, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, to challenge dominant views on sexuality within their Indigenous communities. The exhibition integrates perspectives from both senior and emerging artists in a celebration for the 2008 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. Performance Space @ CarriageWorks, 245 Wilson Street, Eveleigh. Gallery Hours: 12-8pm, Wednesday to Saturday. Free entry. For details call (02) 8571 9111.

16 February-15 March: Hand in Hand Exhibition. Hand in Hand is a multi-artform exhibition held across Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Co-operative and Performance Space. All welcome. Held at CarriageWorks, 245 Wilson Street, Eveleigh. Details: (02) 8571 9111 or visit www.performancespace.com.au or www.boomalli.org.au

17 February: Victorian College of Koorie Education Fundraiser Dinner. The dinner will be a delicious vegetarian meal by Lentil as anything. Guest speakers will include a Wurundjeri welcome and Koorie Cooper and other Aboriginal guests and speakers. Music provided by local Brunswick band 'Pearls before Swine'. All welcome. Held at the

Brunswick Town Hall from 6-9pm. Booking deadline 10 February. Details call (03) 9380 8158 or (0409) 266 777 or email morelandantar@yahoo.com

18-24 February: Short Film Screening - *Done Dirt Cheap*. Amos enlists two larrikin miners into his ingenious way to make money from an unsuspecting tourist, who walks into the plot and gets less than what he bargained for. Held in Perth. Details: Loanna Hos on (08) 9224 7424 or (0412) 385 034 or email jo@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

20-21 February: True Stories. Bangarra Dance Theatre returns to Far North Queensland with two new exciting works - *X300* by Frances Rings and *Emeret Lu* (Very Old Things) by Elma Kris, making her choreographic debut. Cost involved. Held at Cairns Civic Theatre from 8pm onwards. Details: (07) 4031 9555 or email info@ticketlink.com.au or visit www.ticketlink.com.au

22 February-16 March: Adelaide Fringe Festival. One of the world's largest and most vibrant open-access arts festivals with a diverse program of theatre, dance, circus, comedy, cabaret, new media, music, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, film and the visual arts. Details: Christine Anthony on (08) 8100 2000 or email buzz@adelaidefringe.com.au or visit www.adelaidefringe.com.au

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 13 February 2007



Q12007/009 Mamu CanopyWalk ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 86.3 hectares and is located approximately 26km south-west of Innisfail in the vicinity of East Palmerston as shown on the locality map. The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Johnstone Shire Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

The State of Queensland, as represented by Environmental Protection Agency, C/- Nerida Cooley, Assistant Crown Solicitor, Crown Law, State Law Building, 50 Ann Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000

John Edwards, Victor Maund, Alfred Joyce, Stephen Brooks & Dean Purcell on behalf of themselves and the Mamu Native Title Claim Group, C/- Martin Dore, Principal Legal Officer, North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 679N, CAIRNS NORTH QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[Statements relate to s24EB(1) Effect of registration on proposed acts covered by indigenous land use agreements and s24EBA(1) Effect of registration on previous acts covered by indigenous land use agreements of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)]

6. Consent to Future Acts

6.1 Consent

(a) On the registration of this Agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements, the Parties consent to the Project and the doing of the Project Rights.

(b) If any part of the Project or any Project Right is done prior to this Agreement being Registered then the Parties agree to the validating of that part of the Project or those Project Rights.

(c) The Native Title Parties agree that they and the Mamu Native Title Claim Group will not object to the doing of any of the Project Rights or do or omit to do anything that would prevent or delay the doing of the Project Rights.

7. Statements for the purposes of section 24EB of the NTA and Agreement with respect to Registration

7.1 Statements for purposes of section 24EB of the NTA

For the purposes of section 24EB of the NTA and for the avoidance of doubt the Parties acknowledge that Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to any of the Project Rights or to any Future Acts consented to under clause 6.1.

[Clause 1 of the agreement contains the following definitions]

1. Definitions

'Project' means the design, planning, construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance and decommissioning including rehabilitation of the Mamu CanopyWalk, but only insofar as they relate to the Agreement Area, including any upgrade and enhancement of the Mamu CanopyWalk provided that it is consistent with the scope and intent of the Mamu CanopyWalk Concept Design and the Mamu CanopyWalk Tender Document;

'Project Rights' means all permissions, licences, permits, authorisations and approvals within the Agreement Area which are necessary or desirable for the undertaking of this Project, including any lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority that may be granted, made, issued or given in relation to the Project pursuant to section 35 of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld).

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, CAIRNS QLD 4870 by 13 May 2006.

Data statement: Agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. 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 Louise Doyle, Case Manager on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Public Notice of Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

The Port Curtis Coral Coast People (PCCC), as applicants to the Native Title Determination Application QUD6026/01, propose to enter into a registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) with the State of Queensland pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth).

The native title claim group in relation to the PCCC Claim is described in that claim as the descendants of Dina, Jessie, Johnson Matemale and George Swain, Sandy and Fanny, Dulhu / Doolan, Buller Tolson (Norman Buller), Alice Murray, Jane, Betsy, Rosie, Elsie Myers, Maggie Little, Rosie Blackman, Emma Jones and Mary Anne.

The proposed ILUA will deal with the grant of consent to the surrender of native title rights and interests over parcels of land in the townships of Boyne Island and Tannum Sands. It will also deal with the grant of consent to the creation of reserve areas, which will not require the surrender of native title.

The area which the ILUA is proposed to apply to is detailed in the map below (the ILUA Area).

If the parties reach agreement, they intend that the ILUA will be certified by the Gurrang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) (GLC) in accordance with sections 24CG(3)(a) and 203BE(5) of the Native Title Act in order to facilitate registration of the ILUA by the National Native Title Tribunal.

As part of the authorisation process required under the Native Title Act for the proposed ILUA, an information meetings will be held as follows:

Woorabinda: 11th Feb 08, 11am-3pm, Haacc Building
Gladstone: 12th Feb 08, 9.30am-2pm, The Grand Hotel
Bundaberg: 13th Feb 08, 5pm-8pm, Across the Waves Sails Room
Brisbane: 16th Feb 08, 10am-3pm, Metropolitan Motor Inn

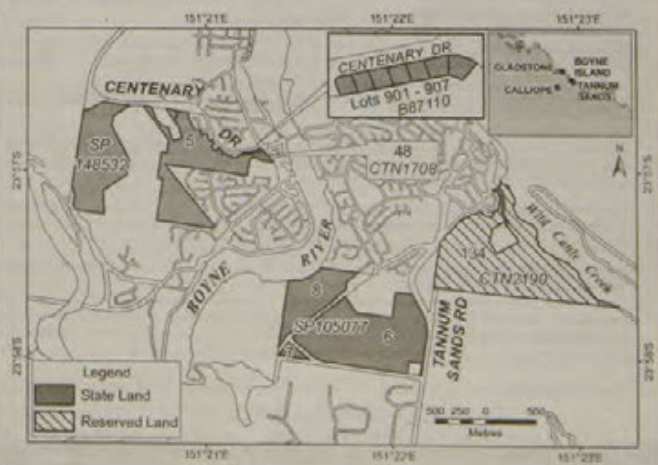
to provide information on the proposed ILUA to all people who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land or water of the ILUA Area.

Anyone who considers that they fall within the description of the native title claim group or that they hold or may hold native title in relation to the land or waters of the ILUA Area is invited to respond in writing to GLC for inclusion on a database of persons who claim to hold native title to the ILUA Area. GLC will assist each person who responds to determine if they are such a person.

Responses must be received 8 February 2008 and should clearly set out:

- Your name and details of how you can be contacted
- The basis upon which you claim to hold native title in relation to the land or waters in the ILUA Area

Responses should be sent to the GLC at the following address: Mr Bernard Beston, Principal Legal Officer, Gurrang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation), PO Box 1551, Bundaberg Qld 4670. Phone 07 4153 3990. Fax 07 4153 3615.



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21-23 January: 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 Woodlawn College, Lismore from

9am-12noon. Cost \$65. Details call (02) 6618 0400.

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Cricket Nets, South Tweed Heads from 9.30am-12.30pm. Cost \$65. Details call (02) 6618 0400.

25-29 February: 8th Australian Performing Arts Market. APAM brings together more than 400 of the most important performing arts presenters and producers from around Australia and overseas. It is the prime destination for promotion, networking and gaining an insight into Australia's

performing arts. Details call (08) 8271 1488 or email apadmin@artsprojects.com.au or visit www.performingartsmarket.com.au

28-29 February: The 2nd Annual Negotiating Native Title Forum. This Forum takes head of the domestic and international landscape, concerning the economic and cultural determination of Australian traditional land owners. Guest speakers. Held at Novotel, Brisbane. Details call Katy Henson on (02) 9080 4322 or (02) 9080 4334 or email kathy.henson@informa.com.au or visit www.informa.com.au/native title

29 February-16 March: Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts. Australia's leading international multi-arts festival, featuring the performing, visual and literary arts. Details call Brett Sheehy on (08) 8216 4444 or email afa@adelaidefestival.com.au or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

7-9 March: VAYSAR State wide Bill Muir Memorial Senior Basketball Classic Carnival. The nomination fee is \$100 per team and is a drug and alcohol free event. For more information on venues and divisions please contact Jason Kanoa on (03) 9484 5351 or Rob Fry on (03) 5361 4000.

7-9 March: WOMAdelaide Festival. The magical ambience of WOMAdelaide is indescribably lush; thousands of people of all ages bliss out as they enjoy the sounds of the planet while catching up with friends in the sunshine, lazing under the trees, shopping, eating, drinking and having fun with their family. Under 12 free. Details call (08) 8271 1488 or email apadmin@artsprojects.com.au or visit www.womadelaide.com.au

11-14 March: 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

14-15 March: CMC Rocks the Snowys. CMC will be rocking the Snowys to their foundations with a top shelf lineup - international chart toppers Sugarland, Gary Allan and more are set to join CMC personality Steve Forde and a host of first class local talent for a weekend of live music and great atmosphere. Held at Friday Flats, Thredbo. Details call 132 849 or email or visit www.countrymusicchannel.com.au/CMC

17-23 March: Short Film Screening - Storytime. Two adventurous Kimberley kids wander deep into the mangroves at sunset, only to find the terrifying campfire stories of the Goonyboon Woman may not be myth after all. Held in Perth. Details call Loanna Hos on (08) 9224 7424 or (0412) 385 034 or email jo@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

20 March: 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.

20-24 March: Byron Bay Blues and Roots Music Festival. Bluesfest features musicians who have something to say on the Planet, this may be by being the finest players of



Tizza Taylor

Tizza's Big Thing Gala Night, celebrating Steve Tizza Taylor's two-wheel trek across Australia, will raise funds for the Jimmy Little Foundation at the Manly Rugby Union Club, 52 Raglan Street, Manly, from 7pm on 9 February.

It will feature GANGgajan and Matt Finish, with special appearances by Jimmy Little and Mardiu Pennan. Entry is \$25. Food available. See Page 29

their respective instruments, or it may be by sharing their culture and particularly social justice issues in the content of their music. Details on tickets call (02) 6685 8310 or visit www.bluesfest.com.au

26-28 March: 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@maoritelevison.com

4 April: Indigenous Visual Art Awards. This is a great opportunity to promote the Indigenous Visual Art Category for The Cancer Council Victoria's Arts Awards. There is prize money for the outstanding entrant of \$1000. Entries are not restricted to Victoria, but open to all artists across Australia. Details call Peta Reynolds on (03) 9635 5316 or visit www.cancervic.org.au/artsawards or call (03) 9496 1060.

5-13 April: Youth Week in NSW. Youth Week provides young people throughout the state, no matter where they live, with an opportunity to participate. It is organised by young people, for young people in local communities across the state. Details call (02) 9716 2872 or email youthweek@community.nsw.gov.au or visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au

8 April: Resuscitation Course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of 'mouth-to-mouth' resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park from 5.30-7.30pm. Details call 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

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Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 13 February 2008



Q12007/036 Small Scale Mining & Exploration Activities - Wakaman People

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 13,866km² and is located approximately 120km west of Cairns in the vicinity of Chillagoe, as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Herberton Shire Council and Mareeba Shire Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

The State of Queensland, Executive Director
Department of Natural Resources and Water, Indigenous Services, Locked Bag 40 COORPAROO DC QLD 4151

North Queensland Miners Association Incorporated
(“NQMA”), C/- The President, PO Box 140 YORKEYS KNOB QLD 4878

North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 679N CAIRNS NORTH QLD 4870

Desmond Bowen, Raelene Madigan, William Thomas, John Alvaen & Rhonda Cameron for and on behalf of the Wakaman People #2 C/- North Queensland Land Council, PO Box 679N CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

6. Statements for the Purpose of the NTA

6.1 The Parties state as follows

c) Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the Future Acts described in clauses 7.2 to 7.6.

7. Agreement to Future Acts

7.1 The Parties consent to the Future Acts described in clauses 7.2 to 7.6.

7.2 The parties consent to the grant of Prospecting Permits and the exercise of rights under the Prospecting Permit provided that:

a) the Prospecting Permit contains the Native Title Conditions for Prospecting Permits; and

b) the Grantee Party pays the amount required to be paid under clause 11.1.

7.3 The Parties consent to the grant of Exploration Permits or Mineral Development Licences and the exercise of rights under the Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence provided that:

a) in the case of an Exploration Permit, the Exploration Permit is granted for an area of land in Queensland comprising 50 sub-blocks or less; and no more than 150

sub-blocks are held in Queensland at any time by a Grantee Party under Exploration Permit(s); and

b) in the case of a Mineral Development Licence, the Mineral Development Licence is issued for an area of land in Queensland comprising 50 hectares or less; and no more than 150 hectares are held in Queensland at any time by a Grantee Party under Mineral Development Licence(s); and

c) the Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence contains the Native Title Conditions for Exploration Permits and Mineral Development Licences (respectively); and

d) the Grantee Party pays the amount required to be paid under clause 11.1

7.4 The Parties consent to the grant of Mining Claims or Mining Leases and the exercise of rights under the Mining Claim or Mining Lease provided that:

a) the Grantee Party has complied with the Alternative Procedure for Mining Interests; and

b) in the case of a Mining Lease, the Mining Lease is granted for an area of land in Queensland comprising 50 hectares or less; and no more than 300 hectares are held in Queensland at any time by a Grantee Party under Mining Lease(s); and

c) in the case of a Mining Claim, no more than 2 Mining Claims are

held in Queensland at any time by a Grantee Party; and

d) the Mining Claim or Mining Lease contains the Native Title Conditions for Mining Interests; and

e) the Grantee Party pays the amount required to be paid under clause 11.1.

7.5 The parties consent to the grant of Ancillary Rights to the Grantee Party

7.6 The Parties consent to the renewal of an Exploration Interest or a Mining Interest granted in reliance on this Agreement if the renewed Exploration Interest or Mining Interest continues to be subject to the conditions described in clauses 7.2 to 7.6 and provided that the Grantee Party pays the amount required to be paid under clause 11.1.

8. Non-Extinguishment Principle

8.1 The parties acknowledge and agree that the Non-Extinguishment Principle applies to the Future Acts described in 7.2 to 7.6. [above]

11. Compensation Payment to the Native Title Group

11.1 The Grantee Party must pay the relevant amounts as set out in Schedule 7 to the Mining Registrar on behalf of the State to be held in a suspense account on behalf of the Native Title Group and Native Title Holders.

[Schedule 7 lists the compensation payment details]

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

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You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, CAIRNS QLD 4870 by 13th May 2008.

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For assistance and further information about this application, contact Karrell Ross, Case Manager on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

They aim for goals in sport, careers

Islanders move to Townsville

By ALF WILSON



● ABOVE: Torres Strait Islanders, from left, Patrick Whap, Bill Eseli, Guyai Binawell, Bruce Joseph, Sam Bowie and Pastor Henry Getawan. They have moved to Townsville to play rugby league and to gain employment.

three players will shine here in Townsville," Pastor Getawan said.

As a bonus, those making the move to Townsville will also be given a chance to build a career outside of football.

"The program also includes apprenticeship positions that will see the players gain skills as boilermakers, electricians, refrigeration mechanics or plumbers, but we're also going to encourage them to identify barriers in their lives so that they can bring out their best potential," said Pastor Getawan.

"Some players have come down in the past – like Sam Bowie, who is now playing in the Cowboys Under-20s team – who have initially struggled for the first 16-18 months in Townsville without family or a culturally appropriate environment to live in.

"So we'll be putting them into an environment where these kids can come down and not be homesick."

Bowie was with the recruits with Pastor Getawan when *The Koori Mail* visited them. They went for a long run, punched a boxing bag and played touch.

Pastor Getawan will house 18-year-old Binawell and Eseli, 20, in his seven-bedroom family home in the suburb of Kirwan, while 23-year-old Patrick Whap will live with family in Townsville.

"This program will also get these kids out of an environment of trouble and give them the opportunity to make something of their lives if they are willing to give it a go," he said.

"They are the cream of the crop that is up in the Torres Strait at the moment and hopefully they will be leaders in developing this pathway for others to follow."

Pastor Getawan described the 120kg, 193cm-tall Guyai Binawell as "the most devastating front-rower in the Torres Strait", adding that Bill Eseli was a utility player who could play any position from front-row to wing.

"Bill is in a similar mould to Palmer Wapau, from Napranum, but offers more speed and agility," he said.

"Wapau has played with Redcliffe for the past few seasons and has been signed by the Brisbane Broncos for 2008.

"Patrick Whap is a front-rower with unbelievable agility and speed. He's also a big man at around 115kg but he runs like a winger."

Patrick was co-captain of Mabuig's Goemu Bau Raiders, which won the 2007 Torres Strait Cup, and Joseph starred in the same team. Bill Eseli was player of the tournament while playing for the same team.

THREE of the Torres Strait's best young rugby league footballers have arrived in Townsville to play a grade with the Centrals Club as part of a new scheme to initiate talented players into football and work careers on the mainland.

Townsville-based Pastor Henry Getawan is behind the initiative, and TSI players Guyai Binawell, Bill Eseli and Patrick Whap arrived at Townsville airport on 13 December.

"I think these Torres Strait Islander players can shine in the Townsville competition and they will keep in constant contact with their family up there," Pastor Getawan said.

He is the co-coach of the Centrals team with Bert Peterson, and while he believes the new players will have an immediate impact on his side's performance, he also can see them rising up the rugby league ladder.

Other star signings for Centrals include champion Thursday Islander Bruce Joseph, who has transferred from Townsville Brothers, and Badu Islander and huge centre Justin Taylor, who has transferred from the Tully club, in the Cairns competition.

"Joseph shone at the last Torres Cups and was one of the stars at the 2007 Island of Origin at Badu when he played for winning team Kulpiyam.

Taylor was Tully's player of the year when the club finished third last season in the Cairns comp," Pastor Getawan said.

The pastor has also been heavily involved in various All Blacks carnivals around north Queensland and is a respected talent scout for Indigenous footballers.

"I've always been aware of the talents of these three players, but once I was offered the role of co-coach, I identified them as players who would strengthen our side," he said.

"By bringing them to Townsville, I'm also putting them on the pathway to higher honours in rugby league. Our club is the feeder for the Cowboys' Under-20s team and I believe Guyai is a strong chance to make that side."

Binawell, Eseli and Whap will be joining other Torres Strait Islanders on the Centrals team, including Llama Ahmat, Patrick Mosby and Taylor.

"I'm in the process of establishing a program that is going to create a pathway for the best of Torres Strait Islander rugby league players to come through the feeder system in far north Queensland and I think these

Renotification

On 26 September 2007 – 2 October 2007, a notice including details of the PNG Gas Pipeline – Cape York Region (QI2006/043) application was published in error in this newspaper and is now withdrawn. Please ignore it. Notice is now given as follows:

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 13 February 2008

National Native Title Tribunal



QI2006/043 PNG Gas Pipeline ILUA - Cape York Region

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement is located on the Cape York Peninsula and extends from Injinoo in the north to about 180km north-west of Cairns in the south and covers approximately 17,830km² as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the following local government areas – Bamaga Island Council, Cook Shire Council, Injinoo Shire Council, Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council, Mareeba Shire Council, Napranum Shire Council, New Mapoon Shire Council, Seisia Island Council, Torres Shire Council, Umagico Aboriginal Shire Council.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Cape York Pipeline Company Pty Ltd, c/- Carnegie, Wylie and Company Pty Ltd, level 45, Citigroup Centre, 2 Park Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

The Mapoon People, c/- Cape York Land Council, PO Box 2496, CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 3 Consent to Future Acts:

3.1 The parties consent to the grant to CYP pursuant to the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld), of a pipeline licence in respect of the Agreement Area, for the purposes of CYP constructing and operating the PNG Gas Pipeline.

3.2 The parties consent to CYP entering the Agreement Area for all purposes necessary in order to construct and/or operate the PNG Gas Pipeline, subject to substantial compliance with this Agreement.

3.3 In accordance with paragraph 24EB(1)(b) of the Native Title Act, the parties consent to the doing of any of the future acts authorised by this Agreement.

3.4 The Parties will conduct themselves in relation to each other and in relation to any individual entitled to the enjoyment of Native Title Rights and Interests in the Agreement Area, as if their doing of any future act under this Agreement were an act to which the non-extinguishment principle applied at all relevant times.

The agreement contains the following definitions:

"Cape York Pipeline Company Pty Ltd" and "CYP" means the Cape York Pipeline Company (ACN118286 516)

"Agreement Area" means part of the corridor of lands and waters bisected by the route of the PNG Pipeline, being the bounded area of lands and waters of approximately 20 kilometres in width within the two lines identified in the map annexed to this Agreement as also generally described in that Annexure.

"Non-extinguishment Principle" has the same meaning as in section 223 of the Native Title Act.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by a the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 13 May 2008.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, CAIRNS QUEENSLAND 4870 by 13 May 2008.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Natural Resources and Water (Qld). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Karrell Ross, Case Manager on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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THE northern NSW town of Kyogle may have been the centre of media attention recently due to the floods caused by the drought-breaking rains, but in the near future its fame may be due to the extraordinary talents of young Gold Coast Titans tyro Shannon Walker.

Walker has been tipped by many to be the next Matt Bowen and while I will not burden him with that tag, there is no doubt he has the talent and flair to be one of the new generation of players if he makes it at the NRL level.

He has already achieved a level of notoriety by appearing on YouTube under a clip titled 'fairising'.

The clip begins when fullback Walker playing for Tweed heads collects an ill-fated chip ahead on his own side of half-way in the Queensland Cup final against Redcliffe.

Then the magic happens.

His guile and evasive skills have you drawing comparisons with all the current greats – Bowen, Campbell and Peachey – and then his raw speed brings back memories of 'The Black Flash', Balmain legend Larry Corowa.

None of this has anything to do with being a lair, but when he's beaten the cover defence, you see Walker extend his arms aeroplane-style in the pure joy of the moment.

Celebration

It's a celebration before he's scored a try and, like the great 'Peach', he doesn't seem to worry about trivial matters, like grounding the football properly.

It is enough to give coach palpitations.

For mere mortals like me, it would probably mark the end of my career. But for the modest Walker, it's all about the joy of playing.

"People are yelling at me 'put the ball down, put the ball down!'" Walker laughs. "But the main thing for me is just to have fun."

Walker is certainly having fun. In his rookie season in the Queensland Cup, he took out the player of the year and rookie of the year honours while leading the Tweed Heads Seagulls to the title.

He then donned the green and gold for the Junior Kangaroos against the Junior Kiwis.

The rise of the skinny little kid from the northern NSW town of Kyogle, like everything he does, has been fast.

When he was last timed over 100 metres, he was clocked at a scorching 10.55 seconds. That was two years ago, when he was just 16. No wonder good judges reckon he will become the fastest man in the NRL.

"He caught my eye because of his speed," says Titans junior recruitment manager Tom Searle, who goes back

Walker takes the next step



We published this picture of Shannon Walker in Edition 414, and we re-produce it here because columnist Dean Widders refers to this magic moment when Walker began celebrating a try before he had scored it while playing for Tweed Heads Seagulls in the Queensland State Cup last year. The moment is also captured on a YouTube clip titled 'fairising'.

Picture: Tweed Daily News

almost to the days of Dally Messenger.

"He can score a try from any part of the paddock."

"If you're looking for a comparison, think of Matt Bowen two years ago. If we're going to compare him to someone, it may as well be a good 'un."

Walker's speed can be traced back through his family lines.

"It's probably a bit of a natural thing, it comes from Mum and Dad," Walker said.

"Dad used to jump fences. He used to jog along the road and then start jumping all the fences, spring over them to get a bit of agility."

"One day, he jumped over one fence right onto a king brown snake. He started wetting himself. Mum was outside, looked over and cracked up."

Walker's sense of humour is never far from the surface, but he takes a number of things seriously.

He is proud of his Aboriginal heritage with the family business producing traditional Aboriginal artwork – including boomerangs,

didgeridoos and clap sticks – for the past 45 years.

A non-drinker, he considers himself a role model to other Indigenous children and has been already been recognised for his community work, including visits to schools.

But the question remains: Who will he play for if, as expected, he graduates to

representative honours.

A State of Origin tug-o-war is brewing after he made the Australian Schoolboys side from Palm Beach-Currumbin High School and represented Queensland Residents against NSW this year.

So who does he barrack for come Origin time?

"I don't know, I have a look at the teams and go from there," he answered diplomatically.

"To be honest, I don't have a preference. I'll go for the first team that picks me."

"I don't really know where I stand."

"When I first represented Queensland (this year), some bush officials said you will have to sit down and talk about things with your mum and dad."

The problem with consulting his parents is that Walker's mum, Vera, is a Queenslander.

His dad, Michael, comes from NSW.

One of 10 children, Walker's two sisters were born in Queensland. His five brothers are from NSW, but a couple barrack for the Maroons at Origin time.

To add to the mess, Walker represented the Queensland Residents this year.

Officially a 'Cockroach'

Under State of Origin eligibility guidelines, he is officially a Blue, having played first grade for the Kyogle Turkeys at age 16.

"My Mum would love me to play for the Maroons, but try telling Dad," Walker laughs.

"I played my first A-grade game at Kyogle so I guess I'm a New South Wales boy. But I've played rep footy for Queensland so I've been told by officials that I'm eligible to play for both states."

"But Origin can't be my priority at the moment. I need to make first grade first."

An NRL berth is surely not far away, with Titans managing director Michael Searle saying he has never seen a quicker player than Walker in more than two decades watching rugby league.

"I remember John Cartwright (Titans coach) seeing him and saying: 'We might lose the kid to Beijing at this rate,'" Searle said.

"He's an incredible talent, but you still need the determination and grit to get there, and I think Shannon has that."

Importantly, Shannon appreciates every opportunity that has come his way.

"Last year I was at home working with the old man. He makes boomerangs and didgeridoos, so I'd go out and look for wood with him," he says.

"I can't believe how far I've come in such a short amount of time. I'd love to play NRL."

"I'm keeping my feet on the ground."

There's no lair in that statement.

Watch out for this kid – he's special.



Shannon Walker, the role model. He is pictured here in the classroom with other Gold Coast Titans.

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



ANDREW Krakouer might be unlucky to have his Australian Football League

career ended at Richmond on 102 games, but he has returned to Western Australia keen to make a fresh start at a new WAFL club.

At 24, Krakouer is potentially entering the peak of his career, but Richmond felt differently, delisting him after seven years.

No other AFL club picked Krakouer in the Draft, leaving a return to the WAFL as his best option.

However, despite coming through the ranks of South Fremantle, Krakouer has joined Swan Districts for the next three seasons, unless his AFL career is revived.

Richmond had a tough 2007, finishing with the wooden spoon, and Krakouer only played nine games, leaving him wanting a completely fresh start.

"I'm ready for the next phase of my football life and it starts here with the Swannies. I'm just looking forward to putting on the Swans jumper and having a run," Krakouer said.

New phase

"It's a bit closer to my girlfriend's parents house and I wanted something different and a fresh start. I played juniors down in South Freo, but this is a new phase of my life and I wanted a completely fresh start at somewhere new."

Krakouer has fitted in well at Steel Blue Oval after only knowing fellow Indigenous players Garth Taylor and Ashley Wedding on arrival.

Chris Lewis might no longer be league coach in 2008, but he is still Indigenous talent manager at the club and Krakouer wants to make the most of the West Coast champion's experience.

"I've been here for a few sessions now, they are a good bunch of boys and I am looking forward to doing the hard work to get my fitness where it needs to be before we get into playing some games," Krakouer said.

"Garth Taylor was at Richmond when I was there and Ash Wedding is someone I know through some mates, but apart from that, everyone is new to me. I've met most of them now, had a hit of golf with some of them. They seem like a great bunch of blokes and I'm looking forward to playing footy with them."

"Lewy has reached the top of the tree and is a great source for us to tap into. His knowledge is invaluable, so it's great to have him around the place."

Krakouer seeks a fresh start to footy career

Krakouer isn't the only big name recruit to arrive at Swans in 2008 as the club looks to play finals for the first time since 2005 and strive for their first premiership since 1991.

Ruckman Guy Richards joins from Collingwood; Brisbane Lion and former West Coast rookie Lane Spaanderman joins from East Perth; and Matthew Spencer returns from Geelong.

"Parks (football manager Brendan Parker) has done a great job getting blokes to the forefront of the club. We've got some big blokes in myself and a couple of others, so it should be an exciting year," Krakouer said.

"We didn't have a whole lot of success at Richmond and to play finals is certainly why you play footy. I want to play in a successful team and hopefully that eventuates this year."

Looking forward

Looking back on his time at Richmond, where he was since 2000 when taken with the No 41 Draft pick, Krakouer is keener on looking forward than back on it, but he is glad he reached the 100-game mark.

"I enjoyed my time, was a bit inconsistent and I don't have a whole lot to say about it. It's behind me now, I just want to move on to the next phase here with the Swannies. I'm grateful I got to play 100 games and it's something I'll cherish," he said.

"If it eventuates that I play AFL again, it would be great, but it's not really on the cards at the moment. The main thing now is that I'm a contributor to Swans in every game I play, that's all I'm worrying about."

The 2007 season was far from memorable for Krakouer, except for his 100th match in the Dreamtime game at the MCG against Essendon in round nine. While recent

seasons under Terry Wallace were tough, he is forever grateful to Danny Frawley, who was his biggest football influence.

"My 100th game was the Dreamtime game and I ran out with my daughters and that was certainly enjoyable as I had a fair idea I wouldn't be there this year. My first game and time in general under Danny Frawley was enjoyable as well," he said.

"Danny, as well as my parents, partner and daughters have been and are the biggest influences on my life. It's good to be back home as well. When your missus and daughters are happy, the rest goes down well."

Krakouer will make his debut for Swan Districts in the opening round of the WAFL season against Peel Thunder on Good Friday at Mandurah's Rushton Park.

Parker said Krakouer's decision to join the Swans had been a big boost.

"We've been keen to get some quality and experienced players into the side," he said.

"We have got a fantastic group of young kids coming through but at the top end, we need a bit of experience and Andrew is a 100-goal AFL player with 100 games under his belt."

"There's no one else at the club at the moment with that sort of experience."

"He will certainly add a bit of life to the side and he's obviously got some smarts around the goals, which is what we've been needing for a long time."

"It will certainly take the pressure off guys like Daniel Wulf and Garth Taylor and the guys up forward who have had to carry a fair bit of the load on their own, and he has the ability to run through the midfield for us too."



Andrew Krakouer in the Perth Swans' outfit.

Rockhampton to try again after washout



HEAVY rain has forced the postponement of the inaugural Indigenous Reconciliation Carnival, a rugby league knockout competition at Rockhampton.

The carnival was to have been held on 19-20 January.

But much of Queensland was under water and just about all of the State received heavy rain.

It now will be held this weekend - 2-3 February - at Saleyards Park, home of the Fitzroy Sharks.

The Rockhampton carnival is being organised by Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd.

Eight teams from throughout central Queensland will battle it out for prizemoney totalling \$10,000.

Other features will be under 7, under 13 and women's exhibition matches, and a 100-metre sprint to establish the fastest player of the carnival. There also will be stalls, Indigenous dancers and face painting for the children.

Footy hits Florida



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In a unique start to a rugby league season, the first tackle was made in anger this year at the Australia Day Challenge in Jacksonville, Florida, between the South Sydney Rabbitohs and the Leeds Rhinos.

Only Aussie businessman Peter Holmes à Court and co-owner actor Russell Crowe could pull off such an event.

Undoubtedly, the South Sydney Rabbitohs were 2007's biggest mover and shaker when, after years of trouble and strife, the Red and Greens posted an impressive seventh-place finish.

No matter what the result was in Florida, the question remains: Can they climb higher in 2008?

Much has already been said about Souths' marquee signing, Craig Wing, with the faithful convinced he is the man to inject the attacking spark the Bunnies need if they are to threaten the top four.

There is no doubt Wing will have an impact, but even a player of his class will rely on an industrious forward pack to give him room to weave his magic.

I wonder whether Souths will live to

regret letting Peter Cusack go to England to finish his career.

The Roosters never fully recovered after they lost the hard work of this under-estimated forward in the middle of the field.

I suppose they can look forward to the return of David Kidwell, who is almost a new signing after his injury-riddled season last year.

I spoke to Dean Widders before he left for the USA with the team and he was supremely confident the team would surprise many of the 'experts'.

He said the team was benefiting from the stability established through last season and the majority of the team had adjusted to the new philosophies introduced by coach Jason Taylor and high performance co-ordinator Errol Alcott.

I will be particularly interested in the development of Nathan Merritt this year.

First-class

By all accounts his training has been first-class and he continues to build on his strength to compliment his blistering speed.

There is no doubt that Souths missed his impact in the finals last year.

This will be the season to stamp his undoubted class on the competition and to further his claims for representative recognition.

Consistent form cannot be overlooked and at least one representative spot should be vacant given Eric Grothe's seeming lack of passion for this level of football.

Also, look for Beau Champion to reappear at the NRL level.

His talent has not been diminished by injury and a lot of clubs showed interest in his long-term future when he struggled to get much time in first grade last year.

Form and injury are temporary – class will always shine through.

Speaking of class, I hear Chris



Nathan Merritt scores a late try for Souths during the NRL Rugby League round-three match against St George-Ilawarra Dragons at Telstra Stadium, Sydney on 16 March 2006. The Dragons won that clash 44-14.

– AAP Image

Sandow has been training well with the Toyota Cup squad and the Gold Coast Titans could well regret letting this young Queenslander go.

And speaking of the Titans, they are in a similar situation to the Rabbitohs in that they will be trying to build on the foundations established last year where they impressed all as a newly-founded franchise.

Heads held high

The Titans were able to walk away from their inaugural season in the NRL with their heads held high after narrowly missing the top eight while putting in some superb performances along the way.

Led by inspirational seasons from leaders like Scott Prince and Luke Bailey, the Titans were also helped by Anthony Laffranchi, who stepped up from quality first-grader to true NRL star.

2008 promises to be another huge year in the short history of the club as they move from Carrara to their purpose-built stadium at Robina.

The Titans will also be looking to play finals football for the first time in only their second campaign.

Rookie coach John Cartwright proved himself to be more than capable of doing the top job after serving as an assistant at the Roosters for several years and with a year of learning and building team chemistry, the Titans will be very tough to beat in 2008.

Central to their campaign will be the continued good health of Prince, who was another player deprived of rightful representative selection at the end of the season.

As much as the critics rightfully pointed out the central

dominance of Johnathan Thurston and Matt Bowen to the hopes of the Cowboys, I doubt if any side missed one individual player as much as the Titans missed Prince after his injury in the epic clash against the Broncos.

Prince is just all class as he glides across the field orchestrating his troops.

He deserves the stage afforded by representative or finals football.

Scotty will get that chance if the rest of the troops display as much courage as the people's champion – Preston Campbell.

With the retirement of David Peachey, Presto has become the elder statesman of NRL Indigenous players.

With no disrespect to either player, if Prince is the brains, then Presto is the heart of the team.

His ability to put his body on the line is unequalled, and yet he has not lost that freakish anticipation of a break or an offload that makes him the true champion that he is.

First crack

In his last years in the NRL, he deserves the opportunity to win a title for the area that gave him his first crack at the top grade.

Presto has another important role to play.

He is the mentor to a new generation of talent led by the irrepressible Shannon Walker (See Dean Widders' column on Page 78).

Presto will be like all Elders – he will give advice if the young buck shows respect.

But there is no way he is going to give up his place under the NRL tree.

You've got to earn that.

The first tackle might be made in Florida but the real season begins when the Rabbits run on to ANZ Stadium against the Roosters at Homebush, and the Titans take on the Cowboys at Skilled Stadium, on the Gold Coast.

I can't wait – bring it on!



Gold Coast Titans rugby league player Preston Campbell during a 2007 visit to Pormpuraaw, on the west coast of Cape York, about 660km north-west of Cairns. David Liddiard says Campbell is now the elder statesman of NRL Indigenous players.

Spreading the dream

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The AFL's Flying Boomerangs to tour South Africa

WA: Alliston Pickett, Johnson Taylor, Hayden Collard.
NSW: Djali Bloomfield, Thomas Kickett, Anthony Taylor.
NT: Steven May, Ashley Lansen, Curtly Hampton, Anthony Hale, Stanley Turner.
Qld: Thomas Holland, Anzack Newman,

Kieran Johnson, Peter Yagmoor, Rex Liddy.
Vic: Tyrone Bean, Brandon Edwards, Richard Bamblett, Dylan Somerville.
SA: Joshua Wittwer, Timothy Milera, Nathan Ahmat-Watkins, Jarrad Brusnahad.
Tas: Daniel Cox.

top billing in South Africa, the AFL will also be able to gauge just how its development work is progressing when a local side takes part in the curtain-raiser on 2 February.

Just as importantly, Derek Kickett, Gavin Wanganen and Jason McCartney will accompany an Indigenous under-16 side on the South African tour and that team, known as the Flying Boomerangs, will play the South African Buffaloes before the NAB Cup clash.

The South Africa side consists

of the country's most promising under-19 players, and that squad will play three matches against the touring Indigenous team.

The AFL's trip to South Africa, while part of pre-season campaigns for each club, isn't seen as all hard work with each viewing the experience as a chance to bring their playing groups closer together.

Aside from training and matches, each club will take part in various non football-related activities, such as game park tours, receptions at the Australian

High Commission, as well as visiting a number of community-based centres – such as orphanages for HIV sufferers and some poorer townships.

It might just be these latter types of activities – where the players show their accessibility and personable side – that prove just as valuable as any clinic performed while on the vast continent.

The Flying Boomerangs will play a total of three matches against the South African Buffaloes.

AFL National and International Development General Manager David Matthews said the tour would benefit and promote both nations' Indigenous programs and international development.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for these young men to develop on and off the field," Matthews said.

"The tour will also share with South Africa the AFL's experience of utilising sport as a vehicle to generate lifestyle outcomes for indigenous people and communities."

This is the second AFL Indigenous Youth Tour to South Africa. The first tour was in February 2006.

The players' selection follows their attendance at the Qantas AFL KickStart Camp in Melbourne in August.

Busy itinerary

The team's itinerary gives you some understanding of the great experience that lies ahead of them:

- January 31: Conducting football clinics in Alexandra (outside Johannesburg)
- February 1: Soweto tour, including Nelson Mandela's house and the Regina Mundi Church
- February 3-4: Hluhluwe National Park
- February 6: Match against South African Buffaloes in Kwa Mashu
- February 7: Overnight stay in a Zulu Village
- February 8: Conducting football clinics in Nyanga (outside Cape Town)
- February 9: Match against South African Buffaloes in Khayelitsha
- February 10: Table Mountain and Robben Island.

It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to not only develop football skills, but to also interact with another indigenous culture.

It will also allow them to experience the difficulties and challenges faced by the same generation in a different land and perhaps appreciate some of the opportunities they have at home.

I wish all the team the best on their tour and hope to one day follow their trail personally.

Until next time – Keep Dreaming!

Evonne takes her kids right to the top



PROMISING young Indigenous tennis players at the Evonne Goolagong National Development Camp have gone straight to the top ... well, sort of!

Goolagong and 15 camp participants paid a visit to the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), where they played tennis on the roof of the DSE's Box Hill office.

The players ranged in age from 12 to 18. The Box Hill office of DSE has the use of a rooftop tennis court, and through its connection with Goolagong (she is a regular presenter in the DSE Indigenous Cultural Awareness training) the department learned that her training camp participants wanted to try their hands at rooftop tennis.

The DSE put on a lunch and welcomed the camp participants, and will consider ways of supporting the annual program in the future.

The camp is held each year and aims to increase the number of young Indigenous

people playing tennis, both competitively and socially, identify and support young Indigenous people who have the potential to play at an elite level and make a career as a player, coach or administrator.

Since the program began four years ago, ten scholarships have been awarded to outstanding camp participants at east coast schools with specialist tennis programs: Box Hill Secondary College, Pymble Ladies College in Sydney, and The Southport School, on the Gold Coast.

The head tennis coach at Box Hill Secondary College is Chris Kachel, former head coach of tennis at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Ms Goolagong is a regular guest presenter in the cultural awareness programs undertaken by DSE staff, and through this connection an invitation for her camp participants was issued.

The young players, who were mainly from the Northern Territory, Queensland and New South Wales, jumped at the chance for a game of rooftop tennis.



Evonne Goolagong and Box Hill Secondary College scholarship students Steven Tomlinson (right) and Matthew Ansell playing tennis on the rooftop of the Department of Sustainability and Environment's Box Hill office on 14 December.

Visionary program

By PETER ARGENT



ESTABLISHED two years ago, the National Talent Identification and Development

(NTID) program is an inventive undertaking operating in 17 sports. Its aims are to find and develop athletic talent to represent Australia at the 2010 New Delhi Commonwealth Games, the 2012 London Olympics and beyond.

The NTID program has tested hundreds of potential Indigenous athletes in a range of sports including track and field, hockey, basketball and softball.

As a part of this, 20 Indigenous boxers have been taking part in competitive sparring sessions at the AIS this month, which puts them in contention for six scholarships to be offered by the NTID program.

Testing and development during the week-long camp included sparring sessions, physiological screenings, nutritional education and fitness work.

The program is already starting to show some positive results. A number of talented Indigenous boxers like Luke Boyd and Cameron Hammond were part of the first intake of NTID boxers coming through the elite pathways.

Another member of the first intake, Sam Leone, has moved into the coaching ranks, using



Indigenous boxer Cameron Hammond in action. He is part of the National Talent Identification and Development program.

skills and knowledge acquired at the AIS to foster more Aboriginal boxing talent.

Luke Boyd has emerged from last year's program to enter the full AIS boxing squad under national coach and former East German national champion Bodo Andreass, and both he and Cameron Hammond will have a chance to make the team for the Beijing Olympics.

NTID National General

Manager Dr Jason Gulbin said the program's aim was to tap into all the sporting talent throughout the country.

"In the Olympic disciplines, half our medals come from swimming and cycling, and we wish to expand this base," he said.

"The boxing program is one of 17 sports we are focusing on.

"Both Cameron (Hammond),

who won this national titles without dropping a point, and Luke (Boyd) have already exceeded expectations and are chances for the team going to Beijing.

"Now Sam (Leone) has gone into coaching, he is also leaving a legacy in the sport and helping its continued growth as well."

The NTID boxing program have centres of excellence in Darwin, Townsville, Brisbane,

Lismore and Sydney, under the watchful eye of AIS NTID coach Don Abnett.

"This gives us a forum to train and monitor athletes," Dr Gulbin said.

"We would expect the talent from regional areas to grow."

Hammond and Boyd are a part of a national boxing camp, through the Bondi Nature Reserve, under the watchful eye of Andreass.

Family friendships lures Mills to the US

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"I didn't feel as bad (about that game) when he put 37 on Oregon," Golden said with a laugh.

Mills said Saint Mary's was able to close the deal when Bennett personally made a trip to Canberra to meet with Mills' family. The presence of assistant coach David Patrick, a native Bahamian who had a long career in Australia's professional league and is a friend of the Mills family, also helped.

"For my mum and dad, I think the trust and the friendship that they have created with (Bennett) and coach Patrick was the key," Mills said.

"My dad, especially, believed and trusted (Bennett) that I would get the development I needed to meet my goals in the future."

For Mills, the near future appears to hold a good chance of trips to the NCAA Tournament next spring and Beijing. It also includes ever-growing acceptance that his background and his playing ability make him a role model.

The son of an Aboriginal mum (a native of the mainland and adjacent islands) and a Torres Strait Islander dad (a native of a string of islands between the mainland and New Guinea), Mills is one of the country's approximately 500,000 Indigenous people, a group that once was hindered by historical segregation practices.

Today, Indigenous Australians often still live in rural areas, and they have a life

expectancy that is 20 years fewer than that of non-Indigenous residents, according to a 2001 study by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Historically, Indigenous Australians have made their athletic mark in Australian rules football and rugby league, the country's two favourite sports, so few play basketball.

As such, Mills' success stands out that much more.

"That's one of the things that motivates me to do well in basketball, knowing that not many Indigenous people have gone through and succeeded," Mills said.

Acceptance

Indigenous Australian track star Cathy Freeman excelled at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, and her success in the international spotlight did wonders in lifting overall acceptance.

"(Mills) understands what's at stake here," Bennett said.

"He embraces that. He has such poise and a confidence about it. It's not, 'Gosh, I can't let everyone down'. He really realises that he has a great opportunity. He's one of very few people over there that has this opportunity to help that group of people."

Mills said his dad — a former basketball player who, with his wife, runs a hoops program for Indigenous children — was a big reason he avoided the more typical athletic paths in Australia.

Mills' uncle, Danny Morseu, also had an

influence. Morseu was the second Indigenous player on Australia's national team when he played in the 1980 and 1984 Olympics.

This past season, Mills became the third.

Mills followed Morseu's pro career in Australia when he was a kid, and he grew closer to his uncle over the past four years as he himself developed as a prospect.

"He's someone who's been through that path and put a lot of hard work in to get there, so it goes without saying that he's taught me a lot," Mills said.

Now, Mills is the one doing the teaching. He shares the wisdom gleaned from international play with his more callow American team-mates, and his team-mates admire the way he carries himself with a maturity and poise well beyond his years.

"I think all the other players appreciate how he handles things and how unselfish he is in every other aspect of life, whether it be on the court or off the court," Bennett said.

Bennett understands the value of that kind of leadership and believes all of the Australians — a group that also includes Hughes, Lucas Walker and Ben Allen, who is sitting out this season — have given his program an added level of toughness.

"This team has a better work ethic than a lot of our other teams," he said.

"I think it does have to do with these guys. They've been away from home. There's a reason they're here: That's to get an education and play basketball. They left all

their friends, left all their family, so there's a commitment as soon as they get on that plane to come over here."

Of course, skill helps, too. This Saint Mary's squad is much more than just Mills.

Forward Diamon Simpson is an all-league performer, and he teams with much-improved centre Omar Samhan to provide a combined 25.8 points and 16.3 rebounds a game. That said, when you have a great point guard, it usually makes everyone better.

Golden noted that Mills' arrival meant "more open looks this season than I had in my first three seasons (combined)", and the Gaels' improvement across the board supports that. Saint Mary's is way up in shooting percentage and way down in turnovers while playing at a much faster pace.

Add that up, and it means a much better offence — and to this point, a much better record. If that continues, it also will mean even more focus on Mills, but Bennett expects his freshman to continue to handle himself with aplomb.

"Some guys who get this much attention as a freshman, people sometimes don't root for them," Bennett said. "They don't handle it well, and people become envious. This kid, everyone roots for him."

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Henaways keep it in the family

By ALF WILSON



IT was a great 19th birthday gift for Jamaine Zaro when he won the ninth annual Henaway Cup golf competition at the Ayr Golf Club on 28-29 December.

"I turned 19 on December 29 and it was good and I picked up two \$600 travel vouchers in prizes and will use them for a holiday in Brisbane," he said.

Organiser Pastor Les Henaway said that 62 golfers, mostly Indigenous, contested the event at the club where champion female Karrie Webb learned to play.

Jamaine also won the 2006 Cup and is the son of former Henaway Cup winner Aicey Zaro (2003), who runs an Indigenous art gallery in the nearby Burdekin town of Home Hill.

"Dad also played this time and came in about second last," Jamaine joked. (He actually came eighth on the second day of play).

Golfers came from around north Queensland, mainly the Burdekin twin cities of Ayr and Home Hill, Townsville, Bowen and as far as Katherine, in the NT.

The Henaway Cup can only be won by a member of the Henaway family or their descendants, with the majority being based in the Burdekin or Bowen regions.

Other competitors are eligible to win prizes other than the Henaway Cup.

"We used to start it on Boxing Day, but changed that so more people could compete, but rain on the first day prevented some from coming," Pastor Henaway said.

Pastor Henaway is one of the chief organisers and the competition, which was

started by him and his brother Joe in honour of their mother Barbara and is now a memorial to her.

Forebears of Jamaine Zaro hail from Murray Island and the family is proud of their TSI descent.

Three members of the Henaway family gained placings in the first seven: Joshua Henaway (third), Vincent Henaway (fourth) and Gerald Henaway (fifth).

Jamaine has always been a talented young golfer and while at high school won the Karrie Webb Cup twice.

"I haven't played much lately as I have been concentrating on my job as an apprentice print machinist

and I am in my third year. But I will get some time on the golf course in 2008," he said.

Proud dad Aicey and mum Bernice were at the presentation in the packed Ayr Golf Club hall.

Plans are under way to make the tenth Cup in December 2008 the biggest yet.

2007 winners:

Winner, Jermaine Zaro; runner-up, Dave Danes; third, Joshua Henaway; fourth, Vincent Henaway; fifth, Gerald Henaway; sixth, Dave Cox; seventh, Adam Eathorne.

Best Overall gross score, Doug Power.



● TOP: Henaway family members, from left, Gerald Henaway, Joe Henaway and Pastor Les Henaway.

● ABOVE: Jamaine Zaro with his dad Aicey, mum Bernice, sister Janaye (15), and Eli'sha Zaro with all the prizes.

● LEFT: Winner Jamaine Henaway front with trophy and other cup competitors with prizes.



Payne is named skipper



FOUREX Gold Bulls Twenty/20 batsman Daniel Payne will captain the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI for the first time next month.

Payne, who made his return to the Bulls' ranks earlier this month after a five-year absence, will skipper the Indigenous representative team in the annual match against the Queensland Academy of Sport on 18 February at Allan Border Field, Brisbane.

The top order batsman and wicketkeeper is captaining Beenleigh/Logan this season in the XXXX Gold first grade competition where he is the leading runscore.

The A&TSI XI team announced last week also contains first-time selections in Logan Village batsman Mark Kennedy and Rockhampton teenagers Preston White and Chris Swain.

The 34-year-old Kennedy, a school teacher and a foundation first grade player with Beenleigh/Logan, has been playing in the local Logan competition for the past few years.

Bulls rookie contracted player Worin Williams will play for the Indigenous side as will 18-year-old Townsville wicketkeeper/batsman Bradley Stout, who will captain the Queensland Imparja Cup team at the national Indigenous titles next month in Alice Springs.

White, a member of the Australia Post Queensland Under-19 side that played in the national championships last month, and leg-spinner Swain were both members of the State Imparja Cup side that finished second in Alice Springs last year and will again travel to the Northern Territory for the titles this season.

Former Queensland pace bowler Michael Mainhardt and Jack Gibbs will coach the team.

The Imparja Cup squad fulfils a development role in Queensland Cricket's Indigenous player strategy,



Ben Mainhardt, from the Brisbane Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club, is in the Queensland Imparja Cup team.

with the Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander XI taking on flagship status with its annual match against the Queensland Academy of Sport.

There are seven members of the Imparja Cup team who have also been selected for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander XI.

The 2007-08 Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander XI v Queensland Academy of Sport, 18 February, 2007, Allan Border Field (40 over a side match):

Daniel Payne (c, Beenleigh Logan), Todd Dodson (Cairns), Tim Hardingham (Palmwoods), Aaron Holt (Rockhampton), Mark Kennedy (Logan Village), Martin Rush (Townsville), Brett Smith (Innisfail), Bradley Stout (Townsville), Chris Swain (Rockhampton), Barry Weare (West), Worin Williams (Beenleigh Logan), Preston White (Rockhampton).

Michael Mainhardt (Coach, Brisbane), Jack Gibbs (Coach, Brisbane).

The 2007-08 Queensland Imparja Cup team, Alice Springs, February 11-16, 2008:

Bradley Stout (c) (Wanderers Cricket Club, Townsville), Nigel Beer (Northern Suburbs District 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)



Tim Hardingham, of Palmwoods, receives his Queensland Imparja Cup cap from coach Michael Mainhardt.

Mayo's comeback



Bradley Mayo ... "Les and I will do our talking in the ring."

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS boxer Bradley Mayo, who has fought Anthony 'The Man' Mundine and

Danny Green, will come out of retirement at age 34 to take on Australian super middleweight champion Les Sherrington.

In what is being described as a promoter's dream, Townsville-born and Gold Coast-based Sherrington will meet Mayo at Townsville's Murray Stadium in June.

Mayo is now trained by former champion professional boxer Gonzo Hooper, who reckons the fight will be a major sporting event.

"Mayo went 10 rounds with Anthony Mundine here in Townsville and later lost to Green in 2003. Sherrington has sparred with Mundine so this is shaping up to be ripper," Hooper said.

Adding spice to the bout, Sherrington told *The Koori Mail* he had heard that Mayo had been bagging his ability as a boxer.

"I issued a challenge to him and he accepted and we will see if Mayo still has that opinion when we get into the ring," Sherrington said.

Mayo returned serve when admitting he had 'planted seeds' about Sherrington, which had obviously got back to him on boxing's bush telegraph.

"It got the desired outcome and Les and I will do our talking in the ring," Mayo said.

Sherrington has had 21 bouts for 17 wins, with 10 by knockout, and won the Australian super middleweight title against Sonni Michael 'Jungle Boy' Angelo at the Townsville Rugby Union Club last February.

Superfit Sherrington won by unanimous points decision after the bout was stopped in the ninth round after an accidental head clash.

Sherrington has since beaten Ingham's Shaun Quagliotto, when he scored a first-round knockout at Townsville last June.

Sherrington told *The Koori Mail* that he had lost three of his first four bouts, included one to Cairns-based Saibai Islander Arama 'The Warrior' Tabuai.

"I have since atoned for that by beating Arama," he said.

Beating Sherrington want the bout sanctioned as a genuine title fight and as a WBO Pacific title fight.

"That would give me the opportunity of gaining a top ten world ranking," Sherrington said.

Mayo said he had already fought successfully six years ago for that title and really wanted to win the Australian super middleweight title at age 34.

"Danny Green won a title aged 34 and I am training hard in the gym," he said.

To prepare for the bout, Mayo will fight on the undercard at the Townsville Entertainment Centre in March.

Dazzling Des aims for gold

By PETER ARGENT



ABORIGINAL hockey star Desmond Abbott is on the brink of a dream - to wear the Australian green and gold at this year's Beijing Olympics.

Noted as an exciting, superbly skilled midfielder and/or striker, among his traits is a great ability to leave opponents in his wake with his ball control, while also creating chances for the players around him.

From the Northern Territory, Abbott also has a great goal sense and is very dangerous inside the circle.

Currently in South Africa playing the Five Nations Cup, Abbott is a success story from the National Talent Identification and Development program.

"Over the longer term Des has had to deal with a variety of injuries, the last being osteitis pubis and groin problems," Australian national coach Barry Dancer told *The Koori Mail* from South Africa.

"He has been playing initially for shorter periods and we are looking for him to get more pitch time over the remainder of the titles."

"We are looking for him to come away from this tournament with a better fitness base and a great confidence in his body."

"After the National Hockey League we will pick a squad of 24 players based at the AIS hockey facility in Perth."

"We'll play a four-nation tournament at home at the end of April or early May, then from there the group will be trimmed to 18 for a tour of Europe in June, before the final 16 players will be selected for the 2008 Olympic team."

"At this stage of his international career, we are playing Des as a striker - his attributes include a solid understanding of the people around him, good vision and excellent closing skills."

"One of the younger members of our squad, he has opportunities over the next two Olympics at a minimum."

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Des."

A Darwin resident, Abbott plays for the Territory Stingers in the National Hockey League and having just turned 22 (10 January 2008), he has a big chance to cement himself in the Kookaburras' squad.

During 2007 he made his Australian senior debut in the Dutch series in Canberra and will be looking to cement his spot in the team leading up to Beijing.

An accolade for his efforts in 2007, Abbott collected the NTID team athlete of the year.

Now having played seven games in the national team (before the tour of SA) and coming back from injury, Abbott is looking to become a consistent fixture in one of Australia's most elite sporting teams.

The Kookaburras have an exceptional and inspirational international record, as for more than three decades (since the early 1970s) this team have been ranked in the top four nations in the world.

Australian hockey teams have won seven Olympic Games medals since first competing at the Games in 1956. In addition, they have collected six World Cup medals, including one gold and 21 Champions Trophy medals, including seven golds and all three Commonwealth Games medals in 1998, 2002 and on home soil in Melbourne in 2006.



DESMOND ABBOTT

Brisbane showcase for rising netballers



AN Australian Indigenous schoolgirls netball team has been chosen to compete at an international challenge in Adelaide this May.

The team, known as the Budgies, will compete against other schoolgirl teams from Singapore, New Zealand, the Cook Islands, South Africa and possibly other countries from 23-30 May.

They will be taking part in the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge.

There are 12 girls in the Budgies team and they come from throughout Australia. They are: Stacey Markham (Woy Woy, NSW), Acacia Lewis (Alice Springs, NT), Cindy Drover (Alice Springs), Jessie White (Alice Springs), Kira-Lee Leo (Yepoon, Qld), Jazmin Moyle (Innisfail, Qld), Maylene Nona (Townsville, Qld), Elyse Brown (Brisbane, Qld), Jessica Duncan (Brisbane), Sarah Taylor (Macleay Island, Qld).

Bonnie Smith (Melbourne, Vic), Jordan Kickett (Ballarat, Vic).

Shadow players: Beryl Friday (Ingham, Qld), Jacinta Smith (Townsville, Qld), Danielle Trindle-Price (Alice Springs, NT), Alana Cain (northern inland NSW), Nikki Weribone (Ashford, NSW) and Corrine Towney (Coonabarabran, NSW).

The team was chosen at the conclusion of the Australian Indigenous Schoolgirls Netball Carnival in Brisbane on 19-20 January, where six teams played.

A Victorian/Queensland (combined) team were the overall winners, with NSW coming second and Queensland third.

The Brisbane carnival was the first of its type and will continue each year.

Players came from such far-flung Queensland communities as Hopevale and Burketown, in the north; St George and Charleville, in the west; Coonabarabran, in central-western NSW, coastal NSW, Melbourne and Alice Springs.



From left, Acacia Lewis, Jessie White, Cindy Drover and Danielle Trindle-Price. Acacia, Jessie and Cindy are in the Budgies team for the Adelaide tournament, while Danielle is a shadow selection.

Gillespie to join Welsh county club Glamorgan for one season



INDIGENOUS Test cricketer Jason Gillespie has signed a one-year deal with Welsh county side Glamorgan for the 2008 season.

With his international career seemingly all but behind him, Gillespie, 32, spent the past two English county cricket summers at Yorkshire, but is looking forward to a new challenge.

"I'm really excited about heading to Cardiff and my family love the place too," Gillespie said.

"I'm also aware of the massive changes the ground at Cardiff has

undergone over the past year, which is really exciting. I can't wait to get stuck in and help Glamorgan be as successful as they can be in a new era under Matthew Maynard."

Maynard, the club's cricket manager, said: "Jason is a proven performer at international level, and he is just the sort of experienced bowler we were looking for to spearhead our attack."

"He will also be an important influence on some of the developing players in the dressing room."

"Jason has enjoyed plenty of success with the ball, as well as with the bat, and

given his wealth of experience with Australia, he has plenty to offer us."

"I view his signing being very similar to that of Michael Kaspravic a few years ago."

"I know Jason very well from my own time in international cricket. He's a top bloke and I know that he will fit in very well into our dressing room."

Gillespie took 259 wickets in 71 Tests for Australia and also hit a century with the bat when he made 201 not out against Bangladesh in Chittagong in 2006.

That was his last Test appearance.

'The Alice' is all set for Imparja Cup

One more step for Jets' North

By PETER ARGENT



HAVING just captained the Newcastle Jets to second place in the 2007-08 Hyundai A-League soccer

table at the end of the minor round, Indigenous star Jade North is just four matches away from a 'holy grail' - the league's major football title.

"No-one expected us to get where we are, but the team had the self-belief and the boys have got the rewards for their hard work," North told *The Koori Mail*.

"The team to beat to win the title as far as we are concerned is the Central Coast."

"They are only an hour down the road and they are a bit like the little brother that always wants to beat us."

"We love the rivalry with the Mariners."

Having played in each A-League finals series over the past three years and losing the preliminary to Adelaide United in a penalty shootout last summer, North and his team-mates are keen to take the next step.

He did feel wearing the captain's arm band had not changed his game and reports of his increased consistency this season have been over-exaggerated in some areas.

"My form has been on a par with the last couple of years, but no better than them," he explained.

"It will certainly be a career highlight to hold up the premiership trophy, whatever form it is."

"To compare them with the Olympics is hard - both are positives which have their own place."

Meanwhile the Queensland Roar's young Indigenous striker, Tah Minniecon, is still in the embryonic stages of his A-League career, reflecting his first year has been tough but good.

So far (before the finals series) Minniecon has played six A-League games (starting in four) and scored a goal, along with being involved in three assists.

"I'll start on the bench against Sydney in the minor semi-final and hopefully get some opportunities," Minniecon, who turns 19 on 13 February, said.

"It's certainly been mentally and physically the toughest football I've played."

He still has a year left on his contract with the Brisbane franchise, and is looking to grab each and every opportunity to try an cement a place in the starting XI.

"Like all young footballers, if offers come from Europe or Britain, I will consider it," he said.

Understanding his role as a model for young aspiring round-ball code players, the lad who looks up to Terry Henri as his hero, Minniecon's simple message to talented young soccer players is put your head down, dream big and work hard.

Coffs to host rugby 7s

C OFFS Harbour has won the race to host the inaugural Ella 7s rugby union tournament on 1 March.

Organisers hope the tournament will give them the opportunity to assess Indigenous rugby players in line to play in the second-tier International Rugby Board tournament in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, over the next four years.

The Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team Inc will manage the Coffs Harbour tournament at the BCU Coffs Harbour International Stadium.

The Lloyd McDermott

organisation has assisted Aboriginal youth play rugby union throughout Australia since 1992.

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander team recently participated in an IRB second-tier tournament in Port Moresby and has been invited back for the next four years. Other countries participating in the event were Tonga, Samoa, Niue, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands.

The competition last year was very strong with the Aboriginal team winning only two games.

Organisers of the

Coffs Harbour tournament say that for Indigenous rugby to be competitive at this level, there must be an avenue for younger players to develop their 7s skills.

The goal is to have 16 to 20 teams contest the men's draw, and eight in the women's draw. Each team will consist of 12 players and three management staff. Each team will be allowed to have a maximum of two non-Aboriginal players.

It will cost teams \$1000 (plus GST) to enter. That fee will cover a set of 12 jumpers, shorts and socks, two training balls and light refreshments.

Northern Territory:

Ian Redpath, Julian Jenkins, Darrelle Lowe, Greg Louis, Joshua Johnny, David Parrington, Jarrod Franey, Peter Fry, Desmond Jones, Curtis Mariot, Zac Anderson, Guy McLean, Jonathan Rioli.

Tasmania:

Guy Grey (capt), Bernie Lamont, Brody Brown, Tony Lovell, John Peggall, Brad Lovell, Callan Morse, Nathan Peters, Lyndon Stubbs, Stephen Schumann, Kyron Ebdon, Darren Wall, Josh Walmsley.

South Australia:

Peter Thomas (capt), Ken Karpany, Wes Binney, Eddie Vanderyl, Graham, Greg Hodgkinson, Willy Searle, Jeremy Johncock, Kahren McKenzie, Lawrie Rankine Jr, Damian Rigney, Troy Bond, Matthew Stopp, Simon Sumner.

Victoria:

David Nelson (capt), Barry Firebrace, Rohan Best, Jarryd Atkinson, Daniel Atkinson, Malcolm Dow, Jamie Colman, Nigel Currie, David Gilliam, Alex Kerr, Nakia Firebrace, Brett Pevitt, Keith Stevens.

Queensland names

Imparja Cup squad - Page 83

SEVERAL former Test cricketers will be involved in activities surrounding the Imparja Cup at Alice Springs beginning on 11 February.

Organisers are yet to say who will be coming, but the former stars will sign autographs and assist with clinics at local schools on 13 February, which has been declared Harmony Day.

Crick Australia's Senior Officer, Indigenous Cricket, Michael McGregor, said the chairman of Cricket Australia, Creagh O'Connor, would be visiting Alice Springs during Imparja Cup week to witness first-hand the talent that abounds throughout Australia in Indigenous cricket.

McGregor also dropped a hint that the Northern Territory side will contain a young player with a big future.

He was referring to Jonathan Rioli, a nephew of Australian football legend Maurice Rioli.

He said Rioli was a bit raw, but was a handy cricketer who

bowled left-arm Chinamans and was sure to cause a few headaches during the carnival.

This year's Imparja Cup carnival has been brought forward a day, with play beginning on Monday 11 February, and ending on Saturday 16 February.

The Imparja Cup preliminary rounds will consist of two days of twenty/20 round-robin matches (11-12 February) and three days of 40-over round-robin games (13-15 February).

The two teams with the most points at the end of these rounds will meet in a 50-over day-night grand final at Traeger Park on 16 February.

All told, there will be four levels of competition around Alice Springs.

In total, there will be 26 teams, including a number of community side.

The women's division this year will feature a NSW team. This could prompt other States to enter representative teams in future years.

Four of the women's teams will come from Alice Springs. Squads for the Imparja Cup:



Queenslander Preston White lets one fly against New South Wales in last year's Imparja Cup final at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

Our basketballers

US sports analysts touting Jawai as ...

The next big thing

AFTER just one year in the National Basketball League, Cairns rookie Nathan Jawai could see his salary eclipse his entire club's wages if he's selected in the 2008 NBA draft as expected.

In his first year as a pro, the 21-year-old has caught the attention of leading sports analysts in the United States, who are touting the rookie as a sure thing for this year's NBA draft.

This season in the NBL, Jawai has averaged 17.8 points and 9.3 rebounds a game, taken out the All-Star most valuable player honour, and is the runaway favourite to become Rookie of the Year.

Australian coach Brian Goorjian said he believed it was only matter of time before Jawai got his break in the NBA, but that could now be sooner rather than later.

Highly-regarded website nbadraft.net predicts Jawai will be pick No 24 in the first round of this year's 2008 NBA draft.

Instant rewards

That could result in a hefty pay increase to almost \$1 million – which is more than an entire NBL team's salary cap at just \$810,000.

"Bruising bigman with a raw, unpolished game but shows a great deal of potential with his soft touch, size, strength and explosiveness," nbadraft.net says of the centre, who at 208cm and 128kg, is nicknamed 'Mini Shaq' thanks to his likeness to NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal.

President of the NBA Draft Express website Jonathan Givony agrees with the hype over Jawai and is confident he will be a first-round pick.

"There's been a steady buzz coming out of the Land Down Under over the past few months," he said.

"A six-foot-ten, 285-pound Aboriginal big man by the name of Nathan Jawai has come out of nowhere seemingly to establish himself as the best rookie in the league, as well as a prospect that NBA teams are slowly realising they must take seriously as well."

Jawai is not the only Australian being tipped to join Andrew Bogut in the NBA next season. Vanderbilt University's Andrew (AJ) Ogilvy is nbadraft.net's highest-ranking Australian in their mock draft, coming in as a first-round pick at No 17.

Fellow Australian, Nebraska's Aleks Maric, is at 47th after also making his mark in college basketball.

Also joining the praise for Australian athletes, basketball expert Chad Ford, writing on the ESPN website, predicts Jawai will be an early second-round pick at 47th, while he says Ogilvy

is likely to be a first-round pick.

The draft takes place in June.

Writing for for NBL.com.au, Marc Howard says Jawai is a runaway favourite to take out the Hummer Championship's Rookie of the Year honour.

He says the NBA scouts have certainly taken notice, with Jawai now tipped by nbadraft.net to be a high pick in the 2008 NBA Draft.

Were their prediction to come true, it would see Jawai selected in the first round and guarantee the Taipans' big man a lucrative NBA contract.

First-rounder

In Jawai's profile on the site, Aran Smith writes that Jawai is 'considered by international scouts as a potential late first-rounder for the 2008 draft'.

Smith's full analysis of Jawai, who showed his potential during the NBL's annual All-Star Game in December by taking out the MVP trophy, is as follows:

"Bruising big man with a raw, unpolished game but shows a great deal of potential with his soft touch, size, strength and explosiveness."

He's 6-10 but plays bigger with long arms and excellent leaping ability ... Runs the floor well and light on his feet ... Highly aggressive, loves to dunk on guys and really enjoys playing physical ... His attitude is one of his biggest positives.

"He can get angry and emotional, but that actually helps his game and does not hurt it."

'Shows passion'

"He is not foul-prone either. He likes to get rough, can do the dirty work and shows passion ... Shows a soft shooting touch from the line at close to 70 per cent which is a good sign that his offensive game can further develop."

"He's a good mid-range shooter and he displayed a nice variety of offence moves ... Considering his lack of experience playing the game at a high level, his (natural) feel for the game is very good ... He's a quality passer for a big man, recognising double teams and finding the open man ... Has a good set of hands, catches the ball well, and secures the ball well on rebounds with his strong arms and sure hands." – with AAP



"Bruising bigman with a raw, unpolished game but shows a great deal of potential with his soft touch, size, strength and explosiveness," says one commentator of Nathan Jawai. Jawai is pictured above giving a 'don't argue' while scoring a goal for the Cairns Taipans in the National Basketball League.

● LEFT: Jawai looks for options while playing for the Taipans.

– Pictures courtesy of Cairns Taipans

aim for the stars

Mills reshapes Americans' opinions

This report, by Andy Glockner, of ESPN.com, was filed in mid-December. It is an account of how Australian Indigenous basketball sensation Patrick Mills is turning heads in the United States...

HAVING just landed in St Louis, a quintessential middle-American city, and before a quick team meal at McDonald's, the quintessential American fast-food restaurant, Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett was asked about freshman Patrick Mills.

Bennett paused for a good while before finally finding the right way to describe Mills, a quintessential up-tempo point guard but definitely not American.

In just a month, Mills has reshaped national opinion of the Gaels and, perhaps, expectations for this season's West Coast Conference race.

"I don't worry about the moment being too big for him," Bennett said. "He's been in some big situations. He's had success, and he's had to handle success. So those things you have to worry about with a first-year guy, or even a guy who hasn't had as much success at this level - I don't have to worry

about those kinds of things with him."

That's because it would be almost impossible to find a moment in a college game that would be too big for Mills.

A dynamic playmaker, the 19-year-old Australian already is the youngest ever member of his country's senior national team.

This past summer, he helped the 'Boomers' qualify for the 2008 Olympics.

Also, as the product of a marriage of Indigenous Australians, he represents a minority population that continues to struggle to find a foothold in its own land.

Add all of that up and, according to current team-mate and countryman Carlin Hughes, Mills is "probably the biggest deal going on in youth sport (in Australia) at the moment".

Saint Mary's games have been shown



PATRICK MILLS

live on Australian national TV. Nightly newscasts, typically bereft of any basketball highlights, now regularly show Mills' work.

The magnitude of the attention Mills is getting won't take away the sting of (a recent) Tuesday night's disappointing 71-56 loss at Southern Illinois - Saint Mary's first defeat of the season - but it does provide some sense of perspective.

The Gaels certainly have enjoyed the season thus far, the Saluki shutdown aside. Their 7-0 start propelled them into the top 25 for the first time in 18 years, and Mills' 37-point explosion in their 99-87 upset win over then-No 13 Oregon provided

one of the season's signature moments. Games at McKeon Pavilion have become raucous, international-style events, with Australian flags waving and the singing of a traditional chant (which Hughes taught the crowd at Midnight Madness) whenever

Mills or one of the team's other Aussies scores.

If it sounds like Mills and his mates are fitting right in at the small Moraga, California, school, you're right. Bennett started cultivating a pipeline from Down Under in 2001 when, after he took over a 2-27 team and was desperate to add a point guard, he lured Australian Institute of Sport product Adam Caporn to the United States.

Caporn's presence then helped the Gaels land talented forward Daniel Kickert, one of Caporn's former team-mates at the elite development academy. Kickert helped lead the Gaels to the 2005 NCAA Tournament.

And now, along with Mills, there are two other Australians playing for the Gaels.

Mills' own recruitment started when he was 16 years old and the Kickert-led Gaels played AIS during a tour of Australia. Saint Mary's handily won the exhibition, but according to fifth-year senior Todd Golden, who was the point guard that day, he had his hands full with the precocious Mills, who scored 17 points and caused Golden to catch some grief from his coaches.

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Oi, oi, oi, it's Kerry Williams!

Australian Aborigine Kerry Williams runs the North Idaho College men's basketball team in his own language. ROD ARWOOD of CDAPress.com, reports ...

THE North Idaho College starting line-up is an international melting pot with players from London (England), Akima (Washington State), Cairns (Australia), Bergen (Norway) and Chicago (Illinois). On the floor, they communicate through a central network which reaches out to a place called Londo-yak-icago-Austral-way.

Yep, the Cardinal men's basketball team comes from around the globe, and the guy on point is an Aborigine from northern Australia.

Where last season Kerry Williams was just trying to learn a new system on a new team a long, long way from Queensland, Australia, this year, it's his team. "Every now and then, he comes in a couple of Australian words we don't know about," saidooting guard Humberto Perez, 5-foot 2-inch sophomore from Akima.

"One time he's clapping his hands and saying 'Oi, oi, oi,' and we're all looking around thinking, 'What's that?'"

"What's the matter, don't they speak the Queen's English in Cairns?" Williams says. Coach Jared Phay calls

Williams an extension of his staff on the floor.

"I remember in the huddle one time, Kerry says, 'Go out there and play hard for the next 80 minutes,'" freshman forward David Johnson said with a laugh.

"You mean the next game, too?"

OK, sometimes there's a few dropped calls in Londo-yak-icago-Austral-way, but that's why they just roll out the rock, and let the language of basketball take over with the kid from Down Under running the show.

"Cairns isn't much bigger than Coeur d'Alene, but I thought I was going to the big city when I got here," Williams said of the town that is home to North Idaho College.

"I didn't know what to expect.

"I'm here to make my family proud, get a good education and play basketball."

He's a gym rat, not so much because he has no friends or no place to go, but because that's his favourite thing to do - shoot hoops and work on his hops.

The 6ft 11inch) sophomore from Cairns helped his team win two national championships and was named to the Queensland All-Basketball League. He brought his game to the States and rather likes the challenges of the Scenic West



Kerry Williams

- Pictures: JEROME A POLLOS/Press

Athletic Conference.

"I struggled last year, I really did. Just because the style is different," he said.

"Back home, I played with older guys, some of them were semi-pros in their 30s.

"I think it's more physical (in Australia) and a mental game, but it's prepared me for when we go against teams like CSI."

You're seeing more and more of an international presence at the college and professional levels in this country, so it's really nothing new. But that's not to say they don't have to settle in.

"All international players have to make an adjustment," Phay said.

"Every foreign kid that comes over here, no matter what level they're playing at, has to make adjustments because of the way the game's called and the way it's played.

"It seems like when he goes

home in the summer and comes back, he carries the ball a lot more because he gets away with it or takes an extra step because it doesn't get called down there."

You don't just find North Idaho from North Australia. Phay had to work some connects to get this Aussie connection.

"The connection is Washington State," Phay explained. "Washington State signed Mac (Hopson) and put Kerry

here."

Cougar assistant coach Ben Johnson played in Australia and has known Williams through his Aussie connections.

Washington State remains an option, but the son of Suzanne and Carl Williams has also drawn the interest of Eastern Illinois, Eastern Washington and Morehead State in Kentucky.

"The thing I think is huge is that he understands his opportunities. He's seeing the big picture. Where last year he was just a long way from home, now he has the world at his fingertips," NIC assistant coach Corey Symons said.

"There's a lot of Division One schools looking at him and he's seeing the work is paying off."

Williams can do a little bit of everything.

"Kerry is real good at reading the defence and has a good

understanding of the game," Phay said.

"Sometimes he's already making adjustments and talking to the guys before I start calling it out.

"He's not the kind of guy that can take over like Mac. He's more of a 'let's reorganise and start running some stuff', which is what we want him to do. Kerry's a true point guard. He's definitely a leader on the court. He calls 75 per cent of our offence."

The Cardinal leadership comes from Down Under, Johnson says.

"The team is the closest family we've got out here, which is why we can mess with him," Johnson said.

"You have some that are vocal leaders and some that lead by example. Kerry is both. It's better to be an example, but sometimes you have to speak up to get your point across."

Perez agrees.

"Kerry is always looking to get everybody involved and he finds you where your strengths are at," he said.

"Everybody on our team is cool with that. If anybody is having a good night, he gets them the ball. Have to go hard away from the ball because you never know when it's comin' to you.

"Sometimes he gets you with some crazy passes you don't think are going to get there."

He can drive and dish, hop and pop. It just comes natural, oi.

Look out world, here comes three Indigenous ... Sporting giants

By GRAHAM HUNT



THREE Indigenous Australians are on the verge of greatness in the home of basketball - the United States.

Two of them, Patrick Mills and Kerry Williams, already are forging names for themselves in US college basketball, while the third, Nathan Jawai, is being tipped to become a sensation in the US NBA, even though he's still based in Australia.

College basketball is the stepping stone to the ultimate in the sport - the National Basketball Association (NBA), where players are amongst

the world's highest paid sportsmen.

Mills, from Canberra, last year made a sensational debut for the Australian Boomers men's basketball team and is almost certain to be in the Boomers team for the Beijing Olympics.

In the meantime, he is playing for St Mary's College in the West Coast Conference, which takes in schools in California, Oregon and Washington State. He has proven to be a dynamic playmaker, and seasoned American experts are loud in their praise of the 19-year-old Mills, who has an Aboriginal mother and a Torres Strait Islander dad.

The fact that so few Indigenous Australians play basketball drives Mills to succeed in the sport.

"That's one of the things that motivates me to do well in basketball, knowing that not many Indigenous people have gone through and succeeded," he said.

Williams, from Cairns, is playing for North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, a winter playground.

He told Rod Harwood, of CDAPress.com: "Cairns isn't much bigger than Coeur d'Alene, but I thought I was going to the big city when I got here.

"I didn't know what to expect.

"I'm here to make my family proud, get a good education and play basketball."

North Idaho College assistant coach Corey Symons said of Williams: "The thing I think is huge is that he understands his opportunities. He's seeing the big picture. Where last year he was just a long way from home, now he has the world at his fingertips."

Other US basketball institutions are showing keen interest in Williams. Washington State is an option, but Williams has also drawn the interest of Eastern Illinois, Eastern Washington and Morehead State in Kentucky.

He is the son of Suzanne and Carl Williams.

Cairns also is the home of rookie Nathan Jawai, who soon could see his salary eclipse that of his entire Cairns Taipans team-mates' wages.

It all depends on whether he is selected in the 2008 NBA draft at Madison Square Gardens, New York, on 26 June.

That appears to be a formality.

In his first year as a pro in the Australian National Basketball League, the 21-year-old has caught the attention of leading sports analysts in the US, who are touting the rookie as a sure thing for this year's NBA draft.

Australian coach Brian Goorjian believes it is only matter of time before Jawai gets his break in the NBA.

That could result in a hefty pay increase to almost \$1 million - which is more than an entire NBL team's salary cap of \$810,000.

Jawai grew up in the remote far north Queensland community of Bamaga, near the tip of Cape York.



KERRY WILLIAMS



Nathan Jawai



Patrick Mills

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