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Words they never expected to hear

These courageous women, all either members of the Stolen Generations or the daughters of them, will be amongst thousands of Indigenous people expected to gather in Canberra today to hear the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd lead the Parliament in a national apology to the Stolen Generations. From left, NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation chairperson Cynthia Sariago, Patsy Raymond, Netta Cahill McCarthy and Irene McLennan.

● See Page 9 for more on their struggle and now triumph.



In their lifetime



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Yolngu darlings of YouTube wow Canberra



THEY have expertly adapted a dance from the other side of the world and have a name that invokes a decidedly

comical image. Oh, and they have become the 'darlings' of the worldwide video sharing website YouTube.

At the weekend, remote Elcho Island's Chooky Dancers showcased their now-famous 'take' on Zorba the Greek Yolngu style to a newly discerning audience – at the Canberra Fringe Festival of the National Multicultural Festival 2008.

A video of the Top End dance group performing the classic Greek dance at a festival in Ramingining was posted on YouTube last year and their innovation, fancy footwork and sense of humour has scored them more than 600,000 'hits'.

Last week, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) was only too happy to host a community barbecue for the 10-strong group at Boomanulla Oval in Narrabundah.

"These dancers have put Elcho Island on the world stage in an innovative and entertaining way – blending traditional and contemporary dance with Greek music," said AIATSIS Principal Steve Larkin.

"Some of them have never



Elcho Island's Chooky Dancers rehearsing in Canberra last week. Front row, from left, Justin Ganapunbun, Lionel Garawirrtja, Terence 'Makkwa' Burrarrwana and Gerald Dhamarranudji. Back row, from left, Nathan Guymungura, Aaron Gurrawurra, Lawrence Dhamarrandji. Out of shot: Terry 'Nupurra' Garrawurra and Darren Dhamarranydji. Photo by OTIS WILLIAMS, courtesy of AIATSIS

even left their community, but they have shown a sense of humour that the whole world can tap into. They've taken a Greek song and redefined it through indigenous dance and people are responding to it."

ACT Minister for Multicultural Affairs John Hargreaves said it

was fantastic to see how the group had adapted some Aboriginal dancing styles to Greek music.

"Their repertoire also includes a Bollywood-style dance," Mr Hargreaves said.

"We're very lucky that they are a part of this year's

National Multicultural Festival."

The group's trip to Canberra was sponsored by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and ALCAN.

The Chooky Dancers video is also believed to have made its way to the island of Kasteorizo in Greece, where a cafe owner

screened it in the local square.

The group is expected to tour Queensland soon, and may also perform at Darwin's own Greek festival, Gienti, later in the year.

To see for yourself what all the fuss is about, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-MucVWo-Pw>

Rudd looking to the future



THE search is on for up to 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join 900 other

Australians at Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's proposed Australia 20 Summit in Canberra in April. 'Options for the future of Indigenous Australia' will be a key topic at the forum, announced by Mr Rudd last week. The ongoing Northern Territory emergency intervention, along with the Cape York welfare reform trials, will get a big mention.

The discussion will almost certainly affect Government plans for the intervention once planned 12-month review is completed after June. The forum, which Mr Rudd will co-chair, was immediately backed by Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson who has been invited to attend, along with state Premiers, Chief Ministers and their Opposition counterparts.

The summit will bring together some of the 'best and brightest brains' from across the country – 1000 people from ten states – to tackle the long-term challenges facing Australia's future, and which require long-term responses from the



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd

nation beyond the usual three-year electoral cycle.

It will canvass such other issues as the Australian economy, sustainability, climate change, water, a long-term national health strategy, security and governance.

Participants will be selected by a 10-member non-government Steering Committee, and will attend in a voluntary capacity and in their own right rather than as representatives from any particular organisation.

They will be drawn from business, academia, community and industrial organisations and the media and will include a number of eminent Australians.

Mr Rudd reiterated the Government's commitment to closing the literacy, numeracy, infant mortality, health outcomes

and overall life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"The Government is also committed to working with Indigenous Australians to ensure they are able fully to participate – both socially and economically – in the life of the nation," he said at a press conference early last week.

"This includes providing access to high-quality education, health services generally and addressing alcohol, violence and homelessness in those communities where these threaten the safety and well-being of individuals and families."

The Indigenous group at the summit will examine how to forge a new partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia to overcome disadvantage; the role of the NT intervention and Cape York welfare reforms achieving change in remote communities; how to promote economic development in remote Australia and Indigenous economic independence; how to improve access to mainstream programs; and how to promote and preserve Indigenous culture, languages and traditions.

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Doubt over STI plan

NT blanket sex disease treatment proposed

By DARREN COYNE



A CONTROVERSIAL proposal to provide blanket treatment to deal with sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities will be a hot topic at a forum in Alice Springs this week.

The Sexual Health Forum had been organised before a Federal Government announcement last week that it was considering a radical plan to treat STIs in remote Aboriginal communities.

Under the scheme, Indigenous people, including children, would be treated for three diseases using antibiotics without screening for them first.

The blanket treatment plan

follows a report that as many as one in four women in some communities have sexually transmitted diseases.

In December, figures from the Northern Territory Health Department's sexual health and blood-borne viruses unit revealed more than 800 cases of gonorrhoea were reported in Indigenous populations, while just 53 cases were noted in non-Indigenous groups.

The Aboriginal population accounted for 66 per cent of all chlamydia cases and 92 per cent of syphilis cases within the six-month period.

Under the proposal put forward by Professor Francis Bowden,

last week.

"We believe that it is time to radically change the approach to the control of STIs in high prevalence populations," they wrote.

They said the approach was similar to current practice for the infectious eye disease trachoma.

James Ward, the Program Manager of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research, was cautious about the proposal. He said such a program would be a radical shift away from standard sexual health programs delivery, and there was 'not a lot of evidence about mass treatment

approach could be perceived as taking away the rights and responsibilities of individuals in accessing health services and how these people might view health service provision in the longer term, and would require a massive effort to build up trust within communities.

Other concerns included the sustainability of such a program.

"I would really support enhancement of existing sexual health programs and primary health-care services to reduce the rates of STIs in those communities," he said.

Former health minister Tony Abbott, who is now Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman,

that they might not have. And I'm not sure I like the symbolism that suggests every Aboriginal person has a sexually transmitted disease. I really would like to see the clinical arguments for such a plan."

The Sexual Health Forum, 14-15 February, is being organised by the Aboriginal Medical Service Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), the Northern Territory Government, and the National Centre for HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research. It will bring together more than 50 representatives from communities across the Territory.

Meanwhile, Indigenous children under the age of eight will receive regular visits from nurses in a scheme based on a successful American model.

Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon announced the home-visiting program last week as part of the new Government's plan to close the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Ten locations will be chosen to pilot the scheme, and about 1900 families are expected to take part.

The Australian program is based on an American scheme, the Nurse-Family Partnership, which began more than 30 years ago and targets low-income mothers and their children.



'I'm not instinctively comfortable with treating people for diseases that they might not have. And I'm not sure I like the symbolism that suggests every Aboriginal person has a sexually transmitted disease' - Opposition spokesman Tony Abbott

from Australian National University, and Melbourne-based sexual health physician Katherine Fethers, treatment would start as young as 10 to combat STI rates in children. They published their findings in the latest *Medical Journal of Australia*, sparking the Federal Government's response

programs being effective across whole populations.

Mr Ward said available figures indicated that not all Aboriginal communities in the NT had high rates of STIs, yet the stigma of blanket treatment would affect all communities.

He said a blanket treatment

also raised concerns, saying he wanted to 'see the evidence' before going down the path of blanket treatment.

"Everyone in the NT, all the kids, are getting health checks as part of the intervention," he said. "I'm not instinctively comfortable with treating people for diseases

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Taser gun move sparks NT fears



THE Northern Territory's peak Aboriginal body has expressed grave concerns about the introduction of 'Taser guns', saying that in the wrong hands and used on the wrong people they are a proven lethal weapon.

NT Police Assistant Commissioner Operations Grahame Kelly announced recently that general duties police would be issued with the weapons 'to improve options for safe resolution of incidents'.

Taser guns fire small dart-like electrodes that are propelled by small gas charges (such as compressed nitrogen). The electrodes have metal wires that attach back to the Taser gun. When the electrodes make contact with the target, the Taser transmits powerful electrical pulses along the wires and into the body of the target, causing temporary loss of muscle control in the target.

Aboriginal Medical Service Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) Executive Officer John Paterson has demanded that NT Police Minister Paul Henderson re-consider the use of the weapons until further investigation and consultation with AMSANT takes place.

Mr Paterson said that the United Nations had already



JOHN PATERSON

condemned the weapons as a form of torture that cause acute pain ... and do kill.

Further, he said the US Justice Department had documented about 200 deaths related to the use of the Taser guns since the year 2000.

"Many of the people killed by Taser guns in the US were fit and healthy young men - clearly there's a great potential for these weapons to cause injury or death," Mr Paterson said.

He said AMSANT was very worried that Aboriginal people were especially vulnerable to the dangers of the laser gun.

"Aboriginal people have three times the rate of heart disease and heart attacks compared to other Australians, and we typically have more contact with the police force," he said.

"If healthy young men are being killed by the Taser guns at such alarming rates in the US,

what chance will our mob have if they are shot by police?

"The police should be directed by the principle of 'no harm' in the conduct of their duty."

Only last month, the Perth Coroner recommended that police be better trained in recognising danger signs in people who undergo 'physical arrests', after the inquest into Carl Woods' death. The Perth man was said to have suffered heart attack during 'post exercise' after struggling to get free from police during his arrest.

Mr Paterson said AMSANT was demanding evidence-based data from police that could refute the lethal nature of the latest weapon.

Assistant Commissioner Kelly said, however, that the use of Taser would increase community safety, including protection of the police officers tasked with keeping the community safe.

"Having closely monitored the effective use of the Taser, there are circumstances NT police deal with where it would be a preferred option to manage the situation in the safest way for everyone involved - including the offender," he said. "Taser is a non-lethal force option, providing an additional option before having to resort to using a police baton."

Taser guns will be rolled out over coming weeks across the Northern Territory.



Evonne Goolagong-Cawley with a young tennis player at Moree Croc Fest in September 2006



Using film to tell stories at Aurukun in far north Queensland.



Croc Fest Executive Producer Peter Sjoquist getting his face painted.



A dance performance at Croc Fest in Shepparton, Victoria.



All ears ... This young fella from Thursday Island in the Torres Strait got a hearing test at one of the Croc Fests.

Is this the end of Croc Fest?

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



THE hugely popular youth festival, Croc Fest, looks likely to be scrapped due to lack of government funding. More than 100,000 students, many

of them Indigenous, from about 2400 schools have attended 57 Croc Fest events in the past decade, but organisers say 2007 – its tenth anniversary year – will have been the festival's last year unless the Federal Government ups the funding it has promised for 2008.

The Federal Government, however, says that no more money is available.

Indigenous Festivals of Australia (IFA) had sought \$3.3 million from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to run seven events for 2008, but say they were only granted enough money to hold five.

Croc Fest Producer Helen Sjoquist told *The Koori Mail* the funding was not enough to make Croc Festival events financially feasible for the year.

"The Croc Festival is a successful program," she said. "These kids in rural and remote areas deserve the same opportunities as city kids."

Mrs Sjoquist said that while it was disappointing for the festival organisers, it was even more disappointing for the communities, schools, the children and their teachers.

"The telephone has been running hot ... the students and staff are just gutted," she said.

Croc Fest Executive Producer Peter Sjoquist said: "We are simply unable to produce professionally run events without the appropriate financial resources. The maths doesn't add up."

IFA's Board called on the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to continue supporting the festival, which delivers educational and aspirational messages to youth in areas where access to employers, tertiary education, health and role models is limited or non-existent.

Festival events typically feature

Minister rejects claims

EDUCATION Minister Julia Gillard has denied that Croc Fest is being starved of funds. "In a tender process started under the previous Government, Indigenous Festivals Australia, the organisers of Croc Fest, were successful and received an offer of \$2.3 million to produce five festivals under the Indigenous community festivals program in 2008," she said.

"While Croc Fest organisers have been offered 80 per cent of the total \$3.05 million funding pool to produce one-third of the festivals, four other organisations have been offered funding through the tender process to produce an additional 10 events.

"The total funding for Indigenous Community Festivals in 2008 is the same as was available in 2007."

Ms Gillard said the funding offer was not subject to Ministerial decision as it was the result of an approved tender process conducted with an external probity advisor.

"This tender process commenced in September 2007 under the previous Government on the basis of a report recommending funding for Indigenous Community Festivals be put to tender.

"In 2007, there were seven festivals produced by the organisers of Croc Fest, this year there will be 15 festivals produced by five organisations. There has actually been an expansion of the number of Indigenous festivals this year with an extra eight festivals, meaning more Indigenous communities will be able to benefit from these festivals."

Ms Gillard said the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations was attempting to work with the organisers of Croc Fest to resolve some of their specific contractual and technical complaints.

However, she emphasised to the festival organisers that the Government did not intend to increase the offer of funding.

sporting, health, education, careers, arts and reconciliation activities. Sporting role models such as Evonne Goolagong-Cawley (tennis), David Peachey (rugby league) and Kyle Vander-Kuyp (athletics) have contributed their time to motivating the students to exercise regularly, eat well and keep fit and to not take drugs, smoke, or drink alcohol.

"The Australian Government's own research shows that the Croc Festival contributes to getting students to school, getting them engaged in the learning process, raising their self-esteem, and thereby raising their literacy, numeracy and oracy skills," said IFA Director Steve Mark. "Participation in Croc Festival develops problem-solving skills, student-teacher relationships, school bonding and community building.

"Students learn about the body through the excellent health expos provided by the various State health promotion workers, while the careers markets are filled with employer and education groups."

Whether the Australian Government is going to come to the party to enable the 2008 scheduled Croc Festival events to go ahead remains to be seen.

Croc Fest events have been held in centres such as the Torres Strait, Halls Creek and Derby (WA), Tennant Creek (NT), Weipa (Old), Swan Hill (Vic), Moree and Kempsey (NSW) and Port Augusta (SA).

Festival events had been planned for Weipa, the north and mid-west of WA, Port Augusta, the north coast and central west of NSW, and Victoria in 2008.

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'Fair go' theme for NAIDOC '08



AUSTRALIANS are being encouraged to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2008 by reflecting

on the Australian principle of a 'fair go' and by considering the inequality still experienced by Indigenous Australians.

The National NAIDOC Committee last week announced *Advance Australia Fair?* as the theme for this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations.

"Our nation continues to thrive and is now recognised as one of the most prosperous countries in the developed world," said Committee Chairman Aden Ridgeway.

"However we cannot overlook those in our society who are disadvantaged and whose living conditions are more comparable to struggling nations."

NAIDOC Week will be celebrated from 6-13 July, with the National Awards Ceremony in Canberra on the 12 July.

Mr Ridgeway said the theme



National NAIDOC Chairman
Aden Ridgeway

also laid down the challenge to the new Labor Government to 'deliver real change and improvements in the lives of Aboriginal people'.

"It is encouraging to see that the Rudd Government will move to give an apology to the Stolen Generations and has set this as a priority," he said.

"I hope this is one step, with many more to follow in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to bring about sustainable change."

Mr Ridgeway encouraged people to nominate their local role models for the National NAIDOC Awards.

"Recognition is given to high-profile people in many avenues and many of us probably look to the usual suspects when we think of leadership and those who inspire us," he said. "I would like consideration to be given to local people who work tirelessly in their communities to make a difference. For many just being nominated is recognition enough."

It is also time for interested artists to get working on their NAIDOC poster competition entry. The prize for the selected artwork is \$5000 as well as the prestige and national exposure of being reproduced on the national NAIDOC poster, a tradition dating back to 1972.

● For entry forms visit your nearest Indigenous Co-ordination Centre or see this and the next edition of *The Koori Mail*.

Legal services expecting more funding



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Legal Services are expecting more funding following a meeting with Federal Home Affairs Minister Bob Debus last

month.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Chief Executive Officer Neil Gillespie said that Mr Debus had confirmed Labor's election commitment to increasing funding for Indigenous legal services.

"It is expected this will occur on 1 July 2008, however the Minister was not in a position to commit to this timeline," Mr Gillespie said.

"He also confirmed that Aboriginal justice will be a standing item on all future Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) meetings."

The meeting was held on 15 January and was attended by most of the chief executive officers of the legal services from around the country.

In a previous submission to the Minister, the services had made three key recommendations.

● Immediate increased funds to services of 30 per cent above existing budgets

● The Minister to commission a report on legal aid need

● Services to present to a future SCAG meeting

Mr Gillespie said the CEOs would also be working on a proposal for supplementary funding of 30 per cent between now and the 30 June 2008.

"This will be presented to the Prime Minister as a priority," he said.

In the submission, the services complained that funding levels had been cut during the Howard Government years.



Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Chief
Executive Officer Neil Gillespie

When first elected, the Government cut \$20 million from the system. They pointed to an email from the ALP Campaign Information Services dated 22 November 2007 which said that Labor recognised the disadvantage and promised to fix it.

"Labor will ensure the effectiveness and efficient operation of the courts and tribunals by strengthening funding to Aboriginal Legal Aid Agencies," the email said.

Management change at north Queensland ALS



THE Federal Government has rejected claims that it plans to close the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service in north Queensland.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service has branch offices throughout regional Queensland, and the Federal Government said the core services would not be touched.

ABC Radio reported on Tuesday last week that the north Queensland service had been scrapped.

A Government spokesman said the reports were wrong, but admitted the branch offices would come under the central management of Brisbane

South, bringing the legal service into line with other states.

The spokesman said management of the service had been put up for tender, and the previous north Queensland management was unsuccessful.

Calls by *The Koori Mail* to the north Queensland service were not returned.

One of the founding members of the Brisbane Aboriginal Legal Service, Sam Watson, said one organisation could not represent the entire state.

"At a time when Aboriginal deaths in custody are on the increase, expanded tension between the community and police, you cannot provide effective coverage for the entire state from some bureaucracy set up in Queen Street," he said.

January 2003 which found that:

● ATSILS were providing legal services at a cost that is significantly lower than mainstream;

● The national shortfall in funding ATSILS was \$25.6m, and

● There was low morale and high turnover among ATSILS practitioners.

Mr Gillespie said he was confident that the Minister would deliver on Labor's pre-election promises. At the time of going to press, *The Koori Mail* had yet to receive a response from Mr Debus' office.

Apology to our Stolen Generations

Nation to stop as the PM says sorry

By Koori Mail Editor KIRSTIE PARKER



THE day that many Indigenous Australians feared would never come – and which comes too late for thousands of our people – has arrived.

Barring a major national disaster, this day – 13 February 2008 – is when the Australian Government and most likely the Federal Opposition will make history and finally apologise for decades of the forced removal of Aboriginal children from their families and the ongoing pain and suffering it has caused.

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Outside the Parliamentary chamber, both in the Great Hall and on the sloping lawns, thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous supporters and well-wishers will sit or stand with their eyes glued to huge television screens broadcasting the proceedings. Many will have made the pilgrimage to Canberra from interstate.

Live crosses

In civic parks, offices, classrooms, airport terminals and homes around the country, millions of other Australians will tune in to live crosses to what many are predicting or at least hoping will help achieve a reconciled future for all Australians. Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last week described the response from the community as 'overwhelming'.

Calls for compensation for the Stolen Generations as well as an end to the Northern Territory emergency intervention are expected to be put aside, albeit only momentarily, while the nation breathes in a moment which would have almost certainly been lost in time if former Prime Minister John Howard still held its top job.

The rest of the world, too, will watch to see how much courage will be demonstrated by the new political leaders of this 'lucky' nation still bound formally to a colonial master.

When this edition of *The Koori Mail* went to print, the exact wording of the apology had still not been made public. However, the Prime Minister's office had released a set of principles carved out under the watchful eyes of lawyers:

- the apology reflects extensive consultation with Indigenous leaders, Stolen



Putting out the welcome mat ... Thousands of Australians are expected to converge on Parliament House, Canberra, today to hear Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologise on behalf of the Parliament to the nation's Stolen Generations. Shown here is the Parliament's Forecourt Mosaic, based on a Central Desert dot-style painting by Papunya artist Michael Nelson Tjakamarra.

Generations survivors and their families.

- the apology will be on behalf of the Parliament of Australia rather than the Government if it is likely to receive bipartisan support.

- there will be an apology to the Stolen Generations, their descendants and families.

- the apology to the Stolen Generations will recognise past mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

- the apology will not include any commitment to provide compensation.

- it will include a commitment that the Parliament will act to ensure past wrongs are not repeated.

- the motion will then focus on moving to a common future between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, including recognising the need to 'close the gap'.

The principles were enough to last week convince Opposition Leader Dr Brendan Nelson to flex some muscle within Liberal and National Party ranks and promise bipartisan support for the Prime Minister's

motion.

However, the principles were not needed to convince the Australian Greens, who had pledged their unreserved support for an apology more than a decade prior, after the release of the pivotal *Bringing Them Home* report from the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal Children from their Families.

Yesterday, Canberra Elder Matilda House was expected to perform a welcome to country ceremony in the Members Hall between the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Australian flag flying tall above Parliament House, complete with the Union Jack, can be seen reflected in the granite central fountain in this non-public space.

A second welcome to country was predicted to have been performed this morning, as a salve to competing factions of the Ngannawal traditional owners of the Canberra region.

Many tears

Undoubtedly, many tears will have flowed by 8am today, when the hundreds of members of the Stolen Generations jetted to Canberra by the Government were to take their places on the floor and in the public galleries of the Lower House.

About 9am, immediately after the customary prayer, the apology was to be the first order of business for the day.

The Government has played its cards very close to its chest. What was expected, again at the time *The Koori Mail* went to print, was that Prime Minister Rudd would move a motion of apology on behalf of the Australian Parliament, and Dr Nelson would respond on behalf of the Opposition.

It was possible that Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Opposition Indigenous Affairs Spokesman Tony Abbott would speak to the motion, too, but any further debate was believed to have been stymied to allow the matter to be put to a vote, and for it to proceed to the Senate.

Ousted Prime Minister John Howard has told media he won't be in Canberra this week but it is understood that three other former Prime Ministers – Malcolm Fraser, Gough Whitlam and Paul Keating – will be.

A morning tea was expected to be held to enable the Stolen Generations members present to meet the Prime Minister, other parliamentarians and dignitaries.

Other celebrations were planned on the lawns in front of Parliament House, with Indigenous performers including country singer Troy Cassar-Daly and local dancers and bands to entertain the crowd.

Much-loved performer Uncle Bobby Randall, himself a Stolen Generations member and expected to be present in the House of Representatives during the apology, may accede to inevitable requests to sing his classic anthem *Brown-Skin Baby* with its melancholy line 'They take him away'.

Australians of goodwill will be hoping that the apology on this day will be a real beginning for the brown-skin baby's spiritual journey home.

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Don't miss your next *Koori Mail*, out on Wednesday 27 February, when we will publish an eight-page commemorative wrap-around dedicated to the historic national apology to the Stolen Generations

Stolen Gens hopeful



DEBATE over the Australian Government's intention to formally apologise to the Stolen Generations today has drawn out the best and worst of community sentiment on the issue.

But the two key advocacy bodies on the issue, the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) and the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC), have expressed optimism that the historic act will deliver at least the beginnings of justice.

The *Koori Mail* spoke separately to representatives of both groups late on Saturday, just before our newspaper went to print.

SGA Co-Patron Lowitja O'Donoghue and NSDC Chairperson Helen Moran were in synch in believing that both the wording and the timing of the apology would prove right.

Ms Moran had earlier asked for the apology to be deferred at least until National Sorry Day on 26 May, but readily told *The Koori Mail* she had had a change of heart.

"I thought the apology's time was down the track but anyone with eyes in their head can see the Stolen Generations want this and they want it now because they are coming in their thousands for it. It is about honouring them.

"This is a way forward for us to build a strong relationship between the Stolen Generations, the Government and other Australians too."

The Federal Opposition fell into line on the apology last week, giving its in-principle support after Leader Dr Brendan Nelson met with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and staved off dissent in the party room.

Mr Rudd was clear on the issue earlier in the week, telling reporters in Canberra "you either support an apology or you don't".

"The core content of it will be absolutely clear," he said. "The

Groups optimistic apology is 'beginnings of justice'



language of it and how we approach it in overall terms should be clear as the week progresses, but our primary emphasis is to get this right in terms of Indigenous Australians. And that is a detailed and complex task."

Some Opposition MPs had wanted bipartisan support withheld until the exact wording of the apology was made public, but were outgunned by others who believed the apology's time had come, even if for the sake of political expediency. Both Dr Nelson and his deputy, Julie Bishop, suggested that the apology motion should refer to 'separated' generations rather than 'stolen' generations, something that the Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) described as 'ridiculous'.

In a disturbing development,

Townsville police were investigating the posting on YouTube of a Ku Klux Klan video featuring a burning cross and a white-hooded man making racist comments in response to the planned apology.

Notwithstanding the Opposition's ongoing prevarication, sometimes-rugged debate on talkback radio and web-blogs, and a few overtly racist outbursts, both Professor O'Donoghue and Ms Moran reported a wave of momentum and goodwill sweeping across the nation.

Professor O'Donoghue admitted she had been nervous about the apology at first 'because I thought if the Opposition were going to spoil it by crossing the floor or something equally silly'.

"But I think basically they have already felt the momentum because there's a huge momentum building," she said. "I am getting it in the streets. People want to do high-fives, it has been magic."

"The whole world is watching and I think the nation will feel a sense of relief that the Government has at last said sorry. It is about time, it is past time."

Ms Moran said there was little value in spending time and energy on people who expressed racist slurs. "It is not somewhere I think we need to go," she said.

Compensation or, more specifically, the Government's refusal to consider it, remains a sticking point for many Indigenous people, including National Aboriginal Alliance spokesman Michael Mansell who on Saturday predicted the Government's position would leave healing unfinished.

The Government has maintained that its focus should and will lie instead with closing the life expectancy, literacy and other gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

But Mr Mansell said that once the excitement of the moment wore off after the apology, the Stolen Generations would find themselves 'no better off and left

suggested that the issue of reparations, not just compensation, should be put aside for the time being.

"When Jenny Macklin made the announcement that the Government would not be paying compensation to the Stolen Generations, I thought to myself 'Am I going to Canberra to protest or to celebrate?'," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"But I got to the point of saying 'let's get sorry behind us and support the Government and then let's keep them to ongoing discussions on the recommendations of Bringing Them Home report on compensation'."

"Reparations have to be dealt with some way or we will have wall-to-wall litigation and the only people who will gain from that are the lawyers. They'll get rich while Aboriginal people will stay poor."

"I would like the Government to take the compensation question to a COAG meeting because the Commonwealth would need to deal with compensation for the Northern Territory and the States and Territories would be responsible for the State and Territory compensation. But this is early days."

A range of other individuals and organisations have supported the apology, including Reconciliation Australia Co-chairman Mick Dodson, who described it as 'monumental' and 'hugely important', former Olympic track star Cathy Freeman, the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) in Adelaide and Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) of the Uniting Church.

"In my heart I feel there is a real need for it," Freeman, whose mum Cecilia Barber is a Stolen Generations member, told *The Weekend Australian*.

"For my family, it allows some kind of healing and forgiveness to take place where there is less anger and bitterness in the hearts of people."

National UAICC Administrator Rev Shayne Blackman said there could be no better expression of an apology for the mistakes of the past than 'a commitment to programs and policies that truly deliver on our lifelong hopes and dreams for the future'.

The Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA), which represents the interests of people who were raised in orphanages, homes or other out-of-home care in the 20th century, said the apology was well overdue; and Public Health Association of Australia head Michael Moore said it was important that the apology was unanimous.

Last Thursday, peoples' movement GetUp released a poll which said found that a majority of Australians (55 per cent) agreed with the Government's decision to say sorry to the Stolen Generations. However, the poll also found that about 36 per cent of Australians still did not support the apology - prompting GetUp to embark on a community education campaign about it.

- KIRSTIE PARKER and AAP

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Apology to our Stolen Generations

Sorry 'the first battle'

Report by KIRSTIE PARKER

NT A MINI-TORNADO created by an industrial-strength fan threatens to blow stacks of official-looking documents from the table in Cynthia Sariago's

carport in suburban Darwin. Loy cordial helps steel those seated around the table against the sub-tropical heat of the Top End's waning wet season.

The household lawnmower and other shed items dog chairs at one end of the table, an impressive set of wheels with muscle car overtones does the same at the other.

It is from this homely environment that much of the Northern Territory Stolen Generations' tenacious fight for justice has been orchestrated.

It is a fight that will be realised in part today when the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd leads a formal parliamentary apology to the more than 100,000 Aboriginal people who were removed from their families and institutionalised as children through government policy.

At home with Sariago last Thursday when *The Koori Mail* visited were several friends and fellow members of the NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation, which the 54-year-old grandmother chairs.

They're a spirited bunch, this mob. Especially now as they make plans for the trip of a lifetime down to the national capital to hear some words they thought they'd never hear.

At 79, Netta Cahill McCarthy is one of the corporation's oldest members. She was forcibly removed from her mother at Oodnadatta in South Australia at the age of about five.

A policeman tried to tempt the toddler away with a tin of apricot jam, eventually ripping her from her mother's arms to place her on a truck headed for the infamous 'Bungalow' in Alice Springs.

Her mother leapt on to the truck too, but the toddler fell asleep and awoke to find her gone.

"My mother was gone and the kids were all looking and saying 'oh look, new kid here' but they were speaking in English so I couldn't understand what they were saying," Cahill McCarthy said.

"I started screaming and speaking my language. I was saying 'where's my mother' and calling them all Mamu Mamu (devils)."

"There was an older girl there called Briscoe, she was maybe 10 or 15, and she could speak my language."

"She said to me 'You're going to be here for the rest of your life, like the rest of us. You are going to be here all the time now. You won't see your mother any more'. I was so scared."

Five or six years later, Cahill McCarthy was moved to Croker Island Mission, run by the Methodist Overseas Mission, now known as the Uniting Church.

"At the Bungalow, we were inmates. To them we were more



NT Stolen Generations members and advocates, from left, Irene McLennan, Patsy Raymond, Netta Cahill McCarthy and Cynthia Sariago.

or less like bullocks in a paddock. When I went to Croker Island when I was ten or 11, the mission did better work. They taught us to love and respect each other and I am grateful for that."

Cahill McCarthy didn't see her mother again until three decades later, by which time she was married and living in Darwin.

"I always thought my mum was dead but she was living at Oodnadatta and she went to Alice Springs looking for me," she said.

"A worker from the Department of Native Affairs rang me up in Darwin and said your mum is here. I said 'my mother is dead' and then she called me by my name."

"I didn't have any feelings about her then as my mother. You automatically lost all of that. I classed the other girls that was brought up in the mission with me as my sisters, as my family."

Overwhelming

"After I met my mother, I found out I had a lot of brothers and sisters too. When I went to meet my mother for the first time, it was very overwhelming and I was confused."

"I arrived at the camp by bus and I didn't know which one was my mother. I just stood there and the one who was supposed to be my mother dropped to the ground and started hitting her hands on the ground and then all of the other women started to do that and they were all crying and saying 'my girl has come home'."

Cahill McCarthy said she was taken from her mother on account of the colour of her skin.

"I believe I was taken because I was a fair-skinned person and at the time they were trying to take half-caste kids off, supposedly to give us a good education," she said.

"But the government did little to give us an education." On the face of it, it sounds like a classic Stolen Generations story. Except that there is no such thing as a typical scenario under the misguided government policies which saw Aboriginal children removed from virtually every context throughout

Australia from the 1830s through till the 1970s.

Also at the table last week was 60-year-old Irene McLennan, whom records indicate was taken from her mother at Ti-Tree, about 300kms from Alice Springs, at the age of two or three.

Cynthia Sariago's mother, Aileen O'Riley, was born on Lumbunga Station near Wave Hill, the site of the famous Gurindji walk-off in 1967.

As a young child, in 1931, she was rounded up by a Native Affairs officer at Wave Hill and put on the back of a truck and put in Kahlin compound where her name was changed to Eileen Riley. "I am the daughter of the first generation removed," Sariago said.

Eileen Sariago (nee Riley) passed away two years ago and Cynthia, one of four daughters, is unflinchingly honest about how her mother's removal from her Gurindji family and traditional country continues to impact on her.

"I don't know nothing about my culture. I don't know nothing about the land and the language," she said.

"I have not been back to Wave Hill since I was two but my two eldest sisters have been back and my daughter. It's hard going back because you're not really accepted by your mother's traditional people."

"Maurie Ryan (Kalkaringi School Council Chair) is related and he always said to come back and bring my boys, but only one of my boys has been back."

"It is hard for me to accept the way of life back on country. I'm not used to living like that. I have no identity really. You're not fully accepted by the traditional people, you're not fully accepted by the whites."

Later in the afternoon, another friend and Stolen Generations descendant, Patsy Raymond, drops by and shares the fact that her mother and grandmother were also taken from their families as children. Their destination was the infamous Kahlin compound, established outside Darwin in 1913.

Hearing such stories, it is no surprise that the women at the table would like to see the 54 recommendations of the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report implemented, especially one calling for full reparations – acknowledgment and apology, guarantees against repetition, measures of restitution, measures of rehabilitation, and monetary compensation.

For them, 'sorry' is just the first battle. Compensation, they say, is their next battle and – on the back of the apology – they are now more confident they'll get it one day.

'Not liars'

"An apology will mean that people believe us, that this has happened and that we are not liars," said Cahill McCarthy, who will be amongst first generation Stolen Generations members seated on the floor of the House of Representatives.

"I think the time has come and I am happy that this Government is strong enough to face up to the fact that half-caste kids were taken away from their black mothers. It's the truth."

"It has taken great courage for the Government to apologise."

"In the NT, we were under the

Commonwealth and we were treated badly by them in the first place. They took everything off us."

McLennan said she, too, was looking forward to going to Canberra 'because we've fought hard all this time'.

"I feel happy knowing the day has come," she said. "I didn't believe this day would come, for a government to apologise."

The Government's assertion that it will focus on closing the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and other Australians instead of considering compensation elicits a swift response.

"That is way out of it. Spending it on health, no way!" said McLennan.

"Health, education, they're rights of all Australians," agreed Raymond.

And, said Cahill McCarthy gesturing to the corporation's makeshift office, 'it is just making jobs for their own people. The money never comes to the Stolen Generations organisations'.

Sariago and Raymond would like to see special mention made in the apology of the NT Stolen Generations.

The contemporary fight for an apology really gathered momentum after the Karu Aboriginal Child Care Agency held the *Going Home Conference* at Kormilda College in Darwin in October 1994. More than 600 Aboriginal people who had been removed and institutionalised as children through government policy attended the conference and came up with a range of objectives including access to archival information, compensation, rights to land and social justice.

"So the NT is very significant in what is happening next week," said Sariago.

"It was here that it all started," agreed Raymond. "I think it takes guts to get up and say sorry. (Former PM) John Howard did not have the guts or compassion to do that."

"But it is also really sad because a lot of the mothers have passed on, mothers that their kids never connected with."

Sariago said she would like to see a healing centre established and a community trust which holds history and archives, run by Stolen Generations people, and better services and programs for youth and Elders.

What about more counselling, as often suggested by Governments when the issue of compensation is raised?

"Nope, we're not mad," these deadly women exclaim together. "No counsellor can help us like we can heal ourselves, so long as we are together."

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Legal threat over WA Redress Fund

By WA Correspondent
KEN BOASE
Photos by ALITA BOASE



KIMBERLEY Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation Chairman Mark Bin Bakar is considering legal action against the WA Government over the so-called Redress Fund set up last year to give reparation for people abused while in State care.

Although the \$114 million will be available for members of the Stolen Generations, it is also designed to compensate anyone who can prove they were abused while in State care, including migrants and non-Aboriginal wards of the State.

Mr Bin Bakar said that he sympathised with non-Aboriginal people who may have suffered abuse, but it was an insult to members of the Stolen Generations who were abused in the act of removal and should not have to further prove their claim for compensation.

"A lot of Stolen Generation people, in the terms of what people think is the abuse, sexual abuse and physical abuse, a lot of them were taken away but the abuse happened when they were removed," Mr Bin Bakar said.

"And so as a group the Kimberley Stolen Generation is saying we are considering taking a class action because they haven't had a chance or a choice in life."

Mr Bin Bakar said compensating members of the

'Everyone talks about money and the compensation, but it's about people being able to move forward with their lives ... to assist their own personal healing'

— Mark Bin Bakar



'I think we have to look to the children and a lot of Aboriginal people have raised that with me – that they're interested in better outcomes for their children'

— Minister Michelle Roberts



Stolen Generations was not a 'grab' for money but a chance to participate in the economic life that other Australians took for granted.

"Everyone talks about the money and the compensation, but it's about people being able to

move forward with their lives," he said.

"It's about allowing people to assist their own personal healing. The apology is part of it, but the compensation, the term that is

used all the time, is about people having the opportunity for the first time in their lives to buy a home.

"A place that they've never had; a home."

Mr Bin Bakar said the WA Government had also shown little respect for the Stolen Generations

by not consulting with individuals and especially organisations before the Redress Fund was set up. "They haven't liaised with Stolen Generation people, and that's the concern that I represent on behalf of Stolen Generation people, in the Kimberley in particular," he said.

"That the Redress is a bucket of money for anybody that was abused, and the concern from Stolen Generation people is they've advocated for a long time for compensation.

"And then to just throw it in one bucket and expect 60-or-70-year-old people to prove that they've been abused is very insulting."

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts said the Redress Fund was the most generous of its kind, compared with schemes in other states.

"I'm very keen though to do things to enhance the outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities to improve service levels and improve health and education levels rather than go down the path of greater compensation for individuals," she said.

"I think we have to look to the children and a lot of Aboriginal people have raised that with me – that they're interested in better outcomes for their children."

To be eligible for a maximum \$80,000 payment from the Redress Fund, people have to prove beyond reasonable doubt that they suffered abuse while in State care, while people who show that they probably suffered abuse will get a \$10,000 payment.

Stolen Generations man awarded \$250,000 more



THE first Stolen Generations member to be given compensation has been awarded another \$250,000 by a South Australian court.

Bruce Trevorrow was awarded \$525,000 in compensation last August after a South Australian judge ruled the State falsely imprisoned him as a child and owed him a duty of care for pain and suffering.

Lawyers for Mr Trevorrow then returned to court seeking 50 years of interest on the compensation payment.

The lawyers argued Mr Trevorrow should receive an extra \$800,000, but the SA Supreme Court, civil jurisdiction, awarded him \$250,000 in interest.

Mr Trevorrow was 13 months old in 1957 when a neighbour drove him from his Coorong family home, south-east of Adelaide, to Adelaide's Children's Hospital with stomach pains.

Two weeks later, under the authority of the Aborigines Protection Board, he was given to a woman, who later became his foster parent, without the permission of his natural parents. He did



BRUCE TREVORROW

not see his family again for 10 years and has since suffered life-long depression, insecurity and became an alcoholic.

Mr Trevorrow was not in court when Justice Thomas Gray awarded him the interest payment.

SA Attorney-General Michael Atkinson said Government lawyers would study the judgment and report to State Cabinet.

"The complications of the case

have again been highlighted by the decision on the interest and the further determination about the costs of the case," Mr Atkinson said.

Last August, the SA Government said it would not prevent Mr Trevorrow receiving his compensation and allowed the money to be paid in full.

But the Government reserved the right to appeal some aspects of the finding on points of law. "We believed the compassionate thing to do was to recognise that and, to end any further uncertainty for him, by paying him the compensation in full," Mr Atkinson said.

He said the Crown Solicitor was continuing to examine aspects of Justice Gray's compensation ruling and had not ruled out appealing some points of law.

The Government also was continuing to examine alternatives to court action for other Stolen Generations victims, he said.

"We know how expensive it is for the South Australian taxpayer, and how emotionally fraught it is for the claimants in such cases for similar matters to be pursued through the courts," the Minister said. —AAP



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Wanganeen's appointment welcomed

SA

THE Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in SA has welcomed the State Government's announcement of a new Aboriginal

Engagement Commissioner and the establishment of the long-awaited Aboriginal Advisory Council for South Australia.

The *Koori Mail* reported last edition that former ATSIC SA zone commissioner Klynton Wanganeen had been appointed by the Government to provide a high-level voice in government and the community. Premier Mike Rann said Mr Wanganeen would advocate on behalf of Aboriginal people and the Council would advise the Government.

ALRM Chief Executive Officer Neil Gillespie said the Advisory Council and Mr Wanganeen's position were positive steps to improve consultations with Aboriginal people.

"These initiatives give Aboriginal people a voice from which to raise concerns and to advise on our priorities. It will also allow us to work more effectively with government on solutions," Mr Gillespie said.

"Being able to provide high-level advice directly to the Government should result in improved services and policies for Aboriginal people.

"We look forward to Aboriginal people from a wide range of areas putting their hand up to participate."

Mr Gillespie said the ALRM was particularly pleased that Commissioner Wanganeen had identified the need to work closely with SA Social Inclusion Commissioner Monsignor David Cappo if there were to be improvement in the lives of Aboriginal people.

Congratulations

"On behalf of ALRM, I congratulate Klynton Wanganeen on his appointment as Aboriginal Engagement Commissioner and also Kerry Colbung on appointment as the Chairperson of the Advisory Council."

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

Centre at TAFE SA.

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

The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement provides legal services and associated activities (legal aid and native title legal services, financial counselling, law reform and advocacy, the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme and community education) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in South Australia.

ALRM is an independent incorporated Aboriginal community organisation.



KLYNTON WANGANEEN

'Why did Elder die in hot prison van?'

Meeting to discuss WA death in custody

By WA Correspondent KEN BOASE

WA

THE Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) in Western Australia has called an urgent public meeting in Perth to discuss last month's tragic death in the back of a prison van of Warburton Elder



'Really, this death was preventable and it simply shouldn't have happened'

— WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee Chairman Marc Newhouse

Government and a coronial inquiry.

Media reports say that Mr Ward was stopped by police and failed a breathalyser test in the Northern Goldfields town of Warburton late on 26 January, after which he was taken into custody and spent the night in the Laverton lock-up.

He was refused bail at a court hearing in Laverton the following morning and it was decided to transfer him to Kalgoorlie Regional Prison, a distance of about 350km, to await a further hearing date.

Temperatures in the region rose to above 40 degrees that day (January 27) and Mr Ward was placed in the back of a prison van operated under government contract by Global Solutions, which is the main prisoner transfer company in WA.

The two prison guards reportedly discovered Mr Ward unconscious in the back of the van as they approached

Kalgoorlie and they decided to take him to the local hospital where one witness claims Emergency Department staff were slow to react to the situation.

Mr Ward was given emergency medical treatment but doctors could not revive him.

One of the prison guards is reported as saying the back of the van was stifling when they discovered that Mr Ward had collapsed.

DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse said there were many questions that needed to be answered about Mr Ward's death, including how he was treated in Laverton before the van's departure and whether the two prison officers ensured his safety during the long journey.

"Did the police actually get him properly medically examined before they handed him over for transportation, and did they try and assess whether this person was fit to travel

in those conditions?" Mr Newhouse said.

"There's a whole range of factors; how are people who are being transported monitored; are there comfort breaks; are there regular breaks; how much water are they given?"

"Really, this death was preventable and it simply shouldn't have happened."

Mr Newhouse said there also were questions over why a person on drink-driving charges was held in custody and then refused bail.

"My understanding is that there are facilities in Laverton to deal with someone on drink-driving charges," he said.

"Why did he need to be transported in the first place? What was the hurry, and the other key question that arises out of that was why did they have to go to this extent for someone who's been arrested on drink-driving charges?"

"If it was a capital offence, well you could understand it. But it wasn't."

Mr Newhouse also said that the van was not fitted with air-conditioning, and that the condition of the Global Solutions fleet had been raised previously with the Government.

"The Government has been warned previously about the condition of that fleet by the Inspector of Custodial Services," he said. "And basically we're calling for the immediate replacement of the whole fleet and put in its place vehicles that can do the job safely."

The Coroner is expected to release a report into Mr Ward's death by the middle of the month.

'Monkey' a racist term, says DCA

MONKEY is a racist term, which should not be tolerated.

That's the view of the Diversity Council Australia, which has weighed into the public debate surrounding the recent cricket Test in Sydney.

Last month, Indian spin bowler Harbhajan Singh received an initial three-match ban after a complaint that he had racially abused Australian

all-rounder Andrew Symonds during the third day of the SCG Test. It was alleged that Harbhajan called Symonds a monkey after Symonds confronted him over touching fellow Australian player Brett Lee.

The accusation of racial abuse against Harbhajan was later downgraded following outrage from India's cricket governing body.

DCA Chief Executive Officer Nareen Young said the term monkey portrayed

the target as being sub-human and therefore had connotations of the perpetrator being racially superior.

"It has historically been used as a derogatory and belittling form of abuse against non-white Australians and racial minority groups in other countries," she said.

"The fact that monkey chants are aimed at black players - not white players - is further evidence that it is race-based."

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Troubled Alice Springs youth centre now ... Under administrator



A SPECIAL administrator has been appointed to the Gap Youth Centre Aboriginal Corporation in Alice Springs.

The *Koori Mail* reported on 30 January that the popular centre had closed its doors, leaving many Indigenous parents without holiday care for their children and a range of programs in limbo.

The centre's management or board did not return calls, but the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA) denied that it had

cut its funding.

The Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations Anthony Beven appointed the administrator last week at the specific request of the directors of the corporation. The request followed a unanimous resolution passed by the directors on 1 February.

The Office of the registrar (ORATSIC) said last Monday that an accounting examination of the centre had concluded in December last year that it was unable to pay its debts and was therefore insolvent.

Under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006,

corporations must not trade while insolvent. The corporation made the decision to cease trading as of 22 January.

The special administrators, Gerard Mier and Anthony James Jonsson, of KPMG, have been appointed for an initial period of six months.

Restore solvency

Mr Beven said his office was keen to restore solvency as soon as possible, 'as well as ensuring effective accounting and reporting systems are put in place'.

'The administrators will adopt a consultative approach, seeking input from

members of the corporation and an elected advisory committee," he said.

"The Gap Youth Centre has been an iconic part of Alice Springs for many years and I hope that with the assistance of the administrators, it will be for many more years to come."

Creditors or members seeking further information should contact the administrators on (07) 4046 8888.

The Gap Youth Centre provided recreational, sporting and culture activities for the youth of Alice Springs, especially Indigenous youth, including holiday programs and a drop in centre.

Kids' bag searches upsets community



THE Mayor of Mornington Island, in north Queensland's Gulf country, says the

community is endeavouring to 'move on' from an incident where children had their bags searched for contraband grog by police.

On 28 January, two under-14s basketball teams returning from a Cairns sporting tournament had their luggage examined by police at the island's airport.

Outraged parents complained, asking why another plane that arrived later the same day carrying non-Indigenous adults was not searched.

Emails about the incident were circulated within the broader Indigenous community, with one - from an anonymous community member - describing the search as a 'despicable act of injustice' against children who should have been welcomed home as heroes after stellar performances in the basketball tournament.

It said the children were, instead, afforded the respect of 'common everyday criminals'.

"We as a community are not blind, we see injustice and prejudice," the email said.

Ironically, the children's teams are understood to have sponsored by the local Police, Citizens Youth Club (PCYC).

Mayor Susan Sewter

said she had been advised by the acting police officer in charge on Mornington Island that searches on planes arriving at the airport were purely random and were part of the enforcement of Queensland's Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs).

She told *The Koori Mail* that the children didn't know what was going on and later played a friendly game of basketball against local police officers and teachers.

But she said parents and grandparents were upset by the incident.

"We've let everybody know that we were not happy with the searches which were part of the AMP," she said.

"The police told me the search was random and that they would continue to do them, but we're just saying that in future the police need to be a bit more sensitive, especially if they know a plane load of kids is coming in."

AMPs were put in place in 2002 to restrict the type and quantity of liquor that can be brought into various remote Indigenous communities. They are developed by local community justice groups and contain recommendations for declaring all or part of a community area either restricted or 'dry'.

Mornington Shire, which covers Mornington Island and neighbouring islands, has about 1000 residents, about 80 per cent of whom are Aboriginal.

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



RELATIONSHIPS between the Aboriginal community and police in the northern New South Wales town

of Casino have become strained following an alleged assault by Casino police officers on an Aboriginal Elder.

Bundjalung Elder Lindsay Gordon Snr, 68, claims he was assaulted when he and other family members went to the Casino Police Station to support his grandson Josh Gordon in making a statement after an altercation between Josh and two other men a few days earlier.

More than 150 people turned up to a community forum held in the town to discuss the Aboriginal community's concern over the alleged incident.

Showed bruises

Mr Gordon Snr spoke in the presence of his legal team and the Police Local Area Commander, Superintendent Bruce Lyons, showing bruises on his upper arms to the meeting.

"This has set me back 40 to 50 years. Fancy this happening to an old man," he said.

"We walked into the police station to give our statements, and what happened next would shock you."

The Gordon family told *The Koori Mail* that police officers grabbed Josh Gordon in a 'violent' way to take him



Lindsay Gordon Snr (yellow shirt) with family members following a march held in Casino.

for an interview, so his family tried to pull Josh away.

Mr Gordon Snr said that all he heard was 'assault' and claimed it was a set-up.

Superintendent Lyons said he was sorry that Mr Gordon Snr had met with a 'rather large harm' and said it was hard for him to make a comment as the incident would go before a court.

A Bundjalung man known as Tule said a protocol needed to be developed for police officers dealing with Aboriginal people to ensure justice.

Some of the community expressed frustration with the local police Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (ACLOs).

The Gordon family said they had been told they would be met by an ACLO at the police station, but none was there when they arrived.

The Community meeting facilitator, Paula Coghill, said the ACLOs needed to be reminded and challenged where their loyalties lay and how they balanced being accountable to both the police and the community.

Ms Coghill said that a working panel had been established and would meet this week to discuss putting



Meeting facilitator Paula Coghill.

recommendations from the community meeting into action.

"It went really well. There were about 60 participants in six groups who came up with a number of ideas," she said of the gathering.

The meeting called for police to undertake cross-cultural education, better police/community relations aided by monthly meetings, and employment and funding to address those issues.

"Overall, we chose to do it in a positive and constructive way, and we achieved that," Ms Coghill said. "We hope this never happens again and that we can continue to work together."



Superintendent Bruce Lyons



Sons Lindsay Jnr and Rocky with their dad Lindsay Gordon Snr, who is showing the meeting bruises on his upper arms.

Gas hub concern

Traditional owner consent 'crucial to Kimberley resource development'



Kimberley Land Council Executive Director Wayne Bergmann

By MARGARET SMITH



TRADITIONAL owners must play a key role in any development in the Kimberley, the Federal Government has been told. The warning came after Federal Environment

Minister Peter Garrett committed the Government to a study of the WA north-west region to focus on the social, community and environmental effects of setting up an industrial hub for resource companies.

Kimberley Land Council Executive Director Wayne Bergmann welcomed the announcement, but said the informed consent of traditional owners would be crucial to the go-ahead for any development of resources in the Kimberley.

Mr Garrett announced last week that the assessment, by the Federal and WA governments, would identify a site for a single common-user liquid natural gas hub for the Browse Basin. The second part would assess the cultural and environmental values of the Kimberley, to formally identify its national and international heritage values.

"No one would be more mindful than Kimberley residents, and especially Indigenous residents, of the real natural, cultural and economic wealth of this region," the Minister said.

Mr Garrett said that he was concerned about piecemeal development which could have significant impact on the Kimberley coast. He said the Government favoured



Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett

an industrial hub 'with the lowest environment impact'.

Aware that there will be conflicting opinions, he said that although the search for a hub would focus on the Kimberley, 'we will consider options outside the region'. The study will incorporate the views of scientists, industry, traditional owners, land councils conservation groups and the community.

The issue of the proposed development has blown up with the emergence of the Save the Kimberley

group, which expressed concern about the sort of impacts large developments could bring, such as increased crime, alcoholism and prostitution.

Mr Bergmann also focused on the growing need for Indigenous employment and economic empowerment.

"Even in the midst of a resources boom and a national skills shortage, less than 20 per cent of Aboriginal people in the Kimberley participate in the mainstream labour market. This is unacceptable," he said.

"The bottom line is that any development must deliver long-term opportunities and benefits for our people and our communities, while at the same time respecting and protecting cultural and environmental values."

The KLC is working on behalf of traditional owners to ensure an open and transparent consultation process.

"Allowing traditional owners to make informed decisions is the best way to engage in the sustainable development of gas reserves on the Kimberley coast," Mr Bergmann said.

WA Greens Senator Rachel Siewert has also spoken out about the proposed Federal study, and likened The Kimberley to the last great savannah in the world.

"We are extremely concerned about industrialisation of this unique environment. We need to ensure appropriate sustainable development of the Kimberley," she said.

"We do not want to repeat the mistakes of the Pilbara."

Garma turns 10

Indigenous knowledge drives this year's agenda



INDIGENOUS Knowledge: Caring for Culture and Country has been announced as the theme for this year's momentous 10th Garma Festival of Traditional Culture, to be held from 8-12 August.

Many people consider the five-day Northern Territory gathering as Australia's leading Indigenous cultural exchange event. Organised by the Yothu Yindi Foundation (YYF), it has built a nationally significant reputation with Indigenous people, policy makers, politicians and many others in attendance.

Last year's festival saw considerable focus on the then-Howard Government's so-called 'emergency intervention', rolled out in response to findings of widespread child sex abuse in NT Aboriginal communities. YYF Chairman Galarwuy Yunupingu and others used the key forum to condemn key aspects of the intervention.

This year, Garma will explore the cultural, environmental, and economic importance of Indigenous knowledge, and the many benefits and opportunities emanating from the nurturing, preservation and use of that knowledge.

Garma is held every August near Nhulunbuy, in north-east Arnhem Land. It features a key forum, art and performance presentations, a major youth forum, employment and training programs, and an award-winning Indigenous cultural tourist program.

The key forum will be held over three days, from 9-11 August and will examine current actions and plans and develop key recommendations and policies in regard to Indigenous cultural traditions and practices.

There'll also be a separate session focused on regional economic development, and other sub-forums on particular matters and issues e.g. Indigenous art, traditional healing.

In particular, the key forum - co-ordinated by Charles Darwin University - will feature presentations and discussions on the use and involvement of:

- Indigenous people and their traditional ecological knowledge in planning, land management and use, and sustainable economic development policies and actions.
- Indigenous Ecological and land management knowledge in regard to the challenge of climate change and its effects, particularly on remote communities.
- Traditional Indigenous governance and operating procedures in contemporary Australia.
- Indigenous art and performance in maintaining social cohesion, cultural identity and community wellbeing.

Aiming to ensure practical, positive outcomes from Key Forums, the foundation has introduced a rolling set of Forum themes including: Indigenous Education, Indigenous Health (last year's theme) and Indigenous Knowledge - each an issue of vital and basic importance.

Each theme will be revisited on a regular cycle to review policies, actions and the progress of recommendations arising from the previous forum on that theme.

The Yothu Yindi Foundation is a not-for-profit charity. All revenues to YYF go the infrastructure and delivery of its expanding set of education, health, cultural and economic programs.

● For details on Garma and how to attend, visit www.garma.telstra.com



Yothu Yindi Foundation Chairman Galarwuy Yunupingu at last year's Garma festival.

Boy death mother in hearing



A SYDNEY woman charged with murdering

her Aboriginal toddler son and stuffing his body in a suitcase has appeared in court via a video link from prison.

Rachel Pfizner, 26, is charged with murdering two-year-old Dean Shillingsworth, whose body was found in a suitcase retrieved from a duck pond in an Ambarvale park, in Sydney's west, on 17 October.

Liverpool Local Court Magistrate Mark Shepherd adjourned the case until 19 March to allow police more time to complete their brief of evidence against Pfizner.

Mr Shepherd formally refused Pfizner bail, remanding her in custody to reappear in the same court.

Pfizner was seen via an audio-visual link from Silverwater Prison. She remained silent throughout the hearing, leaning forward with her hands clasped in front of her mouth as she stared into the camera. - AAP

Trish Williams runs for council



ABORIGINAL woman Trish Williams has been selected by the Labor Party to run for the Brisbane City Council ward that her late husband Robbie was tipped to win in the forthcoming Queensland local government elections.

As the party's new candidate for the Ward of Wishart, encompassing the suburb of Mt Gravatt, from which she and her husband jointly ran Indigenous training and development service First Contact, Ms Williams is now campaigning in the lead-up to the March poll.

Mr Williams died suddenly of a suspected heart attack on 20 December, aged 45. He had joined the council temporarily, representing the ward of Holland Park just two months before his death, after Kerry Rea left a vacancy to run in the Federal election.

The Labor Party announced Ms Williams' selection on 21 January, with Mayoral candidate Greg Rowell declaring he was 'proud to have a strong candidate like Trish Williams as part of his Labor team for council'.

Ms Williams, 42, is General Manager of First Contact. She describes herself as 'a Mackay girl from sugar cane country in north Queensland'.

She said she joined the Labor Party in 1992 and had always been active in the party behind the scenes.

"I always had political aspirations, but working and being a full-time mum, it had never been



Trish Williams and mayoral candidate Greg Rowell in Brisbane.

possible to do everything else that I wanted to do," she told *The Koori Mail*.

Ms Williams said she had been nominated for the position and had been through the same rigorous process as other nominees.

She said Wishart was a diverse community, including Indigenous, working class and ageing groups, and she was 'ready to work hard for all residents in the southern

suburbs and make a difference on the crucial issues facing people in their homes, in their street and in their community'.

"I'm passionate about securing water for Brisbane by delivering practical local solutions like finding and fixing leaky pipes in our suburbs before they burst," she said.

"I'm also focused on tackling climate change with sensible new

rebates on solar hot water systems for local residents, plus delivering fast, frequent, reliable public transport. For me, it's about delivering positive outcomes for all residents living in our suburbs."

Ms Williams also paid tribute to her late husband.

"Robbie, he was very upfront and did not make any promises to anyone but worked so hard at the community level," she said.

Sex case review report due this week



THE report from an independent review of sentences handed down in sex

offence trials in Cape York communities was expected to be handed to the Queensland Government this week.

State Attorney-General and Justice Minister Kerry Shine announced the review by barrister Peter Davis, SC, in December after revelations that none of the nine men and juveniles who pleaded guilty to gang-raping a ten-year-old girl at Aurukun on Cape York in 2006 had received custodial sentences.

A spokesman for Mr Shine's office told *The Koori Mail* last Friday that Mr Davis' report was expected to be handed to the Government on Monday, 11 February.

It was not known if the report would be made public, especially in light of the Government's appeal against the sentences given to the nine offenders.

Furore

The judge in the controversial case, Sarah Bradley, sparked public furore with her sentencing comments, including that the girl had probably agreed to have sex with the offenders, most of whom were teenagers.

The Cairns-based prosecutor whose advice the judge drew upon, Steve Carter, was asked to show cause why he should not face disciplinary action over the matter but resigned in early January, declaring himself a 'sacrificial lamb'. He described Queensland's judiciary as in crisis, struggling under an immense workload and a 'mismanaged' Department of Public Prosecutions.

Mr Shine said on 12 December that he was 'horrified' by the judge's sentencing comments.

"An independent review of sentences in Cape York sex offence cases is essential to ensure there is no systematic failure of the justice system in the Cape," he said.

Mr Davis was prosecuting counsel for the Attorney-General in relation to the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island in 2004.

He was asked to review Cape York sex case sentences to ensure they were in line with community expectations.

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A rising son of theatre



Meyne Wyatt in Japan as part of an Australian tour of national artworks, including his own self portrait which won him the WA Art Gallery Travel Prize.



Life's a stage for Meyne Wyatt, seen here during the WAAPA production of *Frankenstein and the Lion of Nemea*.

Young WA talent heading to NIDA



YOUNG West Australian talent Meyne Wyatt has taken another major step towards what he hopes will be a major future in acting.

The 18-year-old Aboriginal man, who grew up in Kalgoorlie and Perth, next month starts a three-year acting course at the prestigious National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA).

Wyatt was also offered a position with the WA Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), but chose Sydney-based NIDA to take advantage of the nationally-accredited Bachelor of Dramatic Arts, Acting that NIDA offers, and the better exposure that he feels

studying on the Australian east coast will provide.

He recently completed a Certificate IV Aboriginal Theatre course at WAAPA, which culminated in a lead role in the academy's recent production of *Frankenstein and the Lion of Nemea*.

Wyatt is a former student of South Kalgoorlie Primary School and Hale School in Perth, where he showed aptitude for painting and theatre.

His entry in the 2006 Year 12 Perspectives art competition won him the WA Art Gallery Travel Prize, which allowed him and his winning painting (self-portrait) to visit Japan early last year as part of a travelling exhibition of Australian artworks.

Offenders construct crosses



MORE than 100 new cemetery crosses have been constructed and installed at the Point Pearce Cemetery in South Australia by

Community Service offenders in South Australia. State Correctional Services Minister Carmel Zollo said the crosses had been built, painted and inscribed by offenders at the Elizabeth Community Corrections Centre.

"Each cross was individually hand-made, cut from recycled hardwood. They are very well made and the offenders who have constructed and installed them have played a valuable role in helping to preserve the memory of those laid to rest here," Ms Zollo said.

"From Elizabeth, the crosses have been brought to Point Pearce and installed by local Community Service offenders working under the supervision of a Community Service Officer."

This project began in March 2007 and ran for about nine months, with an average of four offenders working on the project for four hours, two days a week.

Ms Zollo said the crosses also

complemented some of the other work that had been undertaken by Community Service offenders in Point Pearce, including:

- Landscaping and paving
- Cleaning and clearing community house hold yards
- Cleaning the Community Hall in preparation for funerals
- Removing roadside rubbish and abandoned cars.

"I am also pleased to say that further consultation between Correctional Services and the Point Pearce Aboriginal community is under way to identify and progress a range of new Community Service Projects," Ms Zollo said.

These include:

- The manufacture and installation of more crosses for the cemetery
- Painting house numbers on roadside curbs
- Replacing shaded areas in and around the cemetery
- Constructing shaded areas at the Health Centre and Aboriginal Corporation building
- Placing outdoor settings in those shaded areas.

"These projects are based on the fundamental principles of restorative justice," Ms Zollo said.

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NT health worker jailed for sex assaults



AN Aboriginal health worker has been sentenced to three years in prison for sexually abusing two teenage girls, one

of whom he took to have a contraceptive device inserted in her arm.

The 52-year-old had faced up to 16 years' prison on each of the four counts of unlawful sex with a child that he pleaded guilty to in October last year.

The man, who cannot be named to protect his victims, also pleaded guilty to two counts of supplying cannabis to one of his victims, a 14-year-old girl, and one of her friends.

Justice Stephen Southwood told the NT Supreme Court in Darwin that the man had 'fully understood' that what he was doing was wrong and that his two victims, aged 14 and 15, 'were particularly vulnerable'.

He said the Territory Government worker was in a position of responsibility and power in the remote Aboriginal community where the offences took place.

Justice Southwood said the abuse of young girls was prevalent in NT remote communities and needed to be stopped.

"Young girls living in remote corners of the Northern Territory are entitled to be safe and to live with their mental integrity and dignity unharmed," he said.

Discouraged

"The offender and others must be discouraged from committing similar crimes in the future."

Despite this, Justice Southwood sentenced the man to five years and six months' prison, with a non-parole period of three years.

According to Crown facts, the youngest girl was taken by the health worker to the local clinic to have a contraceptive rod called Implanon inserted in her arm before he started having sex with her. He also pled the 15-year-old with alcohol and gave her underpants with the words 'Prime Beef' on them.

Justice Southwood said the man came from a deprived background, had witnessed domestic violence as a child and suffered from depression and anxiety, as well as alcohol, cannabis and gambling addictions.

His crimes were committed between December 2005 and August 2006 because of 'emotional neediness and intoxication', following the drowning of his young daughter and his separation from his partner.

He had also been abused as a child, first when he was six by his father's friend and again as an 11-year-old by his soccer coach, Justice Southwood said. — AAP



Veteran property manager Cyril Sampson ... "Our people should be very proud of what we have achieved here at Coburn and I think with more hard work we can only grow and get better."

Beef venture a success story



ON the fertile Liverpool Plains in the heart of Kamilaroi country, north-western NSW, an Aboriginal organisation is running a beef cattle venture that could soon be a model for others.

The Walhallow Murri Enterprise Aboriginal Corporation has gone quietly about turning its 515ha property, called Coburn, into what its owners say is well on the way to becoming a showpiece of Aboriginal business success.

Today, Coburn is a far cry from the run-down, poorly managed property the Walhallow group bought about ten years ago.

Thanks to some hard work as well as support from Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the NSW Aboriginal Water Trust, the property is as well equipped and run as any other on what is some of Australia's most fertile farming land.

The driving force behind Coburn's success is Kamilaroi Elder Cyril Sampson, a man with more than half a century of experience working the land around Tamworth and Gunnedah.

He has taken that experience, as well as a long list of contacts gained through his community work, and helped turn Coburn into not just a successful property, but also a training ground for young Aboriginal people.

"It's taken us a bit of work over the past few years, but we've got Coburn just about where we want it now," the quietly spoken Kamilaroi Elder told *The Koori Mail*.

"In another few years we will have everything in place and I think the property will be something for other Aboriginal organisations to be proud of."

Coburn, which carries the Murray Grey breed of beef cattle, is already turning a good



The lush pastures on the Walhallow Murri Enterprise Aboriginal Corporation's property, Coburn, in north-western NSW.

profit, which is used for farm improvements as well as to help local Aboriginal groups.

CDEP work-for-the-dole employees from Walhallow help to run the property, and training courses in farm skills ranging from fencing to welding are held there.

Mr Sampson has also ensured he has undertaken specialised education courses including animal husbandry and pasture improvement to add to his wealth of on-the-job knowledge.

And his membership of organisations including the Liverpool Plains Land Management Committee has also helped when it comes to securing grants and other assistance.

Mr Sampson is full of praise for the support provided by the ILC.

"They have been there to help with funding for equipment and the like," he said.

"The ILC see us, quite rightly, as wanting to succeed and they've been able to give us a hand when we've needed it."

Mr Sampson has long-term plans to expand, and he hopes to see younger Aboriginal people taking over the property's reins before too long.

"This is a great asset on our own country," he said. "Our people should be very proud of what we have achieved here at Coburn and I think with more hard work we can only grow and get better."

Lack of health workers sickening: Report



A SIGNIFICANT lack of Aboriginal health workers nationwide is contributing to the poor health of Indigenous people, a new report shows.

The Report on Government Services, prepared by a committee of officials from the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments, said in 2006 there were just 100 Indigenous people working as

medical practitioners in Australia. "Compared with non-Indigenous people, Indigenous people are significantly under represented in the health workforce," the report said.

"This can potentially contribute to Indigenous peoples' reduced access to health services."

A survey at one community health centre found the presence of an Indigenous doctor was the main draw for Indigenous people, the report said.

"In addition, the number of

Indigenous patients attending the clinic increased markedly following the arrival of the Indigenous doctor and other changes in the service designed to make it more welcoming," the report said.

It said geographic distance to health services, particularly in remote and very remote areas, also contributed to the health problems of Indigenous people.

"On a population basis, 25 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in

communities were 100km or more from the nearest hospital (in 2006)," the report said, painting a bleak picture of Indigenous health overall.

While stressing the data was not completely accurate, the report said rates of mortality for Indigenous people were around twice as high as those for non-Indigenous people.

"(Australian Bureau of Statistics) experimental population estimates indicate a life expectancy at birth of 59.4 years

for Indigenous males and 64.8 years for Indigenous females ... (while) the rates for all Australians were 76.2 years for all males and 81.8 years for females," the report said. It was also clear Indigenous infant mortality rates remained 'markedly higher' than the Australian average.

Indigenous people were almost twice as likely to report their health as fair or poor (29 per cent), than non-Indigenous Australians (15 per cent) in 2004-05, the report said. -AAP



The NITV News team, from left, Trevor Dodds, executive producer Angela Bates and Joshua Ridgeway.

And now for the news...



NATIONAL Indigenous TV (NITV) has launched phase one of a groundbreaking nightly national news bulletin.

NITV National News, screened on Channel 180 via

Foxtel and AUSTAR, went to air for the first time on Monday 4 February, giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia daily access to news, information and weather affecting them.

Five-minute bulletins hosted by journalist Catherine Liddle will now go to air daily, five days a week.

The bulletins will include a very different weather segment, with information from remote, rural and regional locations around Australia, often from an Indigenous perspective. Entertainer and performer Catherine Satour will present the weather segment.

The news bulletins will culminate in a Week in Review program aired on Saturdays and Sundays, to be hosted by news presenter Ryan Liddle.

The news service will draw on a variety of Indigenous news sources, along with reports researched and reported by the NITV National News team led by journalist Angela Bates as executive producer, joined by fellow reporters Trevor Dodds and Joshua Ridgeway.

Bulletin host Catherine Liddle welcomed the opportunity to inform Australian and international audiences about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

"Getting Indigenous voices heard in mainstream media has always been difficult because we've been competing with 'news of the day,'" she said.

"NITV changes that because now we have an incredibly powerful and informative medium dedicated to promoting those stories

that might not have made 6pm news but are still essential to informing and inspiring anyone who takes the time to listen."

Ms Satour said she was happy to be a part of the new service.

"It's great to get an Indigenous perspective on the weather," she said. "We'll be reporting daily on rainfall and temperatures for remote regions and communities nationally."

Ms Bates said it was "an exciting time, a challenging time and it's about time". "Finally in 2008 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a daily National Television News Service," she said.

From modest beginnings, the service is expected to evolve and develop, re-launching with longer bulletins later in the year.

NITV National News will be screened at 6:55pm AEST, 5:25pm ACST, and 4:55pm AWST.

● NITV is inviting people to send them weather images and photos of their local communities. Entries should be emailed to News@nitv.org.au with contact details and a caption about the image.



NITV National News host Catherine Liddle and weather presenter Catherine Satour.



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The Sydney Indigenous Coordination Centre invites Indigenous people living and working in the Mount Druitt and Campbelltown areas to a community engagement forum to be held in each location.

The forums will provide information about the Place Based Community Strategy and discussion about community priorities and improving access to services.

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Denzel up there with the best

By KEN BOASE



YAMATJI youth Denzel Moncrieff achieved second place in the Model Aeronautical Association of Australia 61st Model Aircraft National Championships, held near Meckering, 130km east of Perth.

Denzel entered his craft in the F1A Tow Line Glider Class and exhibited the skills which won him the WA State championship in 2006, and by all accounts it was the near-gale-force winds on the day which robbed him of the national title.

"The conditions were absolutely appalling," Denzel told *The Koori Mail*.

"Normally here in WA we hold all our free-flight contests in winter when the weather is a lot cooler and there's a lot less wind.

"It was about 44 degrees in the shade at the nationals and we were out in the middle of a wheat field and the wind was gusting up to 12 metres per second and competition is supposed to stop when it reaches nine metres per second.

"There are normally seven rounds and you get a score of one point for every second in the air for a maximum of three minutes or 180 points, and that's called a max, so you set a timer on your plane to make it land after three minutes or it will just keep flying away.

"The plane is attached to a tow line which is 50 metres long and the skill is knowing when to launch into thermals or the right conditions to try to get a max, and if you pull it too hard you'll snap the wings off.

"It's a free-flight contest so you can't control your plane and so basically you follow it with your binoculars and go for a big long walk because it can go as high as 1500 metres while in flight and it can land up to several kilometres away.

"There were only five rounds on the day because of the hot conditions and strong winds and I ended up flying only



Denzel Moncrieff with his model glider which won him second place in the F1A Class at the recent Model Aircraft Titles near Meckering, East of Perth. The name 'Nyungarni' on the aircraft is a Yamatji word in the Wadjari language and is the skin name given to Denzel by his grandfather.

three of those rounds.

"The guy who won (Vin Morgan) had a really strong plane made of carbon fibre so his wings could handle the wind whereas my plane is made of balsa wood and tissue paper so I was trying to make sure I didn't damage it in such strong winds.

"I got one max which was on the last

round of the day, and if I hadn't done that I would have come fourth."

Final scores in the National Championships were Vin Morgan, 566, Denzel Moncrieff 328 while third place went to Trevor Letchford with 305 points.

Denzel won the WA championship in 2006 but lost at last year's competition so he is planning to build another glider this

year and will be trying to win back his championship status at this year's competition next spring.

Denzel has also been accepted into Curtin University as this year's Indigenous recipient of the Chris Lewis Scholarship, and he'll be studying applied geology over a three-year Bachelor of Science course.



Australian Government

Nominate for the Australia 2020 Summit

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Every Australian has the opportunity to nominate to attend this Summit as a member of one of the following 10 critical areas of discussion.

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6. Strengthening communities, supporting families and social inclusion.
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10. Australia's future security and prosperity in a rapidly changing region and world.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Australia 2020 website at www.australia2020.gov.au or call toll free 1800 793 599. Nominations must be received by 25 February 2008.

*Participants will be selected by a 10 member independent non-government Steering Committee.

*Expenses need to be covered by each individual. Special circumstances applications will be considered.

Subsequent advertisements will appear at a later date calling for submissions.

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Ire over NRL star incident

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS people living in and visiting Townsville have been angered at negative media attention on

champion North Queensland Cowboys and Australian rugby league halfback Johnathan Thurston, for what police described as a 'minor offence'.

Cowboys Executive Officer Peter Parr said that Thurston would be disciplined by the Queensland Club but won't lose the captaincy after he was arrested for being drunk in public. The star Aboriginal player spent several hours in the lock-up. Thurston, 24, was found by police lying on the ground outside his Townsville inner-city apartment after losing his key.

A member of the public phoned police in the early hours of 26 January and they later



JOHNATHAN THURSTON

released Thurston on 10 cents bail after they contacted Parr.

Thurston, a two-time Dally M winner for the best-and-fairest player in the NRL, had been at a Townsville nightclub on the night of his arrest.

Regarded by many as the best rugby league player in the world, Thurston appeared in the Townsville Magistrate's Court and had no conviction recorded.

The incident received wide

local and national publicity in print and electronic media.

Parr said that Thurston had done wrong, and would be disciplined by the club.

"What action is taken will remain between Johnathan and this club," he said.

It was just the latest alcohol-related incident involving Thurston after he was questioned last June by police following a brawl in a Townsville street at 4am. Thurston was not charged.

The Cowboys enjoy fanatical support from the Torres Strait to Mount Isa and south to Brisbane and have been installed second favourites to win the 2008 NRL premiership.

On January 30, *The Koori Mail* did a survey in Flinders Mall near the Cowboys Leagues Club, asking people whether the incident had been blown out of all proportions by the media. The answers were a resounding yes.

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Mexico trip for rangers

FOUR Indigenous sea rangers have just returned from a marine turtle management 'trip of a lifetime' conference in Mexico. The rangers, from North-east Arnhem land and the Torres Strait, stayed for a week in the small town of Loreto, on the Mexican Baja California Peninsula.

They were among 1000 scientists, conservationists and Indigenous people attending this year's Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation.

The Australian delegation was sent to Mexico through a partnership between the North Australian Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA), the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and Dhimurru Land Management Aboriginal Corporation (as part of their Dugong and Marine Turtle Project), and the United States organisation Ocean Revolution.

TSRA Chairman Toshie Kris said he was pleased that three representatives from the Torres Strait, including TSRA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project Liaison Officer Frank Loban, participated in the international event.

"Such opportunities are invaluable, and with the marine turtle playing a critical role in the Torres Strait's culture, it is important that our people learn how to sustainably manage this importance species," Mr Kris said.

Mr Loban said the opportunity to travel to Mexico for the symposium was an important learning experience.



At the conference in Mexico were, from left, Efrain Estrella, Hammond Island (Torres Strait) Ranger Stephen Amber, Alfredo Lopez, NAILSMA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project Officer, Torres Strait Regional Authority, Frank Loban and Amalia Astorga.

"The highlight was the coming together of Indigenous people from across the world, sharing ideas and knowledge about turtle conservation and why it is significant to our lifestyles and livelihoods," he said. "Indigenous people from places like Mexico and Venezuela have been involved in turtle conservation for a long time and we can learn from their experiences."

Mr Loban said the management of turtle and dugong by Indigenous people was critical.

"Turtles are species that are harvested by Indigenous peoples for subsistence, medicinal and cultural purposes, so it is important that the primary custodians using the resource are involved in conserving it. We don't want to be talking to our children about turtles from a book. We want to make

sure we can continue harvesting and managing them and that future generations get a chance to see a real, live turtle."

A major aspect of the Dugong and Marine Turtle Project, which is driven by traditional owners, is to build networks among saltwater people that are linked to governments and scientists.

NAILSMA Executive Officer Joe Morrison said the exchange linked

Indigenous people from Australia's northern coastal regions with the Seri Indians of Mexico and facilitated the exchange of cultural and technical information about marine turtle species.

The exchange extends this network internationally and will be reciprocated next year when the Seri people travel to Australia for the 2009 symposium, to be held in Brisbane.



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The ILC is now calling for applications for land acquisition assistance.

Applications close on 30th April 2008.

In particular the ILC is seeking applications that:

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The ILC will be calling for applications for land management assistance in March.

Applications close on 30th June 2008.

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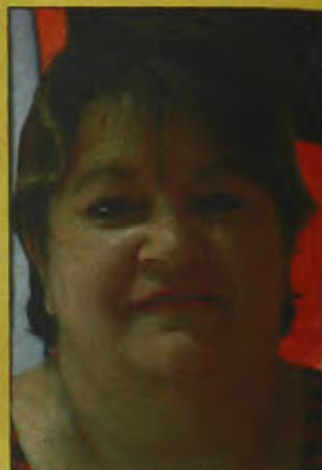


Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



JUDITH SHEA

TAFE unit manager
Geelong, Victoria

Favourite bush tucker?
Emu.

Favourite other food?
Mexican.

Favourite drink?
Champagne.

Favourite music?
Rock.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Swimming.

Favourite read?
Detective novels/books and *The Koori Mail*.

Favourite holiday destination?
Noosa (Qld).

What are you watching on TV?
Who's Your Family, *CSI*.

What do you like in life?
Honest people who want to share their story.

What don't you like in life?
People who lie.

What is your favourite memory?
Finding my family, and standing on my land in bare feet for the first time.

Which black or Indigenous person, here or overseas, would you most like to meet?
Lowitja O'Donoghue.

Who/what inspires you?
Strong Aboriginal people. My old people.

What would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Listen to each other, then listen again, talk together and share our story with whitefellas.

Quote



'You either support an apology or you

– Prime Minister Kevin Rudd

Unquote'

Gentle with our hearts

When the dust settles after the national apology to the Stolen Generations today, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are likely to experience a virtually endless array of very powerful emotions.

From joy to sadness, from relief to shock, from hope to emptiness, from optimism to residual anger, and more.

The matter of an apology to those of our people affected by past removal practices and policies (and there is barely an Aboriginal family which has not been touched by them) has so consumed us in recent years that it may be difficult to let go of straight away. But we must.

As Vincent Lingiari famously said with regards to the Gurindji walk-off, 'we know how to wait'. Thankfully now, depending on whether the Government has kept its word on the apology's content, that wait (and the weight of it) is now over.

Hopefully the knot of grief which sits tight in virtually all of our stomachs will loosen just a little.

The fight is far from over, with the issue of full reparation including compensation still outstanding. And, of course, life is hard for many of our people for reasons unrelated to the theft of our children.

The decent thing and even cost-effective thing for the Government to do in this area would be to work with Stolen Generations advocate bodies towards



OUR SAY

the establishment of a tribunal or other process to enable compensation to be determined.

For now, though, we should all be gentle with our own hearts and those of our brothers and sisters. We should all take sustenance and time to rejoice and reflect on what the apology means to us (and granted, it may mean something different to each of us).

We must steel ourselves against negativity. Accept that the actions and words of those who spread it are based on ignorance, fear and often self-loathing. Any insistence that Indigenous Australians forgive those who wronged them and their ancestors comes from a stingy place.

Receiving the apology with dignity and grace is different to forgiving the wrongs that necessitated it in the first place. That is an intensely personal matter and should remain so.

The Koori Mail pays tribute to all of the members of the Stolen Generations, past and present. May their dignity, grace and courage continue to inspire us.

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An historic day

BALTASAR MORALES (1601-1658), Spanish Baroque prose writer, once said: "Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment."

Today, Wednesday 13 February 2008, is the day when Kevin Rudd (pictured) will deservedly be entered into the record books as an audacious leader who dared to go where no other Prime Minister has gone before by following his conviction and publicly saying 'sorry' in federal Parliament to members of the Stolen Generations.

I say he is audacious because it was indeed a bold move to start with the much-maligned announcement of 'sorry' as the opening business item on the first sitting day of his newly elected administration.

Anyone who reaches the exalted heights of Prime Minister obviously someone who is highly ambitious with set long- and short-term goals he or she wishes to accomplish during their reign in the top job.

The down side to Kevin Rudd's audaciousness is the potential public backlash to his action, of which I'm sure he is patently aware, from conservative voters on both sides of politics who could under his occupancy of The Lodge a tenuous one indeed.

Personally, I think Rudd has nothing to worry about, as I suspect the voting public would much rather see a decisive leader at the helm making a call on the hard decisions, irrespective of how popular they may or may not be, than a leader such as (Liberal leader) Brendan Nelson who has history of changing parties and laws on issues.

If anything, I believe Rudd's stance on this issue will consolidate his position as the best preferred Prime Minister for at least two terms.

No one wants to be remembered as a one-term PM, for that fact alone I take my hat to Kevin Rudd for tackling the most controversial issue up front before moving on to other pressing issues, like the economy, that needs his full attention.

The fact that he will not be announcing a compensation package to go with the 'sorry' statement concerns me – but on such auspicious occasion I would much rather acknowledge this initial step as an incremental advance on a foreseeable announcement of financial support for the Stolen Generations some time down the track.

One can only hope that through further meetings with those who were affected by this unfortunate period in Australia's darkest past that the PM and his Indigenous Affairs Minister, Jenny Klein, will find it in their hearts to compensate them for their loss and suffering.

So, as the momentous celebrations in Canberra and throughout the nation subside, I expect discussion will inescapably move on to an equally important issue of the nationally elected



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*
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Indigenous representative body. I've been encouraged by comments credited to leaders from a range of national media outlets of their proposals on the composition of such a body – from utilising existing native title claimants, especially Elders, to perform the function of our representatives – to streamlining the old ATSIC model and making use of expert Indigenous advisers.

On the first point of using native title claimants, especially Elders to take charge of all Indigenous-specific issues on a national level – I believe could possibly work in areas that currently afford Elders the respect they deserve.

In principle it's the way historically it was and still should be, but along with the many benefits of modernity sadly comes the breakdown of traditional values which impacts on the way today's younger generation, in particular, perceive the role of their Elders.

However, I'm mindful that the majority of traditional owner groups around the country are not headed by Elders. In fact I'm aware that in certain areas Elders have been deliberately excluded from native title deliberations as their views conflict with the agenda of others.

Personally, I believe the whole native title debate of land, or rather loss of traditional land due to unscrupulous political operatives stretching their boundaries to cover mineral deposits, is more in vogue today



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd

and brings out the worst in people.

I'm aware that native title fights, verbal and physical, have occurred within family groupings of some traditional owner groups that have split families forever. Families who stuck by each other through the good and bad times for generations are now no longer on talking terms because of conflict that has emanated from native title disputes.

So I wouldn't venture down that path of locking in the Elders model to best represent the interests of Indigenous Australians.

In respect to reducing the size of the elected Indigenous representation and selecting Indigenous experts to add weight to the body, I believe this has far more merit. I believe less is best.

The whole regional council and zone commissioner model of the old ATSIC became far too cumbersome to administer. The sheer costs involved in bringing people together for meetings was, in most cases, an exercise in futility as decisions were in the main biased towards the more dominant members of the council.

ATSIC by their own doing had by 2004 reached a critical point of no return and was in a street fight with the Government that they were never going to win. They attempted to counter-punch their way out of that exhausting tussle with the Government, but sadly the writing was on the wall many years prior.

Things became terminal for ATSIC the moment the then Leader of the Opposition, Mark

Latham, gave bipartisan support to the Government on their move to abolish them.

What replaces the old defunct model is anyone's guess.

My proposed elected representative body would be comprised of 35 people. These people would be elected from the old ATSIC regional council areas. Each State would elect one person from their group to represent them at the national level.

The make-up of national representation would comprise one delegate from the Torres Strait Islands, Queensland, New South Wales, ACT, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory – giving a total of nine members.

I don't believe there is any need to have a regional council of 12 members for each of the 35 regional council areas as I'm confident that one person in close consultation with their existing Indigenous Co-ordinating Council staff could perform the same function without all the politics that impaired progress in the past.

Each elected member would be adequately resourced with staff and other essential services to carry out their function.

I would create incentives for new organisations to be formed to service interest groups, for example economic, sport, culture and arts for each area.

With the removal of long-standing regional councils who automatically got elected due

to family size alone, new players should emerge and partake in organisations confident in the knowledge that they will not have to navigate the minefields of Indigenous politics that were around previously.

On a national level, the executive council office would need to be adequately resourced with expert advisers in the area of research, public relations and administration.

In summary, the proposal would be for the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to conduct national elections of 35 full-time members to service their constituents as per the old ATSIC Regional Council boundaries. AEC officers would later be charged with conducting State and National elections from the successful applicants.

Most Indigenous people are familiar with the potential leadership group currently operating in their regions and have a fair idea on who they think might best be able to offer a new vision for empowering their people to achieve their goals.

To the Indigenous population, this may seem like a simplistic model looking and sounding nothing like the old model they were accustomed to, but believe me, it may well be a model that is far greater in elected positions than what the Government may be prepared to run with.

However, the most critical difference between this Indigenous model and the National Indigenous Council that advised the Howard Government on all Indigenous issues since the demise of ATSIC would be that it would be elected by the people, for the people.

Only when we are able to elect our own representatives can we lay claim to having a genuine national voice of the people and not a voice that echoes the wishes of a government who appointed them for their expert opinion.

While Australia, or more particularly the Government, prolongs the announcement on their preferred model, Indigenous Australians will continue to be the poorer for not having a voice at the national level.

I believe an advantage of moving quickly into the elected representation model outlined here is that not only will opportunities be made available for Indigenous people to finally cast their critical vote on someone they believe will make a difference, but it will also assist the Government in gaining quality advice on a myriad of issues such as the Northern Territory intervention, alcohol, drugs and sex-abuse cases that continue to cause them distress.

And for this new assignment of electing the right person, I refer to the comments of the great Spanish Baroque prose writer Baltasar Morales who once said: "Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment."

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For further information including maps and research material please contact Council's Plans of Management Officer, Deborah Purss on 02 4474 1374 or deborah.purss@eurobodalla.nsw.gov.au.



**REDFERN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2008**

Invitation to all Members & Interested Parties to attend the

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To be held on Tuesday 19th February 2008
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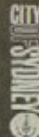
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We advise that Link-Up (Qld) Aboriginal Corporation is the approved Service Provider to enhance the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people by reuniting those over the age of eighteen years who have experienced enforced separation from their families and communities through adoption, fostering, removal or institutionalisation.

We have become aware that other persons are acting as Service Providers and are attempting to replicate our services among the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Far North Queensland.

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**Tender No. 0810
Caretaker Services for
Redfern Community Centre**



The City of Sydney invites tenders from suitably qualified and experienced organisations for Caretaker Services for Redfern Community Centre.

The tenderer will be required to provide services including community liaison and information dissemination, safety inspections, general cleaning and small maintenance, assistance for hirers of the centre and lock up of the building.

Tenderers are required to demonstrate their capacity, financial and technical capability for completing the project within the required timeframe, have had previous experience on similar sized projects and demonstrate a commitment to OH&S and environmentally sound principles. Tenderers must also demonstrate their experience working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, and should submit a plan to provide training and employment for this community.

For further enquiries and a copy of the Tender documentation please contact:

Mr Paul Brown, Tendering Officer:

Telephone: (02) 9265 9364

Facsimile: (02) 9265 9697

E-mail: pbrown@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Sealed submissions endorsed "Tender No. 0810, Caretaker Services; Redfern Community Centre" must be placed in the Tender Box located on Level 2, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney no later than 11:00am on Tuesday 11th March 2008. The Tender Box is accessible between the hours of 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday.

LATE SUBMISSIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED

Monica Barone
Chief Executive Officer

city of villages



The authors of the Ballina and Cabbage Tree Island Aboriginal Women's Heritage Book.

Women recount life along river



Welcoming everyone to country for the launch was author and Elder Aunty Yvonne Delsignore.



A NEW book launched last week recounts the unique historical perspective of Aboriginal women along the lower

Richmond River near Ballina, in northern New South Wales.

Their stories are captured in the *Ballina/Cabbage Tree Island Aboriginal Heritage Book*, published by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC).

DECC Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer Ashley Moran said the book tells stories about childhood memories, and working lives as domestic servants and factory workers in the inner city suburbs of Brisbane and Sydney.

"These accounts describe community spirit between the various families that once lived on the lower Richmond River, during a time when life was hard and limited for Aboriginal people," Mr Moran said.

"There are stories about how their parents protected them from the realities of the outside world, keeping them safe during a time when the Aboriginal Welfare Board was a constant threat to Aboriginal families living on reserves and missions across New South Wales."

Gloria Kelly, one of the women interviewed for the book, said growing up on the island held poignant memories.

"What I remember the most about growing up on Cabbage Tree Island was the kinship, caring and sharing," she said.

Mavis Davies, another woman featured in the book, said: "It used to be lovely, you know, we would all get together and sing. We were a real happy family and loving family."

Mr Moran said: "Times have changed for these women, but their memories, love and knowledge will be passed on for all to appreciate."



Author Eileen Lopic, in the middle, with her sisters Laurel Moran, left, and Mariene Moran, who are showing the book.



We've waited a long time

AFTER a long 10 years waiting for an apology to the Stolen Generation, the Rudd Government's move to 'Say Sorry' on 13 February (today), on behalf of the Australian Government is welcome.

On behalf of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM), we fully support the need for the Australian Government to apologise to Indigenous Australians.

An apology in the form of 'sorry' with the right words will put balm on the hurts of victims of the terrible past policies and will help them leave their past behind and look forward to the future.



Aboriginal people have waited a long time for recognition of the effect of past policies and are very much looking forwards to hearing the words that will mean so much. – Letter-writer Neil Gillespie

Just how much impact saying 'sorry' will have on the Aboriginal policies and, in turn, Aboriginal people is yet to be seen.

On behalf of ALRM, I support the Government for taking action. Aboriginal people have waited a long time for

recognition of the effect of past policies and are very much looking forwards to hearing the words that will mean so much.

NEIL GILLESPIE
Chief Executive
Aboriginal Legal
Rights Movement
Adelaide, SA

Governments were cruel, evil, racist

As an Aboriginal Elder, I am concerned about what Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is going to say in his 'sorry' speech to the Stolen Generations.

Now aged 68, I grew up under the white management regime at Mulli Mulli (northern NSW). I hope that in his speech, Mr Rudd mentions that the Government of the day was cruel, evil and racist to all Aboriginal people, not only the Stolen Generations.

Saying sorry admits to nothing, it does not mean anything. Although Mr Rudd himself was not to blame, the Government was and is to blame.

As for compensation, I believe it should be paid. Those taken are entitled to some payment for the injustices.

KEN McBRIDE
Toronto, NSW

Looking for family members

I AM urgently trying to locate anyone who is either directly or indirectly related to families of Des Cooper and Herb Simms.

If possible I would like to speak to either Herb or Des in person.

This is in regards to a photo which was taken in Dawn Magazine in 1954.

These two men or their family members could have information on Henry Williams, who was taken from Murrin

Bridge Lake Cargellico, NSW, when he was five years old.

The authorities sent him to Sydney to the Royal Far West Home and he was never returned to his parents Elizabeth and William Williams.

The person in the photo was Henry Williams. He was standing on the far left in the photo.

I would like to know if this person is the long-lost uncle our

family have been searching for all of these years.

He was sent to Kinchela boys home and he would be at least 80 years old today.

My grandfather, Bill Williams, was his oldest brother.

Please, if you have any information on this matter, contact me on (0429) 696 482 or (02) 6964 8283.

ALISON JOHNSTONE
Griffith, NSW

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

this will increase your chances of being published.

Also, even if sent via email, all letters and poems must be accompanied by the author's full name, home town/city and State/Territory, and a contact number so that we can verify content. After that, we're happy to withhold names and addresses upon request.

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

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

– EDITOR

YOUR POETRY

Yanyuwa Mother

In the arms of loving mother
snatched away
Across a cruel sea by plane
without delay
Yanyuwa mother cries openly
nowhere to hide
Distracted and broken-hearted
she's doomed to die

Only a week ago experienced
tremendous joy
Giving birth to a beautiful
healthy boy
Her world suddenly comes
crumbling down
Baby boy taken from her for
his skin was brown

After returning to Borroloola
she's feeling shame
On arrival at Catholic Mission
change of baby's name
Under that mango tree
suddenly everyone cries
News travel fast to families
Yanyuwa Mother dies

A sea eagle circles high above
in the sky
She alerts Yanyuwa Elders
with her cry
Baby boy on Catholic Mission
still setting in
Starts crying for Yanyuwa
Mother's special loving

Many years have passed since
being taken away
Often thinks about his mother
and the price she paid
On return to Darwin he visits
father's grave
And often pays a visit on any
given day

The government policy of
taking children slowly came to
an end
They became known
world-wide as the Stolen
Generations
Australians are divided on the
Labor Government's apology
Many say that it never happen,
only a myth you see

Politicians speak of a test for
all new Australians to take
Not teaching Aboriginal history
in schools one big mistake
Education of Indigenous
history can only unite our great
nation
There would be no ignorance
concerning the Stolen
Generations

All eyes are focused on
Australia from every nation
PM Kevin Rudd to say sorry to
Australia's Stolen Generations
A special day for those stolen
remembered like no other
My thoughts will only dwell on
my Yanyuwa Mother.

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Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Applications are sought from Aboriginal Community members living within or connection to the Sydney Metropolitan (Metro) Catchment Management Authority (CMA) area, to apply for membership of the Sydney Metro CMA Aboriginal Advisory Committee. The geographic area covered by the Sydney Metro CMA extends from Turinetta Head in the north to Stanwell park in the south and out of Prospect Reservoir in the west.

The broad role of the Committee will be to advise the CMA on priority natural resources and cultural heritage issues for Aboriginal communities, and to act as a conduit for the exchange of information between the CMA and local Aboriginal communities.

Membership of the Committee will reflect the diversity of skills, experience and 'grass-roots' knowledge held by Aboriginal people. Membership will also reflect the geographical cross-section of Aboriginal organisations and individuals across the CMA region as well as gender and age balance.

For an Information and Application Form contact: Johanna Brown on 02 7895 7898.

Applications close: Friday 28th March 2008.



ELSA DIXON ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Call for Applications for 2008/2009

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program is an initiative of the NSW Government to encourage job opportunities and career advancement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The program is administered by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

The Department is seeking applications from eligible organisations in the NSW public, local government, private or community sectors for funding proposals under the following program elements:

1. Permanent Employment element
2. Temporary Placement element
3. Career Development element
4. Partnership Project element
5. Graduate Work Experience element

The 2008/2009 application forms and program guidelines are available on the Department's website at www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/acomm or by contacting Aboriginal Community Programs on (02) 9266 8350.

Applications close COB Friday 28 March, 2008 and should be submitted to:

Ms Katrina Morgan
Senior Co-ordinator, Aboriginal Community Programs,
NSW Department of Education and Training
Level 13, 1 Oxford Street
DARLINGHURST NSW 2010

Applications will NOT be accepted if they are:

- late;
- submitted by facsimile; or
- incomplete (ie. the application form must contain all essential information and any requested attachments).

Your Poetry

Aboriginal Blood, Sweat and Tears

Brits arrived in tall ships and invaded this land

Not terra nullius, not empty land
Using English legal witchcraft,
conscience-free
Hoisted flag, claimed land, all girt by sea.
Complete dispossession of all native tribes

No need for treaty, not even bribes.

Boats spewed out white people, some dragging chains
Military law, murder, genocide reigned
Brits massacred natives who dared stand in the way.
Those who survived the State they did not pay
For work performed in the houses and stations
Reckoned they should accept mean, stingy rations.

Totally exploited for labour and sex
Natives soon learnt to fear fire-throwing sticks.

When their numbers dwindled from a million or two
To about 60,000, there was nought else to do
'Protection' of this 'race' had become paramount
Herded to reserves Protectors controlled their whereabouts.

Assimilation followed, resulting in cultural genocide
Removed into mainstream, English custom would abide
Absorption of 'semi-civilised', 'full-bloods' in isolation
Mixed colour to breed out by prohibiting miscegenation.
The State forcibly removed children if they weren't completely black
The Stolen Generation are testament to this act.

English law which stole Aboriginal land, children and culture
Incarcerates Aboriginals in

disproportionate numbers
For stealing a video, or something to eat
Dispossessed, unemployed, poverty can't be beat
The State doling out welfare, just enough to survive,
So Human Rights activists can't cry 'genocide'.

This stolen nation founded on Aboriginal blood, sweat and tears
Needs to recognise the injustices of the past 200 years
If one word is all it takes to advance reconciliation
Without fear of land grabs and financial compensation
Then I say let's do it, let's show the world we can
Say sorry for past injustices, and make this a better land.

HEATHER BOND
Townsville, Qld

Tamar Valley

Dappled sunlight through the mist
glistening upon dewy leaves,
hear the sacred silence
amidst the ancient trees.

Government approval –
the valleys swift demise,
the chance to make a dollar
comes as no surprise.

The tide of protest rises
anger simmers in our eyes,
multinational corporations
continue with the lies.

We squint with fierce frustration
then sigh with cold despair,
the suits wear a straight face
saying, 'this is fair'.

We mourn another massacre
on this stolen land,
our trees turned into paper
exported on demand.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

Black Feet Walk

Didn't you know, that a long time ago
Black feet walked this great land
Wise in their ways
Not in white ways
Close to the land
Mother Earth.
The place of their birth
This land stolen from our black people
Never heard no kind word

Savages, savages, that's all we heard
Walk walk walk
Black feet walk mother earth

Crying, crying
Hands that toil day and night
The sweat of black brows
Is squeezed out with pain
Just like the blood
That drenched this land
Of grandfathers
That fought with spears
That never could outrun the guns
To this very day
To this very day

Laws and legends handed down
Through the ages
Hands drew tales on the ground
Ears heard all around
Of their ancient peoples lived
In sun kissed deserts all around
Rain forests, and black feet walked
From sea to sea, yes, you heard
Black feet walked from sea to sea.

Can you hear the winds are howling
They speak to you of ancient times
Can you hear their cries, no you're not dreaming
Just stand and pause awhile,
So you will hear their pain and cries
The day draws along
And the night is near, how long must
your heart grow hard
Is it 'til your breath is gone
To say you're sorry is that so hard?
Didn't you know, it will never be yours
Face the facts
You know it is not yours
The wind blows by with our black
peoples' cries, for their blood is drenched
In this stolen land – to you it will never belong.

Black feet still walk and walk
Yes, our first people, you know the ones
Who you shun day by day, hoping they
will go away
But Aborigines are here to stay and stay
and black feet will
Forever walk our Great Mother Earth.

LETTY SCOTT (2007)
Sydney, NSW

Telegraph Station – Alice Springs

How sad it is to see such a place
And sadder still to see a black face
Of a frightened child wanting their
mother
Their father, nanna, sister, or brother

Someone to comfort them and gently
hold
Keep them warm when nights are cold
To be there when they cry with fear
Kiss and gently wipe away each tear

To know that most of them did suffer
Like going to bed without their supper
Beaten and mistreated by another kind
To government's eyes were so blind

The schoolrooms are empty dormitories
as well
There's nobody left, their sad stories to
tell
Their souls wondering lost their mothers
to find
In the land of their ancestors and the
Dreamtime.

CAROL FRENCH
Tamworth, NSW

Had a poem published 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@austrlit.edu.au:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Please specify if Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander
- Aboriginal nation / language group (if known)
- A brief biography of yourself including your professional information

and your interest in writing

• A digital photo of yourself for the website would also be appreciated

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

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

Australia Day? No, it's Thank You Day

AUSTRALIA Day is Invasion Day for some. Well, I am going to declare 'Thank You Day' for my Aboriginal friends and colleagues.

Thank you for caring for the land for so many thousands of years and demonstrating the importance of living in harmony with nature's law.

Thank you to the Elders who are the custodians of the Dreaming Stories, the 'genesis' of this great land that contains so much that 21st century Australia needs to know about balance, harmony and respect.

Thank you to the women in the Centre who do the night patrol and who work tirelessly to put things right.

Thank you to young Aboriginal Australians like Tania Major who are called from a very young age to serve

community over the interests of the individual self.

Thank you to all of the *Bringing Them Home* counsellors who spend their whole working life assisting the Stolen Generations to find their family and to deal with the deep grief of loss and trauma.

Thank you to the organisers of the State Aboriginal Sports Carnival – a significant sporting event that received no mainstream media coverage in 2007, despite being a rich pool of emerging talent that the major leagues draw from.

Thank you to the sisterhood shown by the members of the Aboriginal women's group who have endured the loss of two young members in recent times, reflecting the reality of the

impact of Aboriginal people dying many years sooner than others.

Thank you to all of the Aboriginal people I have met who demonstrate time and again resilience and tenacity in the face of systemic racism, many exiled by farming and mining interest from their home country and sacred places.

I'm very sorry that most non-Aboriginal people have had few personal connections, and even fewer role models and teachers, from the Aboriginal community and may never know the depth of knowledge, wisdom and spirituality that defines traditional Aboriginal ways.

CAROL OMER
West Richmond, SA

Child in Me

Your Poetry

She's oh so quiet, they always said
They didn't know her heart, her head
A child so young, no words to say
Just a baby, left alone, no love, no way
The day they took her from her bed
And put her in that home instead
Why did they take her life away
Far too young a child to pray

What did she do, what did she say, why did they take her far away
What did she do, what did she say, why did they take her far away

So young and helpless, so all alone; child all alone inside her head
Gone, familiar love, smells and sounds
Helpless makes the small heart pound
Memories haunt her 'til she cry
They say 'it's wrong, don't you cry'
And, 'don't you talk and don't you touch'
'Just do your work, don't ask for much'

Why can't she do, why can't she ask, why did they treat her that way?
Why can't she do, why can't she ask, why did they treat her that way?

Left alone day after day all by herself
The 'Home' is home now, have no choice
Big strange cold dorm all by herself
Learned how to survive and how to be

A child of loneliness – a child, just three
Start school to learn right and wrong
'Home' girl different she don't belong; sugar bag dress shows she's wrong, don't belong

What did she do, what did she say, why did they treat small child that way

What did she do, what did she say, why did they treat small child that way

Child of seven scared, going back home
After five long years inside that Home
Silent suffering child, all alone
Memories haunting every night; cry to sleep, wake in fright
Waiting patiently to be free; not knowing when or, how to be
Knowing someday small child will set herself free

Now I will do, I will say, 'cause small child set this old girl free
Now I will do, I will say, 'cause small child set this old girl free
Free the small child, let her be, as free as free as free to be
Love the small child let her be, for she will always be in me.

DONNA MARIE
ODEGAARD
Darwin, NT

No need for concern over the fluoridation of water supplies

WE wish to respond to the comments made about water fluoridation in the letter, 'Fluoride: beware of the dangers', published on 30 January.

Australia now has more than 60 years of evidence on which to judge the safety and effectiveness of adding appropriately-low levels of fluoride to public water supplies.

Most Australian cities' water is fluoridated, and the levels of tooth decay have been reduced

significantly. Queensland, with the worst oral health of any State, has now decided to adopt fluoridation, and the benefits will be seen in the years ahead.

NSW Health's policy to fluoridate water supplies has proper scientific backing. Last year's National Health and Medical Research Council review confirmed that fluoridation remains a safe and effective public health measure. The full review

can be seen at the website www.fluoridenow.com.au

In understanding fluoride, it is vital to realise that, like many substances on Earth, toxicity is related to dose.

Up to about 1.5 parts per million, fluoride in the water is therapeutic, and in every place it is at around that level in public water supplies the level of tooth decay has decreased.

The evidence about the safety and effectiveness of fluoridated public water

supplies is overwhelming, and people should not be concerned by ill-founded claims to the contrary.

Your readers might be interested to read an NHMRC's statement released last November at http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/news/media/re107/_files/Fluoride_Flyer.pdf

JOHN IRVING
Project Manager
Teeth for Health
NSW Health

A special day

The 26th of January is the day that people say Let us have a party – for this is Australia Day But us who are 'black' – we say you whites are slack You do not realise why – we hold back the tears from cry On this day you did not say – 'can we share the land'

INSTEAD
What was done? Don't you know son?
We took their mum away!
We took their mum away – but we did not understand
We came here to establish, a prison upon your land
BUT
Further on in life, you caused more turmoil and strife
The Stolen Generation, to wipe out the Aboriginal nation

The land we did call mother, we cared for one another
Now can you realise

why, we want to cry
Now have a look around, what's happened to the ground
Even the people hey, they're not white okay!
Australia Day; Australia Day
Is known to us as Invasion Day

We need to stop and look, In the Bible – THE BOOK
What does it say about this?
What the Aborigines call bliss!
Red and yellow, black and white
ALL are precious, in God's sight
We need to change the name, all people are not the same
We need to learn to say – it's Multi-National Day

A date for this I can't fix
A multi-national mix
It should be said each day
And live in peace, okay!

JEFF SMITH
An Aborigine
by email

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS SATURDAY 15TH MARCH



Local Government Elections will be held on **Saturday 15th March**. To let you know about voting arrangements, every elector in Queensland will be sent a letter with full details (including addresses of polling booths). Watch out for your letter late in February or early in March. Polling booths will be open from **8am to 6pm on Saturday 15th March**.

Need more information? Visit our Website www.ecq.qld.gov.au or call us (for Brisbane City Council elections ring 3403 8888 at any time; for all other elections ring 1300 881 665 between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday).

Voting is compulsory.





Queensland Government
Queensland Health

Request For Tender

Non-Government Organisations – Chronic Disease Prevention and Indigenous Health Positions

Queensland Health is seeking non-government, incorporated community and local government organisations to apply to become an employing organisation for one or any number of the following positions involved in the delivery of a range of prevention and screening services in locations throughout Queensland:

- Program Coordinator (Healthy Lifestyle)
- Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion)
- Community Nutritionist
- Physical Activity Project Officer (Indigenous)
- Indigenous Child Health Worker (4-12 years)
- Indigenous Young Parents Support Worker
- Indigenous Sexual and Reproductive Health Worker (Male)
- Indigenous Sexual and Reproductive Health Worker (Female)
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Alcohol and Drug Clinical Worker (Indigenous)
- Alcohol and Drug Clinical Worker
- Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker

Organisations are invited to lodge a Response to Tender as outlined in the Request For Tender documentation. Interested organisations may obtain the Request For Tender documentation online at <http://www.projects.qld.gov.au/etender/qgm/>. Further information is available from Marlene Berry on (07) 3131 6926.

The closing date for lodging Tenders is Wednesday 26 March 2008 at 10.00am.
Late Tenders will not be accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Comment sought on changes to environmental laws

Notice of preparation of Regulatory Impact Statement

The Queensland Government is urging public and business feedback on changes to the *Environmental Protection Regulation 1998*.

This regulation provides the main legislative tools for assessing and managing activities that cause point source pollution. These include industrial, commercial, mining, intensive animal and municipal operations. The current Regulation is due to expire in August 2008.

As a result, the Environmental Protection Agency has taken the opportunity to look at changing the way these activities are regulated, to support the Government's priority of protecting the environment for a sustainable future. The new approach is based on evidence and the potential to cause environmental harm.

The objective of the new Regulation is to protect Queensland's unique environment from point source pollution while allowing ecologically sustainable development, by ensuring:

- effective regulation of environmentally relevant activities;
- effective regulation of environmental nuisance; and
- effective implementation of national agreements.

Effective means regulating in a manner that is both effective in protecting the environment and efficient in that it does so at least cost to regulators and regulated enterprises.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in accordance with the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*. The RIS explains the policy proposals and examines the likely costs and benefits associated with the new Regulation.

While it is likely there will be fee increases for the bigger polluting industries, the fees will be less than in other States and the community will no longer have to subsidise the costs of environmental regulation.

Consultation about the review will be undertaken primarily in writing via responses to the RIS.

Persons wishing to inspect and comment on the RIS can obtain copies via the Agency's website at: http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/about_the_epa/public_consultation/ or by telephoning (07) 3225 1346. Anyone can comment on the proposals. All comments must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 28 March 2008, as follows:

In person: Ground floor, 160 Ann St, Brisbane
By post: Review of EP Regulation, PO Box 15155, City East, Qld 4002
By email: epa.regulation@epa.qld.gov.au



Queensland Government
Environmental Protection Agency

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Your Say

'Sorry' will help break sad cycle

WE are a group of Aboriginal mothers and grandmothers living in Western Sydney. We feel hurt about some of the negative things being said about our people.

We volunteer our services to help others. People are hurting now from what government policy did to us and many families.

If the Government says 'Sorry', it will help to break this cycle of heartbreak.

Many Australians have never met an Aboriginal person. Maybe they don't know what has happened to us.

Two of us, one from Brewarrina (western NSW), one from Nambucca Heads (NSW north coast) were taken by Government officers at the ages of 13 and 14 from our families in 1958 to work as domestic servants – 'slaves' – for wealthy families in Sydney, all for one pound a week.

We were taken from school and from loving families: There was no choice for us or our parents.

Some of us were taken when we were very small, suddenly separated from brothers and sisters. Letters sent by parents were never delivered.

It was years before some of us found our families and some parents had died by then.



Get the hint? ... The Sorry message in the sky over Sydney last month.

One of us cannot bear to talk about what happened to her.

Some of us kept moving about from place to place because our parents tried to protect us as best they could from being taken away just because we were Aboriginal.

Our parenting and lifestyles were different and not accepted.

We have survived.

We are trying to make life better for our children and grandchildren, for all Australian children.

If 'Sorry' is said by the Federal Government, maybe then it can come from the heart of this country and healing can begin.

JENNY EBSWORTH, JANICE BROWN, DAISY BARKER, JANICE KENNEDY, ALISON McBRIDE, SHARON MUMBLER, MARGARET FARRELL, RHONDA RANDALL and JUDY CURRY
Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
Penrith, NSW

Your way – Our way – And the truth

Your way

Tradition is replaced by authority
Respect is replaced by greed
What is happening to this nation,
Is the planting of an evil seed.

Culture is replaced by religion
This dominates the law
The heritage of this country
Is slipping out the door

Community is replaced by profit
Social issues stocks are down
It is easier to make up more rules
Since our voices are silent
sounds

Security is replaced by wars
A nation so young to the slaughter
The old white leaders send to battle
The innocent sons and daughters

Custom is replaced by policy
So big and powerfully round
No equal rights for this nation
The quality of life goes down

History is shaped by education
Understanding is replaced by books
Technology replaces timelessness
They forgot about the land
that was took

Our Way

Oppression can rise to the challenges
And determination is the key
Already exists a tradition
This inspired an historical need

To overcome all oppression
And continue to fight each day
A need to continue tradition
In respect of the cultural way

To stand proud and strong for history
Our Elders continually guide
Respect for the heritage of the first nation
'Cos it will continue to strive

For in a lifetime is purpose
Our customs passed on and on

Not based on material values
Just ensuring you know why
it's wrong

The nation who replaced our traditions
Will always be fighting for more
Their children will be the first
To fight their parents' war

The colonials who replaced our tradition
Will always be fighting for more
And if you don't see it their way
They kick down your bloody door

And the truth

The nation who replaced respect
For the land and the culture
they saw
They are the nation who
raped the fabric
Of the first nation's custom
and lore

ZELDA QUAKAWOOT (2005)
Qld (Via Email)

Racism

It feels like time before
Where places were set for
us and them
Separate lives and
pre-determined fates
Privilege fell according to
race.

It feels like then, this now
A glass wall cutting
through our pathways
Black eyes stare back,
distant and blurred
Mother Nature's cries no
longer heard.

For we have built upon
their meeting place
A forced existence of
repressed living
We've decimated
language, their unique
spirit
And trampled on
sacredness, so
unforgiving.

We have ignored any
lesson from the past
And continue on a path of
assimilation
Yet rendering lives below
and beneath
Leaving blood-red shame
upon this nation.

RACHEL DAVIDGE
Old Errol Bay, NSW

Qld Parliament has Indigenous Liaison Officer



Queensland Parliament ILO Brett Nutley (right) is congratulated on his appointment by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, Mike Reynolds.



THE Queensland Parliament has become the first Australian parliament to appoint an Indigenous Liaison Officer. Brett Nutley recently started

employment with the Queensland Parliament in the new position. He will be responsible for improving engagement between Queensland's Indigenous people and the Queensland Parliament.

Mr Nutley, who is a Mununjali/Yugambah Man (Beaudesert, south-east Queensland) on his mother Aunty Carol Currie's side, said he was proud to have been appointed to this position. "I feel honoured to be chosen as the first Parliamentary Indigenous

Liaison Officer in Queensland and Australia and I am looking forward to liaising with the many Indigenous communities right across the State with a strong emphasis on regional areas," he said.

The position was created at the direction of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, Mike Reynolds, fulfilling his commitment to increase the Parliament's role of engaging with the community.

Mr Reynolds said that on becoming Speaker in 2006, his vision was for the Parliament to improve its

engagement with all Queenslanders, particularly with young people, regional and Indigenous Queenslanders.

'I am looking forward to liaising with the Indigenous communities across the State with a strong emphasis on regional areas'

Top talent for show

By DARREN COYNE



A GROUP of Indigenous businesses and performers will be showcasing their talents and wares at a gathering in Melbourne this week.

They will be taking part in the Sustainable Living Festival, which attracts more than 120,000 people, from 15-17 February.

Reconciliation Victoria is organising the Indigenous presence at the festival, along with the Reconcile '08 forum, which takes place two days after Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivers a national apology to the Stolen Generations.

Project Officer Doug McMillan said the timing of the apology was perfect, as it would provide a good platform for the forum.

Mr McMillan said Kooramye Cooper, an Indigenous community leader and Reconciliation Victoria board member, and Rec Vic Policy Officer Julie Warren would offer their views and insights into the future path towards reconciliation with RRR FM's Nicole Findlay leading the discussion, and audience interaction and questions invited. Some of the performers

appearing at the festival include:

- Tjimba and the Yung Warriors will perform deadly hip hop, fresh from the Big Day Out, on the main stage at midday on Friday.

- The Brolga Boys, one of the best known Indigenous rock acts, will be on the main stage at 9.30pm on Saturday, while James Henry plays the main.

- Liz Cavanagh and band will be on the main stage on Friday at 4pm, delivering some jazz tunes, and on Sunday, poet and musician Dennis Fisher will perform in the Artplay space.

Among the businesses on display are:

- Gunditjenu Aboriginal Craft, which is an Aboriginal family owned business. An outlet for south-east Australian Aboriginal timber crafts and products, it also provides workshops in mainstream communities with the focus on cultural awareness.

- Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV), a non-government organisation that provides an opportunity for all Australians to volunteer their skills within Indigenous communities, businesses and organisations.

- The Koorie Heritage Trust, a not-for-profit art and cultural centre located in the Melbourne

city centre. The Trust showcases the best of emerging and established artists and offers a range of education programs and tours.

- Native Oz Cuisine, operated by Greg and Malan Dimopoulos in Frankston. The business product range includes fresh produce such as saltbush, samphire and native fruit, sauces, herbs, spices and value-added meals. It specialises in products that include kangaroo lasagna and crocodile bites seasoned with a special blend of native herbs and spices.

- Wathaurong Glass and Arts is an Aboriginal-owned and operated business. The company was originally formed in 1998 to express Aboriginal art in glass. The name Wathaurong is a recognised tribe which consists of 20-25 clans. The tribe covers the Geelong, Werribee, Bacchus Marsh, Cressy, Colac, Lorne and Bellarine Peninsula districts.

- ANTaR (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation, is a people's movement committed to the rights and perspectives of Indigenous peoples to determine their own future with the support of the Australian People. ANTaR co-ordinates national and local community education and awareness campaigns on land



Hip-hoppers Tjimba and the Yung Warriors will be part of the Sustainable Living Festival.

justice, rights, reconciliation and other issues.

- Yarn Strong Sista is an Indigenous education consultancy that provides a range of culturally appropriate resources and services to all levels of the education system. Services include story telling, face painting, festivals, murals, cross cultural training and educational resources.

- The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.

- The First Nations

Foundation, which aims to assist Indigenous Australians take better control of their finances and economic futures as part of the broader social goal of self-determination and financial independence.

- Reconciliation Victoria.
- The Unity Foundation, which aims to improve outcomes for children and young people by focusing on research and evaluation.

The Sustainable Living Festival takes place in Federation Square.

Survival Day 2008 – Yabun, Sydney



Wire MC during one of the hip hop workshops.



Singer Nellie Dargan performs.



Spinning on the dance stage was B-boy 2EZY.



Stylin' up on the day were, from left, Miah Wright, Monique Farrell and Medika Thorpe.



Looking good and feeling great on stage was popular Melbourne musician Dan Sultan.



Deadly Vibe's deadly double-dutch.



Tamika Walker and Buia David were all smiles at Yabun.



The team from the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern.



Among the crowd were, from left, Sydney City Councillor Marcelle Hoff, James Mundine and the Lord Mayor of Sydney City, Clover Moore.

Survival Day 2008 – Yabun, Sydney



Enjoying Yabun were, from left, Marlie Matthews, Ree-Anna Walker, Lani Walker and Tamika Matthews.



A freestyle dance competition was held of the Deadly Vibe dance stage.

Yabun rocks



Traditional dancers welcomed festival-goers to country.

Photos by NAOMI MORAN



A PACKED and diverse program ensured a good turnout for this year's Yabun Festival at Sydney's Victoria Park on 26 January. Several thousand people braved hot and sunny weather to attend the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures expressed through music and dance performances, photographic exhibitions, book launches and readings, and political discussions.

Gadigal Information Service co-ordinated the day, which showcased the likes of performers Buddy Knox, Kutcha Edwards, Mark Atkins, Shaz Lane, Charlie Trindall, Young Black and Deadly, Frances Williams, Dan Sultan, Shelley Morris, Dizzy Doolan and Whitehouse.

It was a real family affair, with a tent for the Elders, as well as painting, arts and crafts, a toy corner, face painting and water play to keep the kids entertained.

Canberra-based Kerry Reed Gilbert launched a new book, *Under the Quandong Tree*, by Minmia, and Indigenous educator Dr Chris Sarra launched Paul Ishiguchi's latest book *Yearning to Go Home* in the lead up to several writers' forums.

There were information stalls on family history and good hearing health, as well as breakdancing and skipping workshops, and a 'dance off'.

And 'open microphone' session topped off a

series of discussions with such topics as 'What's Rudd got to do with it? Where to now for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?'.

A few days before the Festival, the Australia Council for the Arts hosted the announcement of Gadigal's inaugural Yabun Awards, which recognise valuable contributions made by Indigenous people in the previous 12 months.

Winners were drawn from within the Koori Radio 93.7FM footprint, which spans Greater Sydney, the Central Coast, the Blue

Mountains and Wollongong regions.

Presented by the Director of the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board, Lydia Miller, the winners were:

● **Elder of the Year:** Lorraine McGee-Sippel, for her commitment to reconciliation, particularly in the Lane Cove municipal area.

● **Youth of the Year:** Daniel Conifer, for displaying significant leadership skills in his schooling and sporting achievements.

● **Person of the Year:** Ray Minniecon, for his extensive work in the church and on community boards assisting young people.

● **Artist of the Year:** Adam Hill, in recognition of being a prolific visual artist

and for his work in Western Sydney.

● **Koori Radio Volunteer Broadcaster of the Year:** Percy Bishop, for his years of service producing and co-presenting the Tangata Whenua Show.

● **More Yabun pictures next page**



Rita Wright, from Mt Druitt, was proud to show her colours on the day.

Survival Day 2008 – Yabun, Sydney



All smiles at Yabun was 4 year-old Nhlamya.



From Brisbane was performer Dizzy Doolan.



Photographer Merv Bishop having a yarn.



Kutch Edwards farewells the huge crowd.



Buddy Knox was one of the many performers.



Hip Hop artist Les Beckett.



Charles Trindall on stage.



Trish Daniels, Daniel Conifer and Caroline Barton were part of the Koori Radio Broadcast team.



Lisa Murphy and Noni Ross, from the NSW Department of Fair Trading.



Mark Atkins performs.



Pictured from left are Sarina Solar, Peter Patterson, Roanne Stirling-Kelly, Ronald Prince and Peter Hull, all from NSW Health.



Rachel Perkins and Kieran Grieves, from The Black Book stall.



Jack Dunn and Trevor Ord were among the Yabun crowd.



Winsome Matthews with her granddaughter Keya-Joy.



From left are Tina McDonald, Peter Steigrad, Paul Collis and Taita Viri from the Indigenous Community Volunteers.



From the Australian Hearing stall were Julie Shelley and Shini De Silva.



Looking dead at Yabun were youngsters, from left, Eliah, Tyrelle-Jakwon, Slone and Soakimi.



Yabun MCs Mayrah Butt and Adam Hill.

Survival Day 2008 – Perth



Nyoongar Elder Janet Hayden completed the Welcome to Country address. She said: The abuse that's going on in other countries is also going on here in Nyoongar country and our children need protection."



Coalition of Peoples Patron David Malcolm responding to the Welcome to Country.



WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts officially opened the Survival Day concert and celebration. "I acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional land of the Nyoongar people."



Karla Hart, a member of the Kwarbah Djookian (Solid Sisters) dance troupe.



The Wadumbah dance troupe opened the Perth celebrations.

Dedicated to our kids

Story by KEN BOASE
Photos by ALITA BOASE



THIS year's Perth Survival concert and celebration was dedicated to children, in recognition of the 'unfinished business' facing the Stolen

Generations and the ongoing legacies of colonisation and dispossession.

The theme for the event, organised by the Coalition of Peoples, was 'Honouring the Children' and was well attended by Nyoongar and other Aboriginal groups and families who welcomed a cooling sea breeze in heatwave conditions on the Perth foreshore.

It was also a day of sadness and grieving for the Coalition's Chairperson, Marlene Jackamarra, whose mother passed away early that day.

"We lost her this morning and this concert is dedicated to her. She was a beautiful lady and a good woman and she took care of us the best way that she could," Ms Jackamarra told the crowd in attendance.

"I want to thank all the people who have been with us since 2000 to put the Survival Concert on. Honouring our children is what we should be living by and we shouldn't be fighting but living together in harmony."

The event theme was carried by all who spoke, including Nyoongar Elders Theresa Walley and Janet Hayden who conducted the Welcome to Country.

Ms Walley told how she, her mother, her grandfather, her great

grandfather and her great great grandmother were all taken away.

"I was taken away in 1945, put in a truck, and taken to Carrolup, but because this was my mother's country, she ran away and took me back to York, my father's country. It was there that the welfare came again and I ended up at New Norcia," she said.

"I was never brought up much with my mother and today, for the love of God, keep your children safe and don't let anyone take your children."

Ms Hayden said 'the suffering of our mothers and fathers must never happen to us again'. "Our children are our precious gift," she said. "A lot of us seem to think that children

"In the past great wrongs were done to the Indigenous children and I acknowledge the survivors of the Stolen Generations," Ms Roberts said.

"Today we honour our children and it is in them that we invest our future in the hope that the work of reconciliation will be fulfilled."

Coalition Executive Board Member and Aboriginal Legal Service CEO Dennis Eggington said the celebration of Survival Day was as important to Aboriginal people as other iconic celebrations to non-Indigenous Australians.

"It's important to celebrate Survival Day because surviving any sort of trauma is part of the healing process, just like war veterans celebrate Anzac Day as the survivors of their killing times and the Jews have their memorials to remember the Holocaust and their survival," Mr Eggington said.

"These memorials tell a story of what happened but they also stand as a stark reminder that they should never happen again, but more importantly they act as a healing process."

"Many Australians don't want us to remember that history and they want us to forget it ever happened, but days like Survival Day are our remembrance days and our Holocaust museum and it's a way of getting together and saying we have survived and to look for something positive."

"We remember the horror of our killing times and the torment is the unfinished business as a result of that and to survive we need to look after our children and care for one another."

'...days like Survival Day are our remembrance days and our Holocaust museum...'

— ALS CEO Dennis Eggington



take second place in our lives (but) our children need to be taken care of 24/7, not just a couple of days or a couple of weeks but 24/7; that's what our children deserve.

"The abuse that's going on in other countries is also going on here in Nyoongar country and our children need protection and we should honour our children."

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts officially opened the concert by acknowledging the sponsoring partners the City of Perth, Lottery West and Arts WA, while Coalition of Peoples Patron David Malcolm thanked the Angelo Street Markets for providing fruit for everyone attending.



Nyoongar Elder Theresa Walley gave a Welcome to Country: "For the love of God, keep your children safe and don't let anyone take your children."



Nyoongar Kylie Farmer flew to Perth from a busy performance schedule in Melbourne to act as MC for the day.



Coalition of Peoples Chairperson Marlene Jackamarra with son Dave Chesson: "I want to say to everyone that honouring our children is what we should be living by and we shouldn't be fighting but living together in harmony."



Richard Walley Jr plays the didgeridoo.



Two of the young dancers from the Kwarbah Djookian group.



Kineman Karma performing on stage in Adelaide.



MERRg were among the many acts to entertain during Survival Day in Adelaide.



Performers Warren Milera, Glenn Skuthorpe and Eddie Peters.



Professor Peter Buckskin speaks.



Paitya dancers perform.

SA talent aplenty on show

Photos by IAN JENKINS



26 JANUARY was an opportunity for many of South Australia's talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers to show that they have not just survived but are thriving. The National Aboriginal Cultural Institute – Tandanya hosted a celebration of the 'strength and spirit of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first peoples of this land'.

Aunty Josie Agius gave the Welcome to Kaurna Country and a laidback but enthusiastic audience of Indigenous people and their supporters soaked up a range of performances by the likes of Kineman Karma, MERRg and Ancient Onez, as well as guest speakers, dance, films and community stalls.

The event MCs were Kevin Agius, who also performed with the Paitya Dance group, and Natasha Wanganeen.

The Mari Yerta Men's and Young Men's Aboriginal Corporation cooked



Tandanya Director Philip Watkins

up a storm on the barbecue.

The event received support from ANTAr SA, the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM), Australian Peace Committee, DUCIER, Friends of the Earth, Journey of Healing, Living Kaurna Cultural Centre Mari Yerta, Nunkuwarrin Yunti, Reconciliation SA, Skala Bakery, Tauondi College and West Mallee Protection.



Kaurna Elder Aunty Josie Agius performs the Welcome to Country.



Kaurna man Karl Winda Telfer.

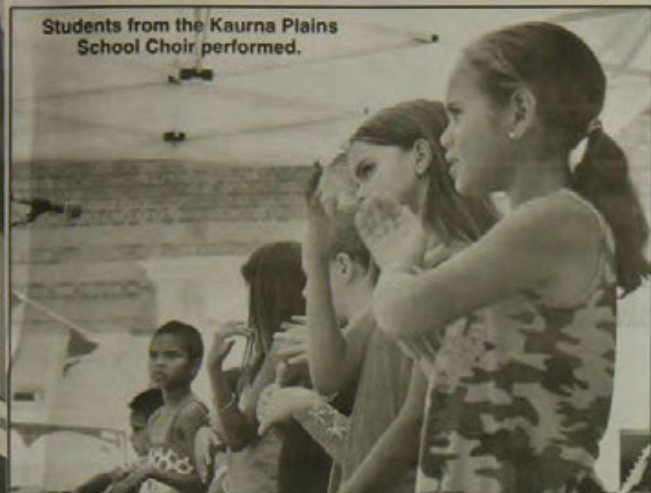


Singer/songwriter Nancy Bates performs.



Some of the young ones taking part in a jewellery workshop.

Students from the Kurna Plains School Choir performed.



Adelaide spectators were laid back and enthusiastic.



Eddie Peters, of the Keriba Sagul dancers, performs in Adelaide.



Kevin Agius and Natasha Wanganeen were the MCs.

Dancer's serious message

Story and photos by
Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL
dancer Jai
Cummings
chose a dramatic
way to
demonstrate
what 26 January

meant to him.

He placed a rope around his neck and tied the other end to a tree on Townsville's Strand during an Indigenous community concert and gathering.

"Our people are still under bondage and under the thumb of the invading Government," Mr Cummings said as passing walkers and workers looked on.

He was among a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children who gathered on the Strand for Survival Day.

An emotional Mr Cummings said his mother was taken from him at Mapoon when he was just three years old and relocated to Palm Island.

Celebrate

"This is a day which gives Indigenous people the chance to celebrate our culture, customs and to remind our youth that many of us were part of the Stolen Generations," he said.

"Many youth these days don't have respect for Elders and we have to educate them."

Activist Gracelyn Smallwood was there along with the Ngulumburu Boonyahs dancers (a name which means women), the Wulgurukaba Dancers and the Picpah Dancers, who include traditional owner Faron Merrypor.

Stephanie Miller, one of the Ngulumburu Boonyahs, said Survival Day was important for her people.

"We celebrate the survival of our people and culture and hopefully more people will recognise and understand what we have suffered," she said.

Organisers said they hoped the event would raise awareness among the broader community that Indigenous people were still feeling the impact of colonisation.



Dancer Jai Cummings tied to the tree in Townsville.



Performers who took part in the Townsville commemoration.



Dancer Barbara Leftwich in Townsville on Survival Day.



Enjoying the Preminghana Camp are, from left, Colin J Hughes, Aunty Pat Green with her honorary lifetime membership certificate, Hank Horton and Jim Everett.



Just hangin' around ... Kulai Sculthorpe.



Kiora Hogan has a hug with Aunty Pat Green.

Honour for Aunty Pat

Pictures and Story by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Preminghana camp in Tasmania may coincide with Survival Day, but it is more of an escape from mainstream celebrations than an event which gives credence to those festivities.

26 January more or less passed without a mention of 'Australia Day' at the tenth annual camp.

Instead, the Aboriginal families who had travelled from all around the State caught up, chilled out and shared in culture on returned Aboriginal land in the State's far north west.

Preminghana is a 525-hectare area of land which was returned to Tasmania's Aboriginal community through the Aboriginal Land Act 1995 and is managed by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (TALSC).

It stretches along 5km of coastline and has an abundance of bush tucker and craft resources.

Petroglyphs on the property, thought to have been created between 1500 and 6000 years ago, along with many midden and artefact sites, bear testimony to the

long and continued Aboriginal occupation of the area.

A highlight of this year's camp, which is organised by TALSC, was the presentation to Aunty Pat Green of the organisation's inaugural honorary lifetime membership.

A framed certificate bearing the words 'In recognition of a lifetime of outstanding contributions to TALSC and the community' was presented to Aunty

'I've been on the TALSC committee so long I've outlasted nine managers. I'll do it till I'm 80 if I live that long.'

— Aunty Pat Green

Pat by TALSC Senior Heritage Officer Colin Hughes, the organisation's longest-serving employee.

"I feel honoured to receive this award and I've put a lot in with the committee and the camps," Aunty Pat told *The Koori Mail* soon after the presentation, which left her and many others in tears.

She said she had missed just one of

the annual Preminghana camps, and that was due to illness. She added that she always brought a grandkid along, too.

"I've been on the TALSC committee so long I've outlasted nine managers. I'll do it till I'm 80 if I live that long," she said.

"I've seen more sites than the heritage officers. Colin took me everywhere. I've enjoyed every minute of it, especially with Colin."

Chairman Jim Everett said it was important for the council (TALSC) to "pay compliment to the Elders who have been there for an awful long time with the organisations and the struggle, and Pat's been on the committee for an awful long time".

"I feel it's time that the land council pay respect to Elders who have made that contribution," Mr Everett said.

"There was also Pat Maynard and Hilda Thomas who have now passed on in a way it pays respect to other Elders who have made a great contribution."

"Pat is an Elder who has to stretch out to make a contribution. She's not a young person who can do it easy any more. The land council is reflecting the appreciation of the community for her contribution to the organisation's responsibilities to the community."

Flying baby Brody with his father Michael Paxton in the fresh-water lagoon at Preminghana.



Some of the boys at the camp in north-western Tasmania.



ABOVE: A vital job ... the kitchen mob at Preminghana camp, from left, Kie Simon-Brown, Roseanne Hughes and De McCarthy.

LEFT: Preminghana caretakers Kevin 'Macca' McDonald and Bob Hughes with Leroy Hart Jnr.



People at the Brisbane forum and rally. Photograph by Annette Simpson.

Forum held in Brisbane



MORE than 300 people turned out for an Invasion Day forum in Brisbane.

Held outside Parliament House, the forum

focused on land rights, looking forward and today's scheduled apology to the Stolen Generations.

Speakers included Sam Watson, Wayne 'Coco' Wharton and Brisbane Elders, but there was also an

open microphone, giving community members a chance to have their say.

The group then marched to Musgrave Park in West End, where there was entertainment and traditional Indigenous games.



ABOVE: Supporters invited to participate in the Gurrinindanami.

Photograph by Annette Simpson

LEFT: Coco Wharton leads the marchers.

Photograph by Annette Simpson

RIGHT: Natalie Alberts, Uncle Wayne Saunders, Aunty Renata Pryor and Aunty Joan Collins enjoy the day.





Bradley Kennedy and Greg Evans proudly display the flag.



With their true colours shining were Mikael Smith and his sons Jack and Charlie Smith-McGregor.



The face painting stall was popular during the day, especially with the children.



Leanne Edwards from the East Gippsland Aboriginal Arts stall.



Having a great day was 7 year-old Alinta Waitaikie.



Festival organisers Lyla Dash and Inala Cooper.

People gather for Vic festival



THOUSANDS of people packed the Melbourne seaside suburb of St Kilda for the second annual Yalukit Wilam Ngargee (People Place Gathering) celebration last month.

A major part of the St Kilda Festival, the event is designed to highlight Indigenous Bay Culture. And showcase our culture it did, with Indigenous dancers, performers, arts and crafts stalls and a host of other activities at the O'Donnell Gardens venue.

Among the big-name attractions were Kev Carmody, Kutcha Edwards, Deline Briscoe, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors and The Brologa Boys. The crowd also enjoyed

By the Koori Mail's
NAOMI MORAN,
who was at the festival



performances by the Snuff Puppets and dance competitions, and there were information stalls by education and government organisations. The Koori Mail was also there.

Organiser Bo Svoronos was delighted with the day. "It was a success and we appreciate the efforts of all who participated," he said.

He confirmed the event would be held again next year.

Yalukit Wilam Ngargee



Learning how to break dance with the Freestyle Ngargee activity.



MC Sean Choolburra with his deadly models, from left, Jacinta, Rikki-Jane and Sasha.



Jimblah and the Yung Warriors performed.



Sisters Alkira and Alinta enjoyed their day.



Making intense sounds on stage were Airi Ingram, on the drums, bass guitarist James Mangohig and deadly Torres Strait Islander dancer Albert David.



Malan and Greg, from Native Oz Cuisine.



Russell Smith of The Brolga Boys.



Filming the day were the NITV Crew.



Tanya Flower and Kevin Williams, from Deadly Cuz Fashions.



Aaron Mason and Judda entertained visitors to the festival.



Deline Briscoe was one of the many performers at the festival.



Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



THE burning of an Australian flag at an Invasion Day protest in Tasmania has ignited the wrong debate. Aborigines took to the streets of Launceston

chanting 'You stole our land, you stole our rights, blackfellas will fight, fight, fight. We won't stop, we won't go away, we won't celebrate invasion day'.

In a statement to the media before the protest rally, National Aboriginal Alliance spokesman Michael Mansell compared celebrating 'Australia Day' to celebrating Hitler's rise to power.

"January 26th marks the coming of the white people to Australia. It is the anniversary of the British invasion force that treated Aborigines as less than humans and disregarded our property rights," Mr Mansell said.

"January 26th marked the beginning of the murders, the rapes and the dispossession. It is no date to celebrate.

"Australia Day is about white triumphalism. It is the glorifying of the achievements of the whites made at the expense of the blacks."

Mr Mansell said the divisive nature of Australia Day forced people to 'weigh up the advantages of white occupation as against the cost to Aborigines, with the massive propaganda machine of governments and traditionalists ensuring the debate is one-sided'.

"There is no doubting people enjoy a quality of life in Australia that is a cause for acknowledgement, but to relate that to January 26th is in one sense equivalent to celebrating the coming to power of Hitler," he said.

"Hitler revived German nationalism, rebuilt the nation's infrastructure and gave pride back to a defeated people, undoubtedly, things to celebrate. But the achievements of the Nazis when looked at against the abuses of the Jews would make any reasonable person vomit at the idea of celebrating Hitler's rise to power.

"In Australia, the celebrations are blind to the other side of the coin."

Mr Mansell told *The Koori Mail* that his press statement received no attention from mainstream media.

"It's their scared cow; they (white Australia) don't want to be challenged," he said.

Mr Mansell was among many local Aborigines who spoke at the rally following a minute's silence.

"It's our responsibility to educate the wider community of what they are celebrating," State Secretary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) Trudy Maluga told the group of

Flag burns as people march



Aboriginal man Adam Thompson sets fire to the Australian flag and, right, the flag burns as protesters look on.



about 200 protesters when they stopped in Launceston's City Park.

And it seems there may still be a lot of ground to cover.

When local Aboriginal man Adam Thompson burned the Australian flag after addressing the rally, the incident received much media attention, but mainly debate on outlawing the desecration of the Australian flag.

Mr Thompson said he burned the flag in protest of 'the atrocities committed against my people under the colours of that flag'.

"It's hard to feel anything but contempt for Australians when they celebrate Invasion day," he said.

"There's all this talk about reconciliation –

but it obviously means nothing.

"If it is a question of which is the more offensive out of waving the Australian flag to celebrate the white invasion or burning the flag to protest the arrogance of white Australia, I will burn the flag every time."

Tasmanian Liberal Senator Guy Barnett said he would draft legislation to make it an offence to wilfully burn, destroy or desecrate official flags of Australia and ask Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to pass it through Parliament.

However, TAC youth worker Nala Mansell-McKenna said the 200-strong crowd at the protest had applauded Mr Thompson's actions.

"Not just the organisation but the people

were wholeheartedly behind Adam's off-the-cuff action," she said.

Many letters to editors of local papers fuelled debate, some of them clearly racist and highlighting the need for greater awareness of Indigenous perspectives. A similar range of opinions was posted on web feedback sites, some of them exposing a redneck element with posted comments such as 'see how long he lasts without his government handout' and 'I don't burn the flag of Indigenous Australians every time my car/apartment gets broken into or when I get harassed on the street by them'.

Few of the letters or online comments appeared to come to grips with what sparked the flag-burning incident in the first place.



'Australia Day is about white triumphalism. It is the glorifying of the achievements of the whites made at the expense of the blacks' – Michael Mansell

'Not just the organisation, but the people were wholeheartedly behind Adam's off-the-cuff action (burning the Australian flag)' – Trudy Maluga



Young skateboarder among the best

By DARREN COYNE



KEMPSEY-born Kieran Reilly is carving out a solid reputation as one of the country's hottest young guns on wheels.

The 14-year-old is the first Aboriginal skateboarder to make the top-20 list in the Slam Skater of the Year competition. He recently won \$2000 in the Krew Kashgrab Street Skateboard Competition, and is featured on a skating video being circulated around the world called *Let's Live*.

The Slam Skater of the Year is regarded as the most prestigious and sought-after title for top-level Australian skaters, and organisers believe Kieran is the youngest ever skater to make the final list.

Kieran told *The Koori Mail* that he began skating at about four years old with a board given to him by a cousin. After plenty of practice at a nearby skatepark in Kempsey, northern NSW, he began catching the eye of sponsors.

Father Clinton, a police officer, said Kieran had shown promise as a footballer from a young age, but once he took up skating seriously, he had never looked back.

"He dreams of turning professional and he's well on his way. He's got plenty of sponsors and one company wants to take him overseas," Mr Reilly said.

Kieran has several direct sponsorships with some of the biggest companies in the industry, including

Volcom, DC Shoes, Electric and Blind skateboards

This year, Kieran begins a distance education program in order to continue his schooling, while meeting his growing commitments to his chosen sport.

Slam magazine Editor Jake Frost said he wasn't surprised Kieran was chosen in the top 20.

"I wasn't overly surprised - in fact more stoked for him. Kieran has always been a good skateboarder and I've watched his progression over the years, but in 2007 he really proved himself and got a lot of print coverage in magazines and was a star of the international Volcom skate film *Let's Live*," Mr Frost said.

Potential

He said Kieran had the potential to go all the way with his skating.

"If Kieran keeps his head screwed on and keeps progressing with his skills, he could certainly make a living out of skateboarding and eventually become a professional," Mr Frost said.

"His natural talent and all-round ability to attack both ramp and street is rather phenomenal for a skater so young. It's going to be really interesting to see his development over the next few years as he grows and gains more power in his tricks. He's already so explosive for someone so small."

The presentation of the Slam Skater of the Year will be held on 28 February in Sydney.



Star skateboarder 14-year-old Kieran Reilly (inset) shows his award-winning style.

Picture Andrew Peters (www.slamskatemag.com.au)

Funds aid NT youth



THE Federal Labor Government says it will deliver more than \$2.6 million for 30 youth activity projects in remote Northern Territory

communities.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the government was committed to addressing drug and alcohol abuse in Indigenous communities.

"We are working to keep young Indigenous people engaged in healthy, safe activities," she said.

All 30 projects support activities for young Indigenous

people in the Northern Territory."

Hermannsburg will receive funding for the purchase of sports equipment and the installation of air-conditioning in a recreation shed to support a local council project. This will enable up to 230 young people to enjoy recreational pursuits.

At Timber Creek, the Government will fund an inaugural weekend arts and culture festival, with arts and craft, music and performance. The funding will also support performing artists in the Timber Creek community.

Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon

said building up youth support services was vital to the long-term success of the Northern Territory Emergency Response.

NT Senator Trish Crossin said youth activities were vital in keeping Indigenous youth engaged in positive activities.

Response

"As part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response, we have committed up to \$7.6 million for youth initiatives," Ms Macklin said.

Meanwhile, the Federal Government has committed \$85,000 to a youth program of

music, arts, craft and theatre activities for about 350 young people.

A series of workshops and activities will be held over the next four months, culminating in a concert in Darwin at the Bagot Community during June.

"This program promotes healthy and safe activities for young people living in the Darwin region and offers them an opportunity to participate constructively in community life," Ms Macklin said.

This funding commitment is part of the \$7.6 million assigned to youth initiatives as part of the

Northern Territory Emergency Response. Young people are the key to the long-term success of the response."

A number of entertainment groups will be participating in the program, including Brown's Mart, Darwin Fringe, Larrakia Nation and Bagot Community.

Solomon MP Damian Hale said the funding offered young Indigenous people the opportunity to participate in a range of positive and creative activities with direct relevance to them.

"I encourage young people in the Darwin region to get involved and enjoy the day," he said.

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Desert Peoples Centre a step closer



A WINNING tender has been announced for Stage 1b of the Desert Peoples Centre (DPC) at the Desert Knowledge Precinct in Alice Springs.

The centre will provide a single Alice Springs campus for the education, training and service activities of the NT-based Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) and the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT).

Desert Peoples Centre Chairman Harold Furber said this next stage of construction, costing about \$10 million, was the largest tender to date on the Desert Knowledge precinct.

"Along with the stage 1a construction that is nearing completion, we are witnessing the development of state-of-the-art facilities for education and training of Aboriginal people with the particular vision of achieving

positive livelihood outcomes," Mr Furber said.

"Stage 1b is the second of three stages in the new development which will ultimately have a library and residential complex as well as the two remaining teaching themes added.

"We are planning courses this year at the Precinct in the buildings now under construction.

"The Stage 1b construction brings us closer to our dream of an institution providing comprehensive training, education and pathways to sustainable livelihoods for Aboriginal people living in desert Australia."

Mr Furber said that in the current climate where there was much concern for the education and long-term livelihoods for Aboriginal Australians, this was an exciting initiative that was striking directly at the core of those concerns.

He emphasised the core vision of the DPC was to partner with

Aboriginal people to establish and broker change that achieved sustainable and satisfying livelihoods for Indigenous people living in the desert.

"The DPC is looking to develop

'The DPC is looking to develop more sustainable livelihoods, employment outcomes, enterprise opportunities and access to wider opportunities and choices'

more sustainable livelihoods, employment outcomes, enterprise opportunities and access to wider opportunities and choices," Mr Furber said.

"We also want the DPC to be a

place where Aboriginal voices and ideas are encouraged in ways that will improve participation in, and influence of, the regional and wider Australian community.

"The development of strong networks that foster collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and organisations will be fundamental to this.

"This vision builds on the history and expertise of the organisations of Batchelor Institute and Centre for Appropriate Technology who come together to make the Desert Peoples Centre.

"It is a history of working directly with Indigenous communities to provide contemporary learning, skills and practical solutions to living in the remote desert."

The Stage 1b buildings will include:

● **Livelihoods and Economic Futures** – will house the research function and the teaching around community management and

livelihood development

● **Learning, Knowledge Sharing and Communication** – will facilitate the training of teachers for Indigenous schools

● **Technology and Infrastructure** – will facilitate the teaching of infrastructure and technology skills required to sustain livelihoods and community living.

"DPC will be sharing the precinct with Desert Knowledge Australia and the Co-operative Research Centre for Desert Knowledge, reflecting our vision of partnership and linkage across the education sectors and across community government and industry," Mr Furber said.

NT Minister for Central Australia Elliot McAdam announced that Sitzler Bros had been awarded the contract to construct the 11 buildings in Stage 1b of the Desert Peoples Centre, on the Desert Knowledge Precinct, Stuart Highway, south of The Gap.

Department of Communities Funding Opportunities

Youth Engagement Grants for 2008 and 2009

The Department of Communities has grants of \$200,000 per year available over two years to support community groups to facilitate regional youth engagement initiatives across Queensland.

The grants are to support youth forums that raise awareness of issues faced by young people and youth-led projects to address the needs of young people raised in these forums.

Information packages are available by calling the Department of Communities on 3008 8625 or visiting www.communities.qld.gov.au/departments/funding

Applications must be lodged by 4 pm on Monday 10 March 2008.



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Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Wandoon Estate Aboriginal Corporation
Date received: 22 January 2008
Public comments due: 27 February 2008
The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by the Wandoon Estate Aboriginal Corporation 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;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area; and
- 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: vahec@dpcd.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9208 3243

Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.



Sydney Anglican Archbishop Peter Jensen with new minister, Aboriginal man Jonathan Lilley at the ordination ceremony.

New minister the first to finish course



ABORIGINAL 31-year-old Jonathan Lilley has joined the Anglican Church

ministry after becoming the first Aboriginal candidate to complete the full four-year course at the Church's Moore College.

Hundreds of people, some from as far away as Broken Hill, packed St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral for the ordination of 48 men and women for ministry,

on Saturday 2 February.

Rev Lilley, who is married with three young children, says he found the course academically challenging.

Encouraged

He said he didn't come to college with a degree, as many of his colleagues had, but had been encouraged greatly by friends along the way.

Rev Lilley will take up a position with the Sydney Diocese's Anglican Church at

Nowra, and will be involved in ministry to the NSW south coast's Aboriginal community.

The Sydney Diocese has several Aboriginal workers, but Rev Lilley is the first to complete the full Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Sydney Archbishop Peter Jensen described Rev Lilley as a man with a great heart for his own people, but said his training meant he could be posted to any ministry – Aboriginal or otherwise.

Big wheels help learner drivers



FOURTEEN Indigenous young people are being given a helping hand

from the City of Sydney and NRMA Motoring and Services to get their driver's licences.

Under a partnership program supported by a \$5000 NRMA community grant, the 14 young people from inner-Sydney suburbs are receiving 12 free driving lessons and four workshops covering road safety, safe driving, road rules and regulations and penalties.

NRMA Director and swimming legend Dawn Fraser said the Driver Education Program was a valuable community initiative to provide driver education and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

"Some Aboriginal young people in the City of Sydney do not have ready access to cars or family members who can help them complete the log book requirement for getting a provisional driving licence," Ms Fraser said.

"Students recently

completed the workshops and are now receiving driving instructions with a qualified licensed instructor after gaining their learner licence.

"Projects such as the Driver Education Program are the very reason why NRMA offers the community grants to local community groups and councils."

Challenging

City of Sydney Councillor Marcelle Hoff said: "Getting a driver licence is becoming increasingly challenging as young people now have to complete 120 hours of instruction in all weather conditions before being eligible to apply for a provisional licence."

"This program gives local Indigenous young people a jump start to help them become safer and more confident drivers while hopefully assisting their job seeking prospects."

Ms Fraser congratulated the City of Sydney Council for helping Aboriginal young people overcome many barriers to become independent, safer drivers.



Learner drivers Samara Robinson and Juwarrn Cummins with NRMA Board Member Dawn Fraser, right, and City of Sydney Councillor Marcelle Hoff.

Foster care places boost



ALMOST 2500 new foster care places will be offered across

New South Wales as the Government moves to expand its services to the State's most vulnerable children.

The 2464 places will be offered by 42 non-government agencies through an additional funding boost of \$340 million over the next five years.

Premier Morris Iemma said the funding would go towards temporary out-of-home care as well as

placing children permanently with foster carers.

"This program means that children who can no longer live safely at home will have a better chance at life," the Premier said.

"With now more than 12,700 children unable to live with their parents due to abuse, neglect or bereavement, we face a growing need for foster carers."

Additional services would be provided to rural parts of the State and agencies like Uniting Care Burnside and Barnardo's would expand their care services for

Aboriginal communities in western Sydney, Mr Iemma said.

Community Services Minister Kevin Greene denied that the announcement was pre-empting the outcome of a special commission of inquiry that was established to examine the Department of Community Services (DoCS).

"This is about providing ongoing foster care through the non-government sector... this is about being able to provide the necessary placements for children that need our care," the Minister said. - AAP



MORRIS IEMMA

Have a go, urges Minister



NSW Local Government Minister Paul Lynch has urged Aboriginal people to consider standing for this year's NSW local

council elections.

Mr Lynch - who is also the NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister - said a new resource detailed a mentoring program to encourage more Aboriginal men and women into local government.

Engaging with Aboriginal

Communities: A Resource Kit for Local Government in NSW also provides advice for councils on how to engage Aboriginal people in local decision-making.

The kit was developed with the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW.

"Aboriginal people have a great deal to contribute to the cultural, social and economic development of a community," Mr Lynch said.

"Councils can better service their

communities if they harness the insights and talents of Aboriginal people.

"This year's local government elections are also an opportunity for Aboriginal communities to have their say on local decision-making."

The kit complements the Department of Local Government's updated Local Government in NSW: Issues and Information for Aboriginal Communities. It is available at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au

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COMMUNITY FORUM

ACON is holding a community forum for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community to provide feedback on its Draft Strategy for Working With Aboriginal People.

A copy of the draft strategy is available to view on the ACON website: www.acon.org.au

The community forum will be held at the Redfern Community Centre, Hugo St Redfern on Wednesday the 27th of February, commencing at 6pm.

To register your interest in attending, please contact the Aboriginal project at ACON on: 1800 063 060.



Gerringong to Bomaderry Princes Highway Upgrade

Opportunity for community participation

The RTA is seeking expressions of interest from people living within the Gerringong to Bomaderry upgrade study area to participate in the value management process for this project.

Value management is a key planning process used to compare and evaluate the short listed options and recommend actions to progress further development of the project.

A participant from each of the following geographical areas will be selected to participate in the value management workshop:

- Gerringong.
- Berry.
- Bomaderry.
- The rural area between Bomaderry and Berry and
- The rural area between Berry and Gerringong.

Nominees are requested to self assess their eligibility and their ability to give a commitment to approximately 5 days over a two month period.

Nomination forms are available from the project website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au and the Berry project office 3/113 Queen Street, Berry. (Only open Thursdays and Fridays 8.30pm - 4.00pm).

Nominations close Friday 14 March 2008.

Christine Marsden from Quattro Communication Group has been engaged to independently undertake the selection process and assist the community participants through the value management process.

Christine Marsden will be available at the Berry project office to answer any questions you may have on:

- Wednesday 5 March from 10am to 2pm
- Wednesday 12 March from 10am to 2pm

Phone the Project Information Line
on 1800 506 976 or visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au

NT Coroner set to act



THE Northern Territory Coroner has received a police brief into the circumstances surrounding the death of former Labor senator and minister and alleged paedophile Bob Collins.

Mr Collins died at the age of 61, three days before he was due to face court on child sex-abuse charges dating back 30 years. The charges included possessing child pornography, indecent assault, carnal knowledge and sexual intercourse without consent.

His death last September followed a long battle with bowel cancer, which had delayed legal proceedings against him.

Police brief on ex-Minister Collins being considered

The father of three had also suffered serious injuries in a road crash in Kakadu National Park in 2004, shortly before the child abuse allegations became public.

Last month it was revealed that NT Coroner Greg Cavanagh had yet to receive a police investigation into the circumstances surrounding Mr Collins' death.

This prevented him from completing his findings and deciding on whether to hold an inquest.

In a statement released by the NT Justice Department, Mr Cavanagh said that, four months after Mr Collins' death, he had received the coronial investigation brief from the police.

"The Coroner intends to consider the

evidence over the forthcoming weeks," the statement said. "He will be giving careful consideration as to whether he will hold a public inquest."

Mr Cavanagh declined to comment further on the matter.

Mr Collins was a Labor senator for 11 years after serving as an MP in the Northern Territory Parliament for a decade, including as Territory Labor leader.

In September 2006, Mr Collins was also charged in Canberra over three offences alleged to have taken place in the capital in September 1989.

He faced two charges of committing acts of indecency on a 12-year-old boy and one of sexual intercourse with the child. -AAP

Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) Public Notice of Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

The Port Curtis Coral Coast People, 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 proposed ILUA affects the Port Curtis Coral Coast People's native title rights and interests in areas of their native title claim. It is proposed that native title rights and interests will be surrendered over part of the area of the agreement.

This area is described as:

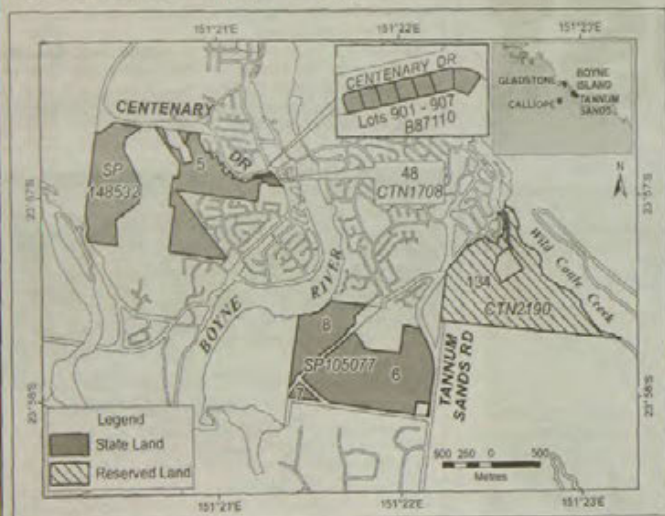
Lots 901 - 907 on B87110	Centenary Drive, Boyne Island
Part of Lot 5 on SP148532	Centenary Drive, Boyne Island
Lot 48 on CTN1708	Centenary Drive, Boyne Island
Part of Lot 6 on SP105077	Tannum Sands & Dahl Roads, Tannum Sands
Lot 7 on SP105077	Coronation Drive, Tannum Sands
Part of Lot 8 on SP105077	Coronation Drive, Tannum Sands
Part of Lot 134 on CTN2190	Tannum Sands Road, Tannum Sands

Native title rights and interests will continue over the areas described as:

Part of Lot 5 on SP148532	Centenary Drive, Boyne Island
Part of Lot 6 on SP105077	Tannum Sands & Dahl Roads, Tannum Sands
Part of Lot 8 on SP105077	Coronation Drive, Tannum Sands
Part of Lot 134 on CTN2190	Tannum Sands Road, Tannum Sands

Agreement is sought regarding future acts to the areas over which native title rights and interests will continue.

The area which the ILUA is proposed to apply to is detailed in the map below.



For the purposes of registration of the ILUA by the National Native Title Tribunal, the parties intend the ILUA to be certified by the Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) in accordance with sections 24CG(3)(a) and 203BE(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

The authorisation meeting will be held for this purpose in Bundaberg:

Date: 1 March 2008
Time: 8.00am to 4.00pm
Venue: Across the Waves Sports Club, Sails Room, Miller Street, BUNDABERG.

All Port Curtis Coral Coast claimants and those who have registered their interest with the Gurang Land Council and who hold or may hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area covered by the ILUA (relevant persons) are invited to attend.

Travel Assistance will be made available upon satisfying an eligibility criteria made in accordance with Gurang Land Council Policy. For the purpose of catering you must also register your attendance no later than 15 February 2008, even if you are not entitled to travel assistance. Travel assistance will not be paid to any person whose application is received after 15 February 2008.

For further information, please contact: Brian Camilleri, Senior Legal Officer, Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation), PO Box 1551 Bundaberg, Qld, 4670. Phone (07) 4153 3990.



Women during an earlier gathering at Yarrawarra, northern New South Wales.

Yarrawarra retreat is just for women



A CULTURAL and spiritual retreat for Aboriginal women is

planned for next month in northern New South Wales.

The second Yarrawarra Women's Gathering, hosted by local Gumbaynggirr women who are keen to share their culture, will be held on 22-23 March at Corindi Beach, north of Coffs Harbour.

"We have looked to the heavens to plan our second Yarrawarra Gathering by linking the retreat dates to the start of the celestial new year," said Allison Williams, who will be playing a key role in the event.

"As the planets end their cycle and begin a new year during the retreat we will guide women into the new celestial year through our culture which is so strongly linked to the heavens."



Women form a circle during a previous retreat.

Activities will include a smoking ceremony, stories around the campfire, expression through art and dance, basket weaving, beach activities and bush tucker cooking.

Participants will be able to take home their own personally screen-printed t-shirt with an Aboriginal design as a keepsake.

"Women from all walks of life and all age groups are welcome," said Ms Williams. "We will create a nurturing

environment which will break down the barriers and give women the opportunity to feel a special connection to the richness and diversity of our culture."

A variety of packages are on offer which include accommodation meals or camping. All profits from this event will go back into the local Aboriginal community.

● For details call Sally Wilson on (02) 6649 2854 or email womensgathering@aapt.net.au

He wants to be a big loser



Steven Pelham working out on *The Biggest Loser*.

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



QUEENSLANDER Steven Pelham is the latest Indigenous reality TV personality, taking up the challenge of being a contestant on the Channel Ten series *The Biggest Loser*.

Mr Pelham was one of 30 contestants taken to the show's 'whitehouse', where each entrant was competing for a place on the show where the person who loses the most weight is the winner.

Mr Pelham was one of 15 who were turned away after an intense workout with Australian trainers Shannan Ponton and Michelle Bridges.

The 15 who were turned away, including Steven, were disappointed and exhausted, but that exhaustion was taken to a whole other level when a former Counter Terrorism Team officer with the Australian Special Forces, known simply as 'The Commander', took the still-hopeful contestants to sand dunes for another gruelling workout.

Queenslander takes up weight-loss challenge

The commander handpicked an elite team of four – including Mr Pelham, who was named in a squad gto be known as the Black Team.

What Mr Pelham didn't know was that he and the three others were flying to Los Angeles for training.

Mr Pelham is now in the race for the *Biggest Loser* title, and has started his weight-loss journey. At his first weigh-in, his weight was recorded at 166.6kg. Mr Pelham's goal weight is 95kg.

About Steven Pelham...

Age: 29.

Height: 180cm.

Lives: Queensland.

Status: Single with a daughter aged two.

Occupation: University community development manager.

Favourite food: Coconut chicken curry and rice.

Favourite Dessert: Grandma's homemade apple tart.

Drink: Lemon Iced Tea.

TV Show: *The Biggest Loser*.

Movie: *Pursuit of Happiness*.

Colour: Blue.

Place to travel: Remote Indigenous communities.

Hobby: Social networking (facebook, myspace etc).

Reasons for applying for *The Biggest Loser*: To become a better and healthier father for my baby girl and to ensure I'm on this planet for a whole lot longer to be

there for her, to see her grow up. *The Biggest Loser* is an opportunity for me to focus on just one thing and nothing else, losing weight and being educated on losing weight. Also to become a role model for my mother, my family, my daughter and other Indigenous Australians.

I think the most difficult part of being on *The Biggest Loser* will be: Leaving behind my beautiful baby girl and my loving and supporting family and friends.

My biggest weakness is: Facing my fears head-on in the house and missing people while I am in the house like my family and baby girl.

Some bad habits I would like to get rid of are: Eating habits that have started to rub off on my baby girl.

The one thing I want people in Australia to know about me is that: I'm a loving and caring single father and would do anything in this world for my baby girl and family.

● Reproduced courtesy of *The Biggest Loser*. See the website www.thebiggestloser.com.au

14 years on, program still sounds deadly



DEADLY Sounds celebrated its 700th episode this week, and host Rhoda Roberts marked the occasion by chatting about the program's most memorable highlights over its 14-year history.

The weekly music radio program, which began in 1994 on just 12 stations, has come a long way. It is now broadcast by more than 140 stations across the country and is also available via satellite on the National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS) every Tuesday from 4-5pm.

"I can remember when (Executive Producer) Gavin Jones and I first began talking about the possibility of creating Deadly Sounds back in 1994, and to see it not only continuing but getting stronger every year is just amazing," said Roberts, who has hosted the show since its inception.

A member of the Bundjalung Nation of Northern New South Wales, Roberts has enjoyed a long and successful career in the arts and media, building an impressive body of work as a writer, performer, actor, presenter, director, journalist and artistic director.

Deadly Sounds is Australia's only national weekly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music show.

It features Indigenous music from around the country, as well as interviews with special guests from the fields of music, sport, film, theatre, dance and community achievement.

"Deadly Sounds is a great way for new Indigenous music to be broadcast nationally," said Gavin Jones, Managing Director of Vibe Australia and Executive Producer of Deadly Sounds.

Artists

"Over the years we have certainly been the first to play the various artists, and we continue to play 100 per cent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music.

"And being interviewed on Deadly Sounds is a perfect way of getting your message out to a national audience."

Broadcasting every week on Deadly Sounds, former Australian Idol winner Casey Donovan presents her own segment titled 'On the Spot', where just for fun she quizzes guests with some quick and quirky questions such as, 'if you were a super hero, who would you be?'

"Being a broadcaster on Deadly Sounds is something I've always wanted and it compliments my singing perfectly," she said.

This year, a new Hip Hop Drop segment, hosted by Indigenous rapping and break-dancing guru Mark 'Munkimuk' Ross, will be introduced to capitalise on youth interest.

Jones also says that Deadly Sounds would not have been possible without the support of the Australian Government through the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts' Indigenous Broadcasting Program.

"The Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health have been with us from the beginning and have supported us in our vision of using Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music and sport to talk to the community about health and well-being," Jones said.

● Tune in to Deadly Sounds on NIRS on Tuesdays 4-5pm at www.nirs.org.au. To listen to this weeks show visit www.deadlysounds.vibe.com.au/dsounds/index.asp



Deadly Sounds presenter Rhoda Roberts: "...to see (Deadly Sounds) not only continuing but getting stronger every year is just amazing."

DPP has her say



Snr Sgt Chris Hurley ...
Queensland Director of
Public Prosecutions
Leanne Clare opted not to
prosecute him over the
death of Mulrunji.



QUEENSLAND'S
Director of Public
Prosecutions (DPP)
has described as
'emotionally difficult'
her decision not to
lay charges against a
policeman who faced trial over the
2004 death in custody of Mulrunji
Doomadgee on Palm Island.

Leanne Clare also revealed she
did not feel 'sighted' by the State
Government's decision to override
her ruling on the Palm Island case.
Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley
was found not guilty by a Townsville
jury last June of the manslaughter
of Mulrunji Doomadgee. Mulrunji
was found dead in the Palm Island
watchhouse in November 2004,
triggering a riot in the north
Queensland Indigenous community.

Prosecutor tells of Mulrunji decision

In late 2006, Ms Clare opted not
to prosecute Snr Sgt Hurley,
despite Deputy State Coroner
Christine Clements finding him
responsible for 36-year-old
Mulrunji's death.

However, he was charged with
manslaughter in February last year
after then-premier Peter Beattie
ordered an independent review of
Ms Clare's decision.

Ms Clare, during a rare interview
on ABC radio earlier this month,

stood by her decision, but admitted
it had been difficult to make.

"I understand that there is a lot
of emotion in the community about
the matter, and that's
understandable," Ms Clare said.

"After I had exhausted all of the
avenues that I could see if there
was any further evidence, the
conclusion that I came to wasn't a
difficult one in terms of the state of
the evidence itself.

"(But) it was emotionally difficult

because I knew of the impact that it
would be having on so many
people."

Ms Clare said she could not
criticise Queensland Attorney-
General Kerry Shine for laying his
own charges against Snr Sgt
Hurley, given he also had powers to
prosecute.

"It's not a question of feeling
sighted," she said. "It's just a
question of recognising there are
two different roles at play, and my
responsibility was to be true to my
own independent decision-making
processes."

Snr Sgt Hurley has now returned
to work on the Gold Coast.

The Doomadgee family has
launched civil action against him
and the Queensland Police
Service. - AAP



Spirits were high during this year's Victoria Pride March. Photo by CARMEL SHUTE

Marchers take to streets in Melbourne Pride event



ORGANISERS say they were
pleased with the turnout for
the 13th annual Pride March
Victoria, held in Melbourne
last week.

Under the international theme of Live Love
Be, Pride March Victoria travelled along Fitzroy
Street in St Kilda on Sunday 3 February.

The march was preceded by the first Asia
Pacific OUTGames' Elite Race - the final
sporting event of the Games for 2008.

Following the march, visitors, spectators
and members of the Victorian gay, lesbian,

bi-sexual, transgender and intersex community
attended a celebration in Catani Gardens,
incorporating a beach party theme.

The march had earlier been launched in
grand style with a cocktail event on the lawns
of the St Kilda Town Hall.

Dignitaries

Joining the Pride March Board and a host
of community and business leaders were
dignitaries such as the Port Phillip Mayor Janet
Cribbes and the State Member for Albert Park
Martin Foley.

Pride March Secretary and Interpride Board
Director Brett Hayhoe said the launch was one
of the best the organisation had held.

"The launch is a great opportunity to
present the prizes to our poster competition
winners, recognise our partners, and also to
call for community support," he said.

"Businesses, individuals, and community
organisations can show real support for
Pride March Victoria by becoming a Patron of
Pride. All the details are on our website."

The Pride March Victoria is at www.pridemarch.com.au

WA Govt action plan is in place



THE West
Australian
Government
has launched
a plan to
encourage

reconciliation and
strengthen relationships
between Indigenous and
non-Indigenous people.

WA Indigenous Affairs
Minister Michelle
Roberts said the
Department of
Indigenous Affairs (DIA)
reconciliation action
plan was part of a
WA Government
commitment to
promoting
reconciliation.

"A reconciliation
action plan is a way for
organisations, including
the Government, to
strengthen relationships
between Indigenous and
non-Indigenous people,"
she said.

DIA was leading WA
Government agencies
in the development of
specific plans to
advance reconciliation
across the State, with
a focus on housing,
health, education,
training, employment,
law and justice.

"The DIA's plan
focuses on improving
engagement between
Indigenous people and
government workers,
actively promoting
Indigenous cultures and
increasing employment
opportunities for
Indigenous people in
the public sector," Mrs
Roberts said.

"The Western
Australian Government
is working with
Reconciliation Australia
to develop plans
that aim to help
overcome Indigenous
disadvantage." - AAP

APY stores' electricity bills slashed



JAY WEATHERILL



THE South Australian Government says power bills for community stores in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands have been significantly reduced to help keep down the cost of fresh foods in the area.

"Electricity prices have a significant impact on the ability to provide adequate refrigeration for the provision of fresh foods in the APY Lands," South Australian

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill said.

"Reduced electricity costs will help stores lower grocery prices by passing on energy savings to the community through healthier and cheaper food."

The new rates, which took effect last month, are being offered to community stores operating on the APY Lands and will equate to savings of about 25 per cent, compared with current rates. The price cut will be in the form of a rebate.

Mr Weatherill said the move to

cheaper electricity would assist the Mai Wiru fresh food program.

"The goal of the Mai Wiru program is to improve the health and well-being of the people on the APY Lands by providing access to nutritious and affordable food and essential health items," Mr Weatherill said.

As well as providing access to healthy, affordable food and adequate refrigeration, the Mai Wiru Policy ensures stores support health promotion and nutrition programs and the employment and training of

Anangu workers under appropriate wages. "This initiative will go a long way towards meeting key targets in South Australia's Strategic Plan, including improving well-being and expanding opportunity," Mr Weatherill said.

The Mai Wiru Stores Policy project is one of two APY Lands Council of Australian Governments trial projects led by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing. Nganampa Health has managed the project, with the Federal Government providing \$1.5 million of funding.

Hoops dream now a reality



MORE THAN 200 young people from Indigenous communities across Queensland competed in the PCYC Hoop Dreaming Basketball Tournament in Cairns during the Australia Day/Survival Day weekend.

The tournament saw boys and girls teams play in Under-14 and Under-19 age divisions, with sides from communities including Mornington Island, Cloncurry, Cherbourg, Palm Island, Innisfail and Wujal Wujal.

In the Under-14 girls' grand final, Cairns Phoenix narrowly defeated Mornington Island 31-26, while in the Under-14 boys' grand final, Palm Island and Wujal Wujal Combined beat Cloncurry 25-16.

In the Under-19 women's grand final, Cherbourg defeated Innisfail Reign

40-38 and in the Under-19 men's grand final, Palm Island pipped the Innisfail Cyclones 24-22.

In addition to the junior competition, men's teams competed in the 'Hoop Dreaming Basketball Challenge', with Team Hoop Dreaming beating the Under-23 Cairns Marlins 79-70 in the final.

In the play-off for third place, the Under-18 Cairns Marlins defeated the Port Moresby All-stars 71-64.

Hoop Dreaming Project's Joel Khalu said: "One of our goals has been to host a tournament for kids from remote communities. We wanted to give them opportunities to play the sport."

"This tournament achieved not only this, but so many other positive outcomes."

"The feedback we received from the kids and adults is that they can't wait for the next one."

'The feedback we received from the kids and adults is that they can't wait for the next one'



Under-14 girls' finalists from Mornington Island and the Cairns Phoenix.



● ABOVE: Players from Palm Island and the Innisfail Cyclones who competed in the Under-19 Men's final at the PCYC Hoop Dreaming Basketball Tournament in Cairns.

● LEFT: The Innisfail Reign and Cherbourg Under-19 Women's teams after their grand final play-off.

'Shout, share, live, and unite' is Youth Week theme



YOUNG Indigenous Australians are being encouraged to 'shout, share, live, and unite' for this year's National Youth Week (NYW).

NYW, from 5-13 April, is an opportunity for people aged 12 to 25 to celebrate being young, speak up about

things that are important to them and make the most of every opportunity.

The 'Shout.Share.Live.Unite', slogan is about young Australians shouting out about the things that matter to them; sharing in the fun of activities and events happening across the country; living every day to its fullest; and uniting with others in the

community to celebrate the contribution young people make to society.

NYW has also launched its 2008 website, www.youthweek.com.au, and is described as a 'must see' for all young Australians wanting to take part in Australia's largest youth event.

The website contains information

on a range of topics including, events and activities that will take place during NYW; getting involved in events in your local community; hosting an event; National Talent Competitions; NYW Ambassadors in 2008; and how to 'Win Free Stuff'.

For more information call the NYW hotline on 1300 663 500.

Money to speed up Pilbara native title claims



A FUNDS boost from the Federal Government will help

speed up native title claims in Western Australia's northern Pilbara region, an Aboriginal corporation says.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has given \$5.5 million to Pilbara claim representatives to speed up the preparation of reports demonstrating Aboriginal links to the region.

The Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation's (YMBBMAC) Pilbara Connection Project will provide connection reports for eight native title claims over the central and western Pilbara.

Traditional owners will seek to record their connection to the land through the reports, which will then be submitted to the State Government to determine if each group's claim is strong enough for a native title determination.

YMBBMAC Chief Executive Officer Simon Hawkins said that until now, the corporation had received only enough funding to produce about one connection report a year, with many groups waiting more than a decade for their claims to be resolved.

"The Pilbara Connection Project funding means faster progress, allowing traditional owners to gain rightful recognition of their country much sooner than previously anticipated," Mr Hawkins said. -AAP

Job commitment wins recognition

Award recipients at the 2007 NSW Aboriginal Employment and Business Awards in Sydney.



A NUMBER of Aboriginal organisations and individuals have been recognised for their outstanding performances.

The 2007 Aboriginal Employment and Business Awards were presented by the NSW Education and Training Minister John Della Bosca at Parliament House late last year.

The awards were for organisations and individuals who had shown a commitment to employing and supporting Aboriginal people.

"These awards are part of the lemma Government's commitment to improving education, employment, participation and learning opportunities for Aboriginal people and communities," Mr Della Bosca said.

"There is a strong belief that economic independence is essential to increasing the

confidence, well-being and community empowerment of Aboriginal people.

"Education is the key that links Aboriginal employment and economic development.

"This Government values the skills, experience and knowledge of Aboriginal people and is proud to recognise organisations and individuals who are providing culturally appropriate career opportunities for Aboriginal people.

Support

"The lemma Government's support does not stop when Aboriginal students leave the school or TAFE system.

"We also provide a range of programs which support culturally appropriate education and training pathways for Aboriginal people with an emphasis on vocational training, job placement and enterprise development.

"The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal

Employment Program supports innovative community projects which create education, training and employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

"The New Careers for Aboriginal People Program (NCAP) funds 12 dedicated Aboriginal NCAP officers to provide a case management, job canvassing, placement and support service to Aboriginal people.

"The Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officers (AEDO) fosters and supports the development of sustainable Aboriginal enterprises. These three programs significantly contribute to Aboriginal education, training, employment and small business development in NSW.

"I would like to congratulate the winners and finalists on receiving these awards which show what can be achieved by employers and by people who work to promote Aboriginal employment."

NSW Aboriginal Employment

Awards are divided into three categories. The 2007 recipients are:

Private/Aboriginal Community Employer winner, Campbell Page; finalists, Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Culture & Education Centre, NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

NSW Public Sector Agency winner, Country Energy; finalists, NSW Department of Education and Training, Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW.

Aboriginal Employment Co-ordinator (Individual) winner, Kim Denniss; Employment and Training Manager, Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation - Warrigal Employment; finalists, Charles Boyter; Aboriginal Careers and Training Officer, NSW Department of Corrective Services; Joanne Grant; Manager, Indigenous Services, Campbell Page; George Shearer, Manager, Aboriginal Programs, Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW.

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) 9226 8106 or Strathfield Girls High School on (0401) 988 409 or (02) 9629 6538.

Until 22 February: The Fitzroy Stars Football Club training sessions. The football club will require the support of new players, trainers, volunteers and football officials. All welcome so bring your family and friends. Held in Preston. Details: Troy Austin on (0408) 569 508 or Alan Thorpe on (0419) 103 152.

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: 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, Bülleen, 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 16 March: Visual Arts Exhibition - Ngurrara: The Great Sandy Desert Canvas. This exhibition centres on the great Ngurrara canvas, painted by Great Sandy Desert traditional owners during National Native Title tribunal hearings in 1997. Details: (08) 8216 4444 or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

Until 17 March: JB Seed Indigenous Arts Grants. All categories are open to Indigenous artists, however, there is one category that was especially designed for Indigenous musicians and artists. Post your entries to The JB Seed Fund, PO Box 1609, Fremantle WA 6959 or fax to (08) 9433 4582. Details: Email Stacia Goninon on grants@thejbseed.com or visit www.thejbseed.com

Until 21 March: National Logo Competition: The National Indigenous Drug and Committee is looking for a logo that can best represent the Committee as 'the



'Moth', one of nine works from Michael Riley's 'cloud' series (2000/2005) to be exhibited on Adelaide's North Terrace during the 2008 Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts from 29 February to 16 March.

leading voice on Indigenous drug and alcohol'. There is a \$5000 prize plus an all expenses-paid trip to Melbourne for the National Drug and Alcohol Awards in June 2008. Details: Sue Morley on (02) 6166 9604 or email suem@anod.org.au visit www.anod.org.au

Until 23 March: Southern Indigenous Artist Exhibition. A collaboration between Kapa 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

on (03) 9484 5351 or email vaysr@bigpond.com

Until 4 July: Indigenous Scholarship to study at Metro Screen. With funding from the Department of Education and Training, Metro Screen is pleased to offer a limited number of free places to aspiring Indigenous filmmakers on our popular Certificate IV in Screen course. Participants will work together to produce location dramas, documentaries and studio dramas. Details: Claire Morgan or Maeve Marsden on (02) 9361 5318 or visit www.metroscreen.org.au

Until 27 November: Friends of Tranby Meetings. Held at Tranby, 13 Mansfield Street, Giebe from 8pm onwards. Details: Thomas Newman on (02) 9660 3444 or (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

13 February: Union of the Soul. Bare Bones-Rare, Intimate

office@antarqld.org.au

13 February: Apology to the Stolen Generation. The Coffs Harbour Indigenous Co-ordination Centre and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs are hosting a morning tea to witness the historic event and watch a live feed of the speech. Held at the Coffs Ex-Services Club, Coffs Harbour from 8.30am onwards. Details: Kim or Kerri on (02) 6648 5800 or email kerri.doolan@icc.gov.au or kim.watson@icc.gov.au

13 February: Community Seminar 'Healthy Country, Healthy People: An Indigenous Victorian Perspective'. Issues addressed: to consider whether contact with, and ability to manage traditional lands, could enhance the current poor health status of Indigenous Victorian people. Held at 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne from 1-2pm. Details: Necia Burford on (03) 9096 0413 or email necia.burford@dhs.vic.gov.au

14 February: TJ Hickey 4th anniversary rally. Stop all Black Deaths in Custody. Gathering at the fence line at 11am, corner of George and Phillip St, Waterloo and will march to the Block. Details: 0415 858 264 or 0403 037 376.

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. Details: (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.performancepace.com.au or www.boomalli.org.au

16 February: A Way of Seeing

Art Exhibition. Gallery Gondwana are excited to launch this season with a selection of truly imaginative and through provoking art work. Held at 7 Danks St, Waterloo, at 3pm. Details: (02) 8399 3492 am-5.30pm, or Tuesday by appointment.

17 February: Victorian College of Koorie Education Fundraising Dinner. All proceeds go towards the Victorian College of Koorie Education in Glenroy, a school dedicated to providing a culturally appropriate learning environment for Koorie students. Held at Brunswick Town Hall from 6pm onwards. Details: Lesley Walker on (0409) 266 777 or (03) 9380 8158 or email morelandtar@yahoo.com.au

18 February: Children's Rights in Australia Discussion. Join John Tobin and Muriel Bamblett as they discuss the plight of indigenous children in Australia and how we can do more to secure the rights of children and young people. Cost: \$10 members and \$20 non members it also includes lunch and beverages. Held at Tony Smith Lecture Theatre, Law Institute of Victoria, Melbourne from 1-2pm. Details: Laura Helm on (03) 9607 9381 or email ihelm@liv.asn.au or visit www.liv.asn.au/events/calendar

18-24 February: Short Film Screening - *Done Dirt Cheap*. Amos enlists two larrikin miners in 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

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 there skills with some of the best coaches in the business. The clinics are for boys and girls 8 to 16 years of age with all ability levels catered for. Held at Woodlawn College, Lismore from 9am-12noon. Cost \$65. Details: (02) 6618 0400.

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The Hand in Hand exhibition, at the Performance Space @ CarriageWorks in Surry Hills in Sydney from 16 February to 15 March, features culturally diverse artists challenging dominant views on sexuality within their communities.

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

and Stripped Back featuring John Butler, The Waifs and Clare Bowditch. Held at the Empire Theatre, Toowoomba. Details: 1300 655 299 or visit www.johnbutlertrio.com

13 February: Celebrate the Government Saying Sorry to the Stolen Generations. Join together to share our stories, celebrate a long-awaited apology - and enjoy a light lunch and entertainment. Held at Jagera Hall, Musgrave Park, South Brisbane from 11.30am-1.30pm. Details: Cherry on (07) 3844 9800 or email

Our best ready for Adelaide arts fest



'Fence sitters' (2007), a digital image by Destiny Deacon featured in the exhibition 'Clandestine'.



SOME of Australia's best-loved Indigenous artists will feature in the visual arts program of the 2008 Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts, to kick off later this month.

Destiny Deacon, Michael Riley and the Ngurrara artists of Western Australia's Kimberley region all get a guernsey in the festival, which attracts thousands of people from throughout Australia and overseas.

The event will run over three weeks from 29 February to 16 March.

Two predominant threads throughout the 2008 program are Light and Enlightenment. 'Light' through various visual arts projects including the Festival-curated Speed of Light exhibitions across several galleries; and Northern Lights, celebrating the entire North Terrace precinct as one of the great cultural boulevards of the world, complemented by events in every major venue along that historic strip.

And 'Enlightenment' through many of the works inspired by Eastern arts and spirituality.

From 29 February until 27 April, Tandanya – National Aboriginal Cultural Institute will present *Clandestine*, recent photographs by leading contemporary Australian Indigenous artist Destiny



'Angel', one of nine works from Michael Riley's 'cloud' (2000/2005) to be exhibited on Adelaide's North Terrace throughout the festival.

Deacon, and videoworks and installations by Deacon and Virginia Fraser.

At 5.30pm on Wednesday 5 March, just before the launch of the exhibition, Deacon will give an artist's talk.

Melbourne-based and of KuKu and Erub/Mer peoples, Deacon's career spans almost 20 years, exhibiting in as many countries globally, including solo shows and in major international biennials. Deacon's serial narratives draw widely from suburban culture, personal experience and mass media.

Internationally celebrated for her social, cultural and political commentary through satire and humour, she prods at issues of race, gender, norms and stereotypes and engages us to question our own positions.

Michael Riley's *cloud*, to be exhibited near the SA Museum on North Terrace throughout the festival, is one of the longest artworks ever created in Australia.

The montage of nine digital images is 52 metres long and represents a poetic meditation on past and present history.

The images depict objects including a feather, cow, Bible, angel wings, moth and boomerang suspended against brilliant blue skies, the context of the objects removed so they seem entirely surreal.

The piece investigates themes of Indigenous spirituality and attachment to country and was Riley's final photographic statement, created shortly before he passed away in 2004.

Brett Sheehy, Artistic Director of the 2008 Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts, said he was thrilled to have Riley's work included in the Festival program.

"Michael Riley is one of the most important Indigenous artists of the past two decades, so it's a great coup to be able to offer this exhibition to the public for free," Mr Sheehy said.

Throughout his career, Riley produced an impressive body of work, ranging from early black-and-white portraiture to film,



Ngurrara artists Rosie Goodjie and Spider Snell with the Ngurrara canvas (1996) at Lumpu Lumpu in the Kimberley region in May 2005.

video, and large-scale digital works. Riley's contemporary art has been widely acknowledged, with his *cloud* series awarded a grand prize at the 2004 Asian Art Biennale in Bangladesh.

Mr Sheehy said one of Riley's greatest attributes was his ability to create work that was relevant to society long after its creation.

"Riley's work was avant garde for his time and continues to carry meaning for us today," Brett said.

"Visual arts enthusiasts, budding photographers and passers-by are encouraged to take up the opportunity to view this breathtaking exhibition that

beautifully draws a bridge between photojournalism and contemporary art," he said.

The SA Museum will exhibit the *Ngurrara: The Great Sandy Desert Canvas* in its ETSA Utilities Gallery from 16 February until 16 March.

The new exhibition is built around the largest, most spectacular Western Desert painting in existence.

Painted by senior traditional owners of the Great Sandy Desert of north Western Australia, the *Ngurrara* canvas is breathtaking, measuring ten metres by eight metres and realising the collaborative effort of more than 50 artists.

The canvas was created during the development of the Ngurrara Native Title Claim and was presented to the National Native Title Tribunal in 1997.

In the words of interpreter and daughter of two of the artists, Gail Smiler: "Standing on and moving around the painting gives you the feeling that the country is nearby, as easy as putting your foot on the other side of the sandhill."

Curators Philip Jones, Senior Curator in Anthropology at the SA Museum, Anthropologist Daniel Vachon and Consultant Curator Karen Dayman have developed an exhibition that is centred on the canvas and draws on a combination of historic and contemporary material to tell the stories of the artists and their forebears.

"The *Ngurrara* canvas is exhibited with a selection of artefacts, crayon drawings and maps of the Great Sandy Desert country made by some of the painters, their countrymen and family members during a 1952 anthropological expedition," Dr Jones said. "This material is paired with paintings and film material made during the painters' more recent visits to their ancestral land."

For full details of the 2008 Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts, go to www.adelaidefestival.com.au

Indigenous works a highlight of Sydney Festival



THERE were five strong Indigenous works at this year's Sydney Festival, which wrapped up last month.

The Indigenous works included Ngapartji Ngapartji (Big hArt), Murundak (The Black Arm Band), Kin (Stephen Page), *Cannot Buy*

My Soul (celebrating the work of Kev Carmody), and Klub Koori at Beck's Festival Bar.

Sydney Councillor Marcelle Hoff, who is also on the festival board, told *The Koori Mail* it had been fantastic to have so many Indigenous works included in the festival.

She said she hoped there

would be even more Indigenous shows at next year's event.

"It was wonderful and we hope we can continue to have the same number of Indigenous acts for next year's festival," Cr Hoff said.

"The Indigenous performances for me were definitely a highlight."

NSW Arts Minister Frank Sartor congratulated Festival Director

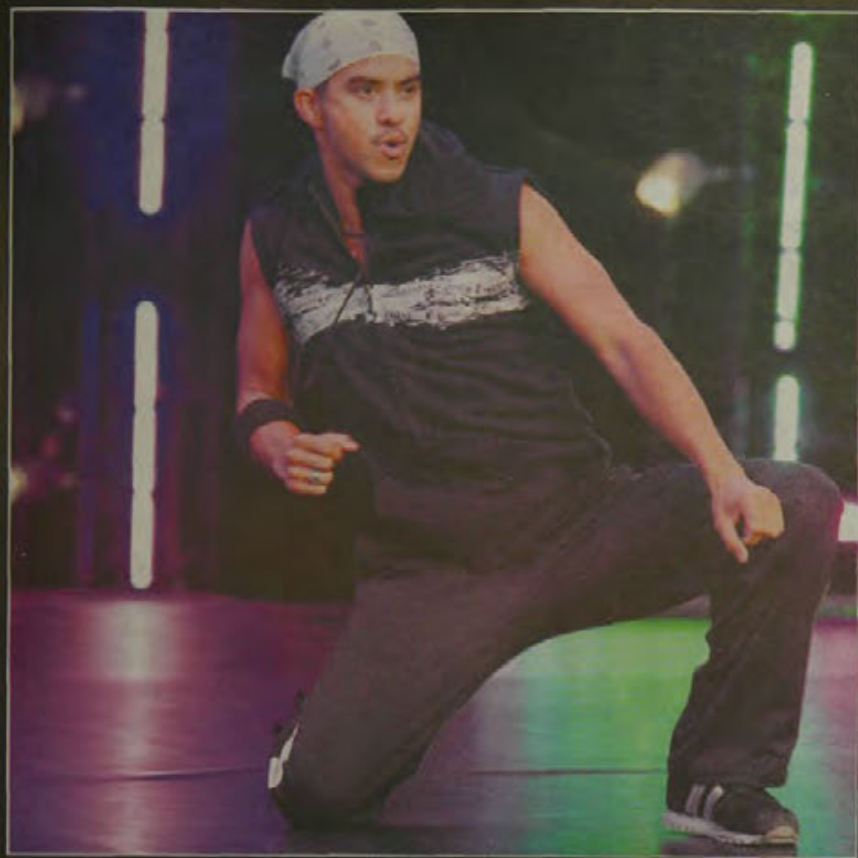
Fergus Linehan, General Manager Josephine Ridge, organisers, performers and staff on the success of the 2008 event.

"This year the Sydney Festival attracted stronger interest than ever before – now it's truly a 'Grand Slam' event for Sydney," the Minister said.

The 2008 Festival featured 103

events with more than 317 performances over 22 days at 23 venues around Sydney and Parramatta.

The program included seven world premieres and more than 1000 artists, including 343 international artists from 19 countries. About one million people attended festival events.



Sermah Bin Saad impressed the judges.

We know we can dance

WE already know that Indigenous Australians can dance, but the rest of Australia does too now after five dance hopefuls secured a place in the top 100 of the new TV show 'So you think you can dance'.

At least four Aboriginal people and one Torres Strait Islander made it into the top 100 of the dance competition, which has attracted huge ratings.

They were Sermah Bin Saad, Nikki Ashby, Jaymen Drahm, Bert Anderson, and Ella Havelka.

At the time *The Koori Mail* went to print, it was not known who made it into the Top 20.



Nikki Ashby struts her stuff.

Inspiring story

Fight for Liberty and Freedom: The Origins of Australian Aboriginal Activism

By John Maynard
Published by Aboriginal Studies Press
RRP \$39.95
ISBN 978 0 85575 550 8

"We aim at the spiritual, political, industrial and social. We want to work out our own destiny. Our people have not had the courage to stand together in the past, but now we are united, and are determined to work for the preservation for all of those interests, which are near and dear to us." Fred Maynard 1925.

Fight for Liberty and Freedom is the inspiring story of an Aboriginal visionary and the birth of Aboriginal activism.

Contrary to belief, the Aboriginal political movement was not born with the Mabo decision, or the Native Title Act, nor even the Freedom Rides or the Tent Embassy - all historic in their own right.

In fact, Aboriginal politics was largely mobilised in the 1920s by an Aboriginal man from Newcastle (NSW), Fredrick Maynard.

In *Fight for Liberty and Freedom*, author John Maynard reveals the largely forgotten story of his grandfather Fredrick Maynard, who began the first politically organised and united all-Aboriginal activist group, the Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association (AAPA) in 1924.

The AAPA opened offices in Sydney, held street rallies, conducted public meetings, gained newspaper coverage, and wrote letters and petitions to Government at all levels. The AAPA also had links with the international black movement, led by

controversial African-American leader Marcus Garvey.

At a time when Aboriginal people were portrayed as uneducated Stone Age people who were rapidly dying out, the AAPA's demands showed that they were a force to be reckoned with. Their demands included stopping the taking of Aboriginal children from their families, citizenship rights, and defending and promoting Aboriginal cultural identity; issues which still resonate today.

In *Fight for Liberty and Freedom*, academic and Fred Maynard's grandson John Maynard gives a detailed history of the beginnings of Aboriginal activism in Australia. In doing so, he reveals the AAPA's invaluable legacy today.

"This book makes a huge contribution to Aboriginal social and political history," said Charles Darwin University's Professor Wendy Brady.

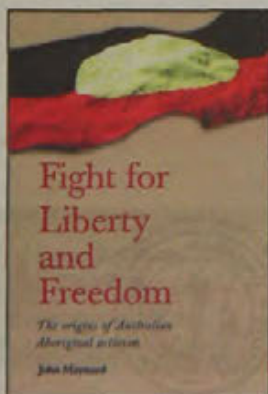
"The author's personal connection with the political figure, Fred Maynard, makes it even more invaluable. It is both a history of an organisation as well as those who worked to effect change."

Burnum Burnum said the AAPA's champions were Aboriginal pioneer activists who later become political role models.

"They embodied a sense of human dignity and an indomitable strength of spirit, which were such an essential part of my inheritance," he said.

John Maynard is Professorial Chair and Head of the Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies at the University of Newcastle. His traditional roots lie with the Worimi people of Port Stephens NSW. He has authored four books including *Aboriginal Stars*

of the Turf. In 2003, Maynard received the NSW History Council NSW Premier's Indigenous History Fellowship and an Australian Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship in relation to his work on the 1920s Aboriginal political movement.



Koori Mail book café
What's on the menu?
Here are some of the latest books that have come across our desks at *The Koori Mail*. Some of them are written, illustrated or published by

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and publishers. Others are about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, cultures and history but come from non-Indigenous writers or mainstream publishers. *The Koori Mail* features information about both, in the interests of promoting greater awareness and understanding about our people. While we publish book reviews from time to time, the information shown here draws upon material provided by publishers and should not be taken to be *The Koori Mail's* opinion.

First novel

The Con
By Jesse Pentecost
Published by ABC Books
RRP \$24.95 (paperback)
ISBN 978 0 733 32000 2

ABC Books has introduced a new voice in Australian fiction with the publication of *The Con* by Jesse Pentecost, an Indigenous Australian.

The Con was one of three novels highly commended for the 2006 ABC Fiction Award, from 900 entries.

It is billed as a witty and entertaining coming-of-age story that tackles the meaning of life, love, sex and classical music.

Derek Gunderson is in the final year of a degree at a conservatorium of music. He is a fine pianist, seemingly on course for a successful musical career. But when an important performance unfolds disastrously, Derek's secure life begins to unravel. Crushed by the awareness of all the things he no longer knows, Derek is forced to rebuild his character, to reconcile his relationships and overcome his growing disillusionment with music.

Full of humour and honesty, *The Con* is a scalpel-sharp examination of the promises and betrayals of creativity, and of the people and choices that make us who we are.

Jesse Pentecost was born in Gladstone, Queensland. His childhood was divided neatly between tropical Far North Queensland and Canberra.

Jesse graduated from the Canberra School of Music in 1998, majoring in piano performance. He performed regularly in Canberra and Sydney in a variety of roles, and with a number of different ensembles.

He gained a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (English Lit.) from Melbourne University in 2002. After this he undertook Masters, and was the recipient of an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Jesse has had several academic articles published, as well as a number of reviews. Jesse is keenly interested in politics, having worked extensively as a political analyst. He also enjoys travel, film and tennis. He lives with his partner and daughter in Melbourne. *The Con* is his first novel.





Platypus Theatre Company members and friends posing for the FARA campaign in front of Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin.
Photo by Jörg Metzner

Burrrup battle goes German

By KEN BOASE

A PLAY about the protection of ancient rock art on the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia, as well other issues around colonisation, has been produced by an English-speaking theatre in Berlin, Germany.

The play, *Dream Beach*, was written by Australian ex-pat Peter Scollin, originally from Adelaide, who learned about the Friends of Australian Rock Art (FARA) campaign to protect the rock art from further industrial development.

Mr Scollin, who wrote the play, said the Platypus Theatre Company in Berlin produced plays in English for schoolchildren who studied Australian history as part of their school curriculum, and the FARA

campaign gave him the idea for the script. "We perform in theatres here in Berlin and the schools come to us in theatres that we rent out and part of our target audiences are 14-16-year-olds and in the 9th class at school they study Australia as a subject," Mr Scollin said.

The play has three characters, Daisy, an Aboriginal woman, Kylie, who works at a nearby gas-treatment plant, and John, a British tourist, who meet on a remote beach in north-west Australia, and when they find a human skull, it brings to the surface a lot of issues around colonisation.

theatre members found out about FARA's Standup campaign, they decided to conduct their own Standup outside the famous Checkpoint Charlie, the former crossing point between East and West Germany.

"I live quite near Checkpoint Charlie, about 300 metres away, and it's a very well-known historical site and every day there are hundreds of overseas tourists visiting there so we thought it would be a good place to take the photo," Mr Scollin said. "So we had a party for our theatre group and another reason we chose Checkpoint

Charlie is that it's very well lit and that was important for the photo."

Mr Scollin said there were plans to tour the play and he would like to bring it to Australia if the theatre company could find assistance or sponsorship to do so.



'We perform in theatres here in Berlin and we stumbled across this thing with the Burrup and I thought it was a perfect because it brought together all these different aspects which the play talks about' - Playwright Peter Scollin

"We stumbled across this thing with the Burrup and I thought it was a perfect situation to set the play because it brought together all these different aspects which the play talks about."

Mr Scollin said the play had proved very popular with German schoolchildren, who had shown a high level of interest in Australian history and politics, and seem fascinated with Indigenous history. He said that once the rest of the

Grants scope widens

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



THE 2008 round of The JB Seed Arts Grants Program is now open and this year includes more opportunities for Indigenous artists.

Indigenous musicians and artists can apply to three general categories as well as a new one especially designed for them – Indigenous Recording.

For 2008, the categories for funding and support by The JB Seed are:

- Indigenous recording (one opportunity available)
- Professional and skills development (grants of up to \$3000)
- Social activism through the arts (grants of up to \$5000)
- Management workshop initiative (up to 25 opportunities available).

Last year, the Indigenous category was limited to hip-hop artists only, but this year it provide the opportunity for an Indigenous musical performer or act in any genre, with original material, to record a five-track EP.

The winner will collaborate with Buchman (AKA Tony Buchen) to produce, arrange, record, mix and master their music in his studio in Sydney.

The JB Seed will provide and arrange transport, accommodation, and living expenses whilst recording, and provide a budget for artwork and to manufacture 1000 copies of your EP.

The JB Seed is an arts grants program that was started by musician John Butler and funded with the help of other artists and business partners.

John Butler told *The Koori Mail* that those behind the program were deeply inspired by the culture of Indigenous Australia.

"We believe it is something that needs to be celebrated, promoted and supported and if we can help do that, great," Butler said.

"Some of the Indigenous reggae and country artists in this country are absolutely awesome."

"The grant was set up to be a helping hand on an artist's journey towards self-sustainability. If we can help artists achieve goals that allow them to take that next important step then I feel we have made a difference."

"This grant provides \$25,000 to record an album or EP with producer 'Buchman' (AKA Tony Buchen) who is very experienced in all aspects of recording and music styles."

"After the recording is finished, we then get it mastered and duplicated (1000 copies). Hopefully, it can be that helping hand that makes it possible for an act to take that next step."

"As usual with artists recordings, we're looking for something original, unique and real. Something inspirational with a history of a hard work ethic."

"We're really proud of our work with the Indigenous community through The Seed fund."

Butler's commitment to

John Butler: "... I felt outcast and when I finally made friends with the Indigenous crew in Pinjarra, where I grew up, I somehow felt like I'd found a mob who I could relate to."



Indigenous causes was also evident in the release of his solo album last month. One dollar from every sale of *One Small Step* will go to the Close the Gap campaign.

Butler told *The Koori Mail* he felt from a very young age that Australia and America, 'countries of my blood', were founded on injustice and bloodshed.

"It disturbed me profoundly and in some way made me very interested to find out more about Indigenous nations around the world," he said.

"I guess experiencing some pretty heavy xenophobia because of my American accent and background, I felt outcast and when I finally made friends with the Indigenous crew in Pinjarra, where I grew up, I somehow felt like I'd found a mob who I could relate to."

"I had many a good story told to me and went out shooting roo and watched my brothers dance at fairs and stuff. In many ways it was a dream come true to experience that culture."

"Through my time with the Nyoongar people, I got to see first-hand the ingrained systematic racism in town and it made me sick to see such backward behaviour still existing in what was then the 20th century."

"I still see the inequality and the double standards in this nation taking place, particularly in relation to health care. It is the richest time in colonised Australian history and the fact that Indigenous Australians have a lower life expectancy than those living in third world countries like Bangladesh is a complete shame job."

"Our Indigenous brothers and sisters, on average, are dying 17 years before non-Indigenous Australians and that is just not on."

He said that people were fooling themselves if they thought that 'this country is one of a fair go', and that was why he was participating in the Close the Gap campaign.

● Applications close for the JB Seed 2008 grants 17 March 2008. For more details and applications contact Stacia Goninon by email at grants@thejbseed.com or visit www.thejbseed.com.

Applicants for the Indigenous recording category will need to provide a sample of their music on CD, a brief biography of the performers involved and a vision of what you hope to achieve by recording this EP.

Jabiru boy wins national prize



JABIRU youngster Jimmy (Dwayne) Dakglawuy has taken out first prize in a national art competition.

The Top End teen's entry was judged best in the

Australian Children's Senior Art Award, which was part of the WetlandCare National Art Competition 2008, announced for World Wetlands Day on February 2.

WetlandCare Australia Merit Awards were also presented to Kamahl Hunter and Mark (Junior) Djandjomerr.

The three artworks were completed as part of school holiday activities run by Kakadu National Park and Jabiru Local Community Partnership to celebrate World Wetlands Day.

Local artist Ivan Namanyilk gave his time to teach youngsters to paint with ochres so they could submit entries in the national competition.

Competition Co-ordinator Liz Hajenko said the number of entries showed a depth of interest in wetlands from people of all ages.

Judges said the standard of entries was excellent, and commented on how many portrayed issues relevant to this year's World Wetlands Day theme of 'healthy wetlands, healthy people'.

Ms Hajenko added that the competition was very competitive, and it was a credit to all award winners that their works were selected by judges.



● LEFT: Jimmy (Dwayne) Dakglawuy (bottom) and Kamahl Hunter (top) painting on country.

● BELOW: Dwayne Dakglawuy with his national award certificate. The Jabiru youngster's entry was judged best in the Australian Children's Senior Art Award, which was part of the WetlandCare National Art Competition 2008.



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A Promoted Walking Trail through Indigenous Fitzroy



Dreamtime weavers

INTERWOVEN, an exhibition surveying the warp and weft of contemporary weaving from across Indigenous Australia, opens today (13 February) in Perth. It features the works of celebrated artists from central and northern Australia and the eastern seaboard and represents the great depth and diversity of a contemporary weaving practice.

Victorian artist Lorraine Connelly-Northey will launch the exhibition with a talk at 115 Hay Street, Subiaco, at 6pm.

Interwoven is in essence a snapshot that surveys the diverse range of respected and award-winning fibre artists working across Australia, including Lorraine Connelly-Northey from Victoria; Arnhem Land artists Robyn Djunginy, Lena Yarinkura, Lorna Jin-gubarrangunya, Bonny Burarr-garra, Ruth Namalkarra, Margaret Rarru, Garabaladi Nabegoyo, Louise Nganjimirra and Djibugula Dhyagunga; Niningka Lewis from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia; and Pilbara weaver Nancy Taylor. Many are currently featured in major exhibitions and awards nationally.

Works by Niningka Lewis and Robyn Djunginy, for example, are represented in the major exhibition *ReCoil: Change and Exchange in Coiled Fibre Art*, currently on display at Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs, while Garabaladi Nabegoyo, Louise Nganjimirra and Djibugula Dhyagunga were included in Museum Victoria's landmark exhibition of Western Arnhem Land weaving *Twined Together: Kunmadj Njalehnjaleken*, which has been touring nationally since 2006.

The development of Indigenous weaving in Australia has seen a constant process of cultural exchange, with Western forms and techniques, including coiling, being incorporated into an already rich vernacular. Earlier recognition of the growing importance of weaving in remote Indigenous communities had been recognised with

Pictured: Some of the woven items that feature in the *Interwoven* exhibition, opening today in Perth.

Lena Yarinkura's wins in the Wandjuk Marika Three-Dimensional Memorial Prize at the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award in 1994 and 1997.

Yarinkura, a Rembarrnga woman, is based outside the central Arnhem Land community of Maningrida, and has been one of the key artists in developing the now-flourishing school of Maningrida fibre sculpture. Creating woven spirit figures and animals such as pigs and camp dogs from pandanus fibre, they are stuffed with paperbark and painted with ochre pigment. Her sculptures have been acquired by major public collections across Australia.

Robyn Djunginy's work, particularly her signature bottle-shaped coiled weavings, is similarly represented in most major public collections in Australia, including the National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria, Museum of Contemporary Art and Queensland Art Gallery.

Expanded

As a weaving industry expanded in the north, developments gradually trickled south into the desert. The ready availability of introduced materials such as wool, alongside locally sourced materials, created the possibility of fully-fledged weaving communities emerging in the desert, rapidly spreading across central Australia.

The culmination and recognition of these developments was marked with the success of the Blackstone Tjanpi Weavers winning the Telstra NATSIAA in 2005 with their Tjanpi Grass Toyota, a recognition of the mobility and interconnectedness of woven forms.

One of the reasons for the outpouring

of innovative creative expression in APY Lands communities has been the lack of a developed weaving tradition, according to adviser Thisbe Purich. This has allowed for an experimental and playful approach to the medium, of which Niningka Lewis has been one of the most innovative and dynamic artists.

Lorraine Connelly-Northey's artworks are influenced by her mixed cultural heritage. Of Wiradjuri and Irish descent, she was born in 1962 in Swan Hill, north-west Victoria. She works with found materials – rusted wire mesh, galvanised iron, chicken wire and fencing wire, as well as feathers, shells and other organic objects. Using her knowledge of Aboriginal weaving, she transforms these discarded materials into elegant forms that suggest traditional material cultural objects, such as coolamons, string bags, dilly bags, fish traps and possum skin cloaks.

Connelly-Northey's sculptures resonate with a history lived in co-existence with colonial society, as she explores the footprint that industrial society has left on the traditional Indigenous landscape and way of life.

An invited artist for the 2008 Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art, at the Art Gallery of South Australia, Connelly-Northey's work has been widely exhibited in solo and group exhibitions, including at the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne Museum, Object Gallery and Koorie Heritage Trust.

Interwoven is Connelly-Northey's third exhibition with Mossenson Galleries, following acclaimed exhibitions in 2006 and 2007 in Perth and Melbourne.

The exhibition will run from today until Saturday 8 March. For further information, contact (08) 9388 2899 or visit art@mossensongalleries.com.au.

The exhibition is presented by Indigenart, The Mossenson Galleries Subiaco in conjunction with Bula'bula Arts, Ernabella Arts, Injalak Art and Craft, Maningrida Arts and Culture and Milingimbi Art and Culture.



Phillip fired up to be a tradesman



FOURTH-YEAR Torres Strait plumbing apprentice Phillip Bann-Pearson is closer to becoming a fully qualified tradesman after completing the final TAFE component of his apprenticeship.

He plans to use his specialised skills to forge a career in the industry and to help others in his small community of Yam Island.

Mr Bann-Pearson, who is a father of six and a former full-time crayfish diver and fisherman, started his apprenticeship in 2004. He said the change of career came at an opportune moment.

"I was always pretty good with my hands and the opportunity came up to undertake an apprenticeship, so I grabbed it," Mr Bann-Pearson said.

"I made a promise to complete the course and I'm so glad I did."

Mr Bann-Pearson's apprenticeship training included attendance at Cairns TAFE for five to six weeks a year to learn theory and the application of new skills.

"The TAFE part of the apprenticeship is great," he said.

"Although I had to travel almost 1000km away from my family, I made some great friends and the encouragement and support I received from my teachers just made me want to come back."

TAFE plumbing teacher Kyle Payne congratulated his student on completing the TAFE component, and said he was now reaping the rewards from three years of



Phillip Bann-Pearson on the job ... "Everyone should do an apprenticeship. You learn skills for life and a little bit about yourself along the way."

hard work and studies.

"Phillip is a very studious apprentice," Mr Payne said.

"His work ethic is outstanding and he has done both his community and himself a real favour by getting through this training. He's a great role model."

Mr Bann-Pearson said he was looking forward to becoming a tradesman and expanding his skills, but in the meantime he would

continue to promote the benefits of undertaking an apprenticeship.

"Everyone should do an apprenticeship," he said.

"You learn skills for life and a little bit about yourself along the way."

"Once I'm a tradesman, I would really like to gain experience on high-rise construction sites, but I'm happy where I am at the moment."

Education the target of course



THE Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education this year is offering a new Graduate Certificate of Indigenous

Education course aimed at Indigenous and non-Indigenous education professionals who are working or want to work in remote Aboriginal communities.

The post-graduate course is being offered externally online on a fee-paying basis and is open to all government and non-government agency workers who want to improve the effectiveness of their work in a cross-cultural environment.

Batchelor Institute School of Education Head Professor Joe Fraser said the course was designed to help professionals better understand the social and cultural contexts of the people they

were working with so that programs and delivery methods could be adapted for more effective results.

"Working in remote communities requires a fresh approach that includes learning how to more effectively engage Indigenous people by utilising their existing cultural networks and knowledge systems so that the information delivery is more relevant," Professor Fraser said.

"This course has been specifically designed to prepare

professionals for the challenges they will encounter when out in remote communities and give them the skills and knowledge to be better informed and how to adapt programs and courses to suit the individual community groups they are dealing with.

"The course is relevant to a wide range of professionals, including teachers, health workers, police, Federal and NT Government agency representatives, non-government organisations and researchers who have messages to deliver as diverse as diabetes awareness and

road safety to changes in welfare payments and legal issues."

The Graduate Certificate of Indigenous Education course consists of four discrete compulsory 10 credit point units. These include social and political contexts of communities; Engaging

Indigenous learners; The professional environment and Communicating in a cross-cultural environment. Once enrolled, students can complete the units in any order and within a specific timeframe the suits them. Each unit will cost \$1300.

● For information and enrolment details about the new course, contact Post Graduate Co-ordinator Dr Sharon Chirgwin on free-call 1800 677 095 or email sharon.chirgwin@batchelor.edu.au

'This course has been designed to prepare professionals for the challenges they will encounter when out in remote communities'

\$5000 awards for young achievers



NOMINATIONS close at the end of this month for the Ricci Marks Aboriginal Young Achiever Awards. The awards, supported by the Victorian Government, recognise individual achievements and aspirations for further development in training, education, arts, culture and community leadership. They encourage, nurture and support educational and career development opportunities for young Indigenous Victorians.

The awards honour the memory of Ricci Marks, who, in his short life, made an outstanding contribution to his community in the cultural and sporting fields. Ricci, who won the 2002 Aboriginal Young Achiever Award, exemplified the strength of young Indigenous Victorians.

The awards feature a \$5000 bursary to two young Indigenous people who are role models in their community and have demonstrated leadership and initiative.

For more details contact Melanie Abrams at Aboriginal Affairs Victoria on (03) 9208 3240 or at melanie.abrams@pdcd.vic.gov.au

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Program will promote film



**Kanyini Director
Melanie Hogan**

A film by Melanie Hogan

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DIRECTOR
Melanie Hogan
and central
Australian Elder
Uncle Bob
Randall are

moving closer to the dream of getting their film *Kanyini* into as many schools as possible, thanks to a special program they have developed.

Called Yarnup, the program promotes the film and creates a support structure to ensure Australian students not only hear both sides of history, but also have the opportunity to form

friendships with their local Indigenous people.

Kanyini is a story told by Uncle Bob, who lives beside the greatest monolith in the world, Uluru, in central Australia. Based on his own journey and the wisdom he learned from the old people living in the bush, Uncle Bob tells why Indigenous people are now struggling in a modern world and what needs to be done for Indigenous people to move forward.

So far, more than 1500 Australian schools have *Kanyini* on their school library shelves.

The Yarnup program aims to use the film as a starting point to kick start a relationship between the school and the local Indigenous community. The students are encouraged to run their own film screening and invite the local Indigenous community to the event.

Both sides

"We see this film screening as an action that says to the Koori people we, as a group of young Australians, want to listen and learn from our Indigenous brothers and sisters. We know

both sides of history and wish to move forward together," says Melanie Hogan, the Director of the film and the Yarnup program.

Once the students know who their local Indigenous Elders are, they are then encouraged to spend a day with them to learn more about their local area and the local Indigenous culture.

Ms Hogan and Uncle Bob say they are very excited that they have secured the financial support to undertake what will be a pilot initiative.

"We need to develop strong

relationships with the students and the local Indigenous people for the program to be a success," Ms Hogan said.

"That's why we've created two support roles within the Yarnup Operating Team – a support person for the students and a support person for the Indigenous people.

"This, we hope, will ensure sustainability of the program."

The pilot involves 30 schools in NSW and runs until the end of June.

For more details, see the website www.kanyini.com

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25 set to graduate from uni conversion course



TWENTY-FIVE
Indigenous
students, forming
the largest class to
date, will graduate
on 19 February
from Curtin

University of Technology's
Bachelor of Education
Conversion Course (BECC)
offered by the Centre for
Aboriginal Studies.

All students had been working as Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers (AIEOs) statewide and have converted this qualification to a Bachelor of Education after studying for two years full-time at Curtin.

Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) head Associate Professor Anita Lee Hong is proud that such a large number of students will be graduating from the BECC program, and that they will be able to make an immediate

impact in the industry. "The majority of the graduating students will step into full-time teaching roles, with a large number being placed at regional or remote schools," she said.

Students going to regional or remote areas will play an important role in helping to ease the teacher shortage that is being faced for the start of the school year, especially in areas of WA that are not popular placements.

"It is wonderful that there will be such a large number of Indigenous teachers going into the workforce and having the opportunity to teach their own people," Associate Professor Lee Hong said.

The graduating students worked full-time as AIEOs while completing their degrees and travelled to Perth twice a year to complete units as part of a block

release. Students spent four weeks each semester at CAS in Perth completing core units which contributed to their final degree.

"A large number of students have families and other responsibilities, but managed to fit in study around this which is a credit to both the students and the support they have received from their families," Associate Professor Lee Hong said.

"Many of the students are the first people in their families to have graduated from university. Hopefully, this will encourage other Indigenous people to undertake teaching degrees."

● The Centre for Aboriginal Studies starts the application process for the BECC program at the beginning of each year. Interested students should contact CAS on (08) 9266 7091 or cas.enquiries@curtin.edu.au

CASM out and about

Donation helping students to gain experience



INDIGENOUS music students at the University of Adelaide are getting real-life experiences with people in rural and remote South

Australia. In 2006, the university's Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) was given a substantial donation from Adelaide-based arts benefactor Maureen Ritchie. This has allowed CASM, part of the university's Centre for Australian Indigenous Research and Studies, to expand its support for music education in the broader Indigenous community and particularly in more rural and remote areas of South Australia.

Last year, CASM students and staff presented music and dance workshops and performances for young people in the AP Lands, in the SA far north, during their CASM field studies trip.

As a formal part of their university studies, students participated in nightly inma (corroboree) classes at Fregon, learning traditional songs and dances, and also delivered workshops and music performances, and live-to-air radio performances with radio station 5NPY.

CASM Torres Strait Islander Studies lecturer and workshop leader Eddie Peters said learning in real-life situations was important for students.

"Working together alongside staff as part of a team helps students develop their self-confidence as performers and teachers, and teaches them



CASM TSI Studies Lecturer Eddie Peters conducting a workshop at Fregon Anangu School in South Australia's north.

professional skills and knowledge that they can then put into practice themselves after they have completed their studies," he said.

"One of our past students, Micah Wenitong, has, for example, gone on to organise and conduct an extensive series of workshop and recording projects for youth across the State. Some of these

Futures Project 'Community Harmony Through Music', a school-based partnership program between the community and parents, which works with Indigenous students to develop their musical interests and talents. In doing so, it supports them to continue with their education.

Port Lincoln High School Culture and Equity Assistant Principal Deb Marks and Project Manager Kristen Lawler see the growing partnership with CASM as being very valuable for their students, exposing them to a range of music and traditions from around Australia, assisting them to remain motivated to complete their SACE studies and then continue on to further education, as well as providing them with direct pathways to higher education.

A highlight of the year for students was their trip to Adelaide to perform alongside CASM students and staff in the annual end-of-year CASM Showcase.

'Working together alongside staff as part of a team helps students to develop their self-confidence as performers and teachers'

projects have had a direct health and well-being focus which is just great. This is where we feel education can really make a big difference."

Last year, CASM formed a partnership with Port Lincoln High School through its Creating



Port Lincoln High School students Ricky Pascoe, left, and Troy Porta with CASM Co-ordinator Policy and External Relations Jardine Kiwat outside the CASM Studios in Adelaide.



Students and staff from Port Lincoln High School and CASM staff at the CASM Showcase, from left Emma Smith, Jerome Ahkit Burgoyne, school staffer Craig Kelson, CASM Lecturer Anthony Pak Poy, CASM Anangu Lecturer Witjiti George, Troy Porta, Keenan Smith, Stacey Blurton, Sataesha Lawrie-Miller, Josie Blurton, CASM Lecturer Grayson Rotumah and Ricky Pascoe.



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Applications close on Friday 11 April 2008.

Further information may be obtained from:

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How bright are they?



WESTERN
Australia's top
two Aboriginal
Year 12 public
school
students have
each received

\$5000 to further their
education and training.

Aurora Milroy, of John
Curtin College of the Arts,
and Cherre Okley, of
Hampton Senior High
School, were named as the
winners of the 2007 Rob
Riley Memorial Prizes, which
are awarded annually to the
leading public school
Aboriginal Year 12 TEE
student and the leading
Aboriginal Year 12 VET in
Schools student.

WA Education Minister
Mark McGowan said
17-year-old Aurora, from
South Fremantle, won the
top Aboriginal TEE student
award after achieving a
score of 99.35.

"The score earned her a
place in the exclusive '99'
club for achieving an overall
TER score of 99-plus, and
puts her in the top one per
cent of students in WA – an
outstanding result," he said.

Aurora was awarded a
Curriculum Council
Certificate of Excellence,
given to students who earn
at least 10 'A's' or more in the last two years
of their secondary education and also won a
Certificate of Distinction in Drama
Studies.

She was Dux of her school and won
subject awards for calculus and English
literature.



Cherre Okley, left, and Aurora Milroy with WA Department of Education and Training Director-General Sharyn O'Neill and WA Minister for Education and Training Mark McGowan.

Despite these outstanding results,
Aurora said it was still a surprise to win.

"I knew about the Rob Riley prize
because my cousin Rebecca Hutchens won
it last year, but because it takes a while
before you are informed of the result, I
wasn't sure if I had done well enough,"

she said.

"It was a good goal to achieve, although
you don't ever really expect that you will
win."

Aurora plans to study an arts/law degree
at the University of WA this year, after which
she is considering possible careers in

politics, creative writing or
education.

Lockridge student
Cherre Okley won the
Rob Riley Memorial Prize
for the leading Aboriginal
Year 12 VET in Schools
student.

The 18-year-old chose
to do a vocational
education and training
course after deciding the
TEE wasn't for her.

"VET was a more
realistic and practical
pathway for me, and it
was fun," she said.

Cherre spent two days
a week working at the
Midland School for Early
Childhood Development
and attended Hampton
Senior High School for
the remaining three days.

She attained her
Certificate II in
Community Studies,
which has inspired her
ambition to study
psychology and social
sciences at university.

The Rob Riley
Memorial Prize was
introduced by the
Department of Education
and Training in 2006 to
promote excellence in
Aboriginal education by
rewarding outstanding
Aboriginal students for

their achievements and contributing to their
further education and training.

The prizes honour the legacy of
Aboriginal activist Rob Riley, who made an
outstanding contribution to WA and the
broader Australian community through his
advocacy of human rights issues.

A taste of science for northern students



INDIGENOUS kids from
northern New South
Wales were a part of
the 2008 annual
Siemens Science

Experience, which bubbled into action
at Macquarie University last month.

The event, held from 16-18 January,
saw more than 80 students make the
most of their holidays by delving into
the world of science, engineering and
technology.

It gave students entering Year 10
the chance to put science under the
microscope.

The Siemens Science Experience is
a national program that offers students
an insight into tertiary studies in
science, engineering and technology,
as well as informing them on the wide
range of careers available to science
graduates.

It is one of a number of initiatives
Macquarie University supports, which is
seeking to address the decline in
upcoming science innovators.

"A shift away from science,
engineering and technology study by
high school and tertiary students has
been building for some time, both
nationally and internationally," said
Rachel Rizk, Science and Technology

Liaison Officer at Macquarie University.

"Macquarie University is playing a
role in addressing this trend by giving
young people the opportunity to rub
shoulders with, and learn from, some of
the brightest scientific minds in
Australia."

During the three-day event, students
participated in a veritable scientific
smorgasbord of hands-on activities.

It included making dry ice fountains,
slime, and elephant toothpaste with
Macquarie chemists; examining the
eyes and ears, testing reflexes and
cranial nerves, feeling pulses and
measuring blood pressure with
anatomy lecturers; investigating the
psychology of visual perception with an
examination of how 3D and magic eye
pictures work; exploring the world of
spiders with Macquarie biologists;
investigating the make-up of ancient
Roman coins; and designing wiring
systems with engineers.

In addition to the laboratory
activities, students also attended
entertaining and informative lectures on
topics such as how a hot, dry continent
can power the future; engineering into
the 21st century; mythbusting
microbes; bush medicines and
dolphins.



Samantha Lambeth and Kristy
Freeburn, from Casino, making a
dry ice fountain.



The group on a cultural excursion to Clark Island, in
Sydney Harbour.



Amanda Rosier, Arlene McInherny and Akazee
Whaleboat, who are trainers at Macquarie University.



Jordan Walker, from Maclean,
with a stick insect.

Jimmy takes kidney message to Woodford



TRAUMA suffered by Aboriginal Elders in rural and remote communities who have to leave

their homelands for treatment of kidney failure may soon become a memory to many.

Acclaimed Australian artist Jimmy Little brought the stories of Aborigines in central Australia to South-east Queensland while performing at the Woodford Folk Festival over the Christmas period.

Promoting the Jimmy Little Foundation (JLF), he told of the trauma suffered by Elders of many remote communities not only because of illness, but also through having to relocate vast distances from their homeland to receive life-saving treatment.

The Jimmy Little Foundation raises funds and awareness about kidney disease, which affects large numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people around Australia

each year.

It provides the means for people on dialysis to travel back to country for up to three days between dialysis sessions, alleviating much of the personal trauma of being away from home between treatments.

The Return To Country program gives patients and carers a chance to make short visits home to their remote communities providing a sense of hope for the future.

It kicked off in the Northern Territory, where those suffering kidney failure have to receive dialysis have to move far from their sacred country for health management.

"A lot of our Elders in central Australia have to relocate to Alice Springs, Darwin or Tennant Creek where they can get the four-to-five hours of dialysis they need three times a week to manage their disease," Jimmy Little said between performing songs at the Murri Stage at Woodford.



Jimmy Little

"This is a huge loss to communities that lose their Elders and the stories of dreaming and culture these Elders pass on.

"We are working to let these important community members go home between treatments so they remain active participants in their communities."

With a small band of

dedicated board members running the foundation, Jimmy is raising the profile not only of the huge human toll of kidney disease on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, but also other diseases and the need for healthy lifestyles.

Jimmy described the relief many felt when they returned home, sometimes for the first

time in years, and asked the audience to multiply that many times over to understand how hard it was for many Aborigines who had to travel more than 500 kilometres away from their homeland to receive the gruelling but necessary treatment.

"People can assist the foundation in a real and tangible way with donations," said the foundation's manager, Mr Bidstrup. "So help us make it easier for thousands around Australia."

The JLF is planning to launch a branded range of healthy as a preventative solution to the epidemic of kidney disease which afflicts Indigenous communities up to 50 times more than non-Indigenous communities. Jimmy Little is also planning a national tour throughout this year.

● To make a tax-deductible donation or to find out more, visit www.jlf.org.au

Blindness linked to kidney disease



KIDNEY Health Australia says a major Australian study just published has identified for the

first time a significant relationship between early age-related macular degeneration of the eye and early Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

The findings could see future best practice protocols for people with CKD will include monitoring of the eye for evidence of macular degeneration.

"Age related macular degeneration is the most common cause of irreversible blindness in Australia and while known to co-exist with chronic kidney disease (CKD), has not previously been recognised to be

increased in frequency in these patients," said Kidney Health Australia Medical Director Tim Mathew.

"The Blue Mountains Eye Study studied 1184 people aged over 54 years and assessed eye function sequentially through a five year study period.

"The results showed a surprising threefold increase in the onset of macular

degeneration during the five year period in those with early CKD compared with those with no CKD.

"This association increased with increasing age and suggests that the two conditions share similar causative mechanisms.

"Early age-related macular degeneration thus joins the list of conditions known to occur. It is

Fast facts

- One in three adults are at increased risk of developing CKD
- One in seven adults have at least one clinical sign of existing CKD
- Approximately 2 million Australians may be affected by early-stage kidney disease and don't know it.

significantly more frequent in people with CKD.

"These include anaemia, high blood pressure, heart failure, atherosclerotic vascular disease and bone disease."

Indigenous trainee scholarship available



THE first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trainee Scholarship has been announced by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).

RACP President Professor Napier Thomson said the scholarship would be available to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander basic or advanced trainee in any of the specialist disciplines of the RACP's

training programs.

"The trainee will receive \$6000 a year for each year of training and must be working in an accredited hospital or alternative training facility, or within another approved training program," he said.

"The College is delighted to support the further training of Indigenous basic and advanced trainees.

"The RACP Research and Education Foundation acknowledges gifts from

Siggins Miller, an anonymous donor and Associate Professor Noel Hayman. The donors have expressed an interest in continuing this scholarship into the future."

Applications will close on 30 April, 2008. Information about the scholarship and application process is available through the Foundation office at foundation@racp.edu.au and on the RACP Research and Education website at www.racp.edu.au

The RACP is responsible for training, educating and representing more than 9000 physicians in Australia and New Zealand. The RACP represents 25 medical specialties, including paediatrics, public health and occupational medicine. Physicians are often called specialists and are doctors who have completed an extra six years or more of training after their initial medical training and choose to specialise in a particular area of medicine.



The Cancer Council Victoria arts awards Indigenous visual art

The Indigenous Visual Art Award provides an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to tell their cancer story through art. Art can be a great way to share cancer experiences and raise awareness of cancer in the community. Works can include painting, photographs, craft or sculpture.

Call 1300 65 65 65 for an entry form or visit www.cancervic.org.au/artsawards Entries close 4 April 2008.

seize the day sharing cancer experiences through culture, heritage and family





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Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Jess Dalla on 02 6289 5766 (jess.dalla@health.gov.au)

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PERTH

We're looking to fill several Executive Officer vacancies in the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) Branch in Perth. OATSIH focuses on working with organisations delivering health and substance use programs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. It administers service funding arrangements and undertakes associated program administration and monitoring.

As an Executive Officer you will be responsible for supervising and mentoring staff in a small team and monitoring, developing and supporting a number of community controlled health services funded by the Commonwealth. This includes contract management, budgeting, reporting and risk assessment.

Note: Regular travel to rural communities is required and a current driver's licence is desirable.

Contact officer: Andrew Jones on 08 9346 5275 or andrew.jones@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Cheryl Cartledge on 08 9346 5449 (cheryl.cartledge@health.gov.au)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OFFICE HEALTH PROGRAMS BRANCH BUSINESS MANAGEMENT UNIT

APS 5

FINANCE OFFICER

\$56,591 - \$59,730

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 08-0018

ADELAIDE

We are seeking suitable persons to fill two Finance Officer positions within the Business Management Unit of the South Australian State Office. These positions will provide financial and contract management advice and support to the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) and also to the Aged & Community Care (A&CC) Branch, respectively, within the South Australian State Office.

Both positions offer exciting opportunities to support a range of Australian Government funded programs that are being delivered by a wide range of organisations in the State. One position will support program staff and funded organisations who are delivering health-related programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within South Australia. The other will provide similar support for staff and funded organisations delivering programs pertaining to the Aged Care sector.

Contact officer: Richard Tee on 08 8237 8041 or richard.tee@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Helen Ladd on 08 8237 8250 (helen.ladd@health.gov.au)

NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN OFFICE

SEVERAL SECTIONS

APS LEVEL 3

ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR

\$45,923 - \$50,902

Reference Number: 08-0010

ALICE SPRINGS

The Administration Coordinator provides a wide range of administrative support to the Central Australian Office. Duties include provision of office services, including reception, mail stationery and file maintenance. Other duties include organising of meetings, financial services including preparation of invoices for approval and payment, fleet management, resolving property faults and other office support functions.

Contact officer: Craig Cross on 08 8950 1632 or craig.cross@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Rachel Turvey on 08 8919 3423 (rachel.turvey@health.gov.au)

POPULATION HEALTH DIVISION

DRUG STRATEGY BRANCH

SEVERAL SECTIONS

The Population Health Division's goal is to manage, prevent and to respond to health risks faced by the Australian population. The Drug Strategy Branch is responsible for investigating and reducing the health impacts of substance abuse.

Positions are available in several Sections across the Branch.

The responsibilities of these Sections include policy and programs regarding Indigenous substance misuse, psychostimulants issues, co-existing substance abuse and mental illness as well as coordination of Branch responses and secretariat support to the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy and the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs.

APS 5

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER

\$56,591 - \$59,730

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 08-0006

CANBERRA

The main responsibilities of these positions are: assisting with procurement and contract management activities, assisting with policy development, administrative and coordination support, preparing correspondence and liaising with internal and external stakeholders

APS 4

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

\$52,030 - \$54,975

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 08-0007

CANBERRA

The main responsibilities of these positions are: monitoring finances, providing administrative support to the section including booking travel, arranging meetings and managing mail and marketing orders, preparing and coordinating responses to correspondence, managing electronic filing systems and project management.

Contact officer for information and selection documentation: Daniel Mogg on 02 6289 3169 or daniel.mogg@health.gov.au

Selection documentation can also be obtained from: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online (www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or by phoning the contact person for the job. Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents from the Department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945. Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Collective Agreement. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

Positions close 28 February 2008, 7pm EDT.

The Department of Health and Ageing upholds the principles and practices of workplace diversity.



Visit our web site at: www.health.gov.au

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities

Magnificent Seven



Kempsey building company Aboriginal Connections' 'Magnificent Seven', from left, David Scholes, Vince Lockwood, Cliff Kelly, Mark Kennedy, Richard Pitt, Ben Bradshaw and Eric Natty.

NSW THEIR age difference may be more than 20 years, but Aboriginal men Dave Scholes and Eric Natty have developed a strong bond. That bond has become even stronger since they qualified recently as fully carpenter/joiners.

The pair, along with five other local trainees, make up the first group to complete their apprenticeship program courtesy of the fledgling Kempsey, northern NSW, building firm Aboriginal

Connections. The group, now known around the company as the 'Magnificent Seven', have plenty to be proud of.

At the same time that they were coming to grips with the theory of their trade at Kempsey TAFE, they were also learning the hard way – on the job.

At Port Macquarie, Bellbrook, Coffs Harbour and Kempsey, more than \$6 million worth of renovations and new dwellings have been delivered on time and to budget by the Aboriginal Connections crew.

One of the graduates, Vince Lockwood, says he's now keen to stay with the company, to watch and help as another generation of young Aboriginal builders earn their stripes.

Partnership

Four of Kempsey's newest 'chippies' will be retained by the company, and Chief Executive Officer Noel Lockwood is keen to help the other three form a partnership that will allow them to operate as sub-contractors to Aboriginal Connections.

Even as the seven graduates contemplate their future, Aboriginal Connections is looking for a new group to follow in their footsteps.

The company has already put out the call for those interested in a building career to sign up for a 12-week pre-vocational course at the local TAFE.

From that, Manager Steve Farrell says he's hoping to get ten new inductees into the firm, and heading for careers in tiling, carpentry, painting, concreting or plumbing.

It's your guide to employment

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Aboriginal Health Worker Remote (Female)

Department of Health and Community Services

Aboriginal Health Worker Class 4 (\$54 473 - \$57 378)

Sexual Health Blood Borne Virus Program - Darwin

Temporary vacancy for 2 years

We are looking for an Aboriginal Female Health Worker to join the Centre for Disease Control in Darwin. This position offers the potential to move to an Aboriginal Health Worker Clinical Class 5 within 12 months.

The primary focus is to build the capacity of remote primary health care services within a designated area. This will involve travel to Top End remote communities to provide comprehensive Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus programs.

You are required to be a Registered Aboriginal Health Worker in the Northern Territory with Sexual Health experience in a rural or remote primary health care setting. This position requires skills in health promotion, health education and clinical training.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 1996

Closing date: 22 February 2008

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Government of South Australia
Department for Families
and Communities

Manager Special Needs Programs APY Lands

Contract Appointment up to 5 years
\$85,367 - \$88,750 p.a. (ASO8)
Vac No: 1267

Duties: The Manager, Special Needs Programs is accountable to the Senior Coordinator, APY Lands, Department for Families and Communities for undertaking a strategic review of current programs and implementation of new and improved programs associated with the delivery of the special needs programs in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. These include coordinating programs in the areas of housing, disability, ageing, anti-poverty, positive behaviours, child support programs and other special needs objectives for the (APY) Lands. The Manager, Special Needs Programs will provide an expert function based on their specialist skills, knowledge and experience and will initiate, review and recommend changes to the current co-ordination, structures and delivery of special needs programs on the APY Lands. The involvement will vary from a comprehensive review of the programs currently in place to the immediate implementation or facilitation of new programs to address critical need.

Special Conditions: A current driver's licence will be required and 4WD experience is highly desirable (training will be provided if necessary). Must be prepared to fly in light aircraft. Position located on the APY lands. This position is advertised as a 1-5 year contract.

Enquiries to: Ms Jacqui Lawson
Telephone: 08 8670 8100
Email: jacqui.lawson@dfc.sa.gov.au

Job and Person Specifications from:
Mrs Priscilla Cronin
Telephone: 08 8413 8132
Email: priscilla.cronin@dfc.sa.gov.au

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply. Applications must address the criteria in the job and person specification, stating the names and contact details of three current professional referees and forward an original application plus three copies to:
Mrs Priscilla Cronin
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Services
GPO Box 292
Adelaide SA 5001
Email: priscilla.cronin@dfc.sa.gov.au

Applications Close: 5pm Friday 29th February 2008

To find out how to apply for this position, including essential criteria to be addressed in your application, please visit
www.dfc.sa.gov.au/careers

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BUSH HERITAGE
AUSTRALIA
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 seccles@bushheritage.org.au or by post to: Bush Heritage Australia, PO Box 329, Finders Lane, Melbourne, VIC 8009

Applications close: Friday 22nd February 2008.



No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.
All applicants will be expected to demonstrate an understanding and commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

Deputy Registrar, Aboriginal Conciliation Clerk Grade 9/10

Consumer, Trader & Tenancy Tribunal
Office of Fair Trading

Position No: 2008/030

Salary Package: \$96,295 pa. Package includes salary (\$79,188 - \$87,263 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Location: Sydney

Job Status: Permanent Full-Time

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The position will primarily conciliate disputes brought before the Consumer, Trader & Tenancy Tribunal by Aboriginal clients, but will also undertake work on non-Aboriginal matters. While the position is based in the CBD, travel will be required throughout regional NSW.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the complex needs of Aboriginal communities and proven experience in providing culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal communities.
- Experience and/or accreditation in mediation/conciliation and case management.
- Experience in interpreting legislation and capacity to gain expert knowledge of Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal legislation processes and procedures in a short period of time.
- Excellent management, organisational, problem solving/decision making, communication, negotiation and interpersonal skills.
- Proven ability to exercise discretion, initiative and judgement.
- Demonstrated capacity to work independently and with minimum supervision.
- Demonstrated capacity to manage conflict effectively.

ENQUIRIES: Debbie House (02) 9641 6489 or Tamara Belleair-Mayers (02) 9372 7672 or Tamara.Belleair-Mayers@commerce.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: 29 February 2008

INFORMATION PACKAGES: Access Information Packages at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or for email packages contact infopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au with position number "2008/030" in the Subject heading - this is an auto response. Or if by post, contact Paul Wyatt on (02) 9372 7194.

Applications to: You can apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by post mark "Confidential" to: Paul Wyatt, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000.

Research Fellow in Indigenous Tobacco Control.

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Take a leading role in providing advice on strategic research directions in national indigenous tobacco control.

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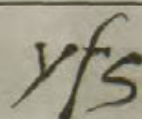
Applications Close: 20 February 2008.

For position information and to apply online go to: www.jobs.unimelb.edu.au and search under the job title or job no. 0018830

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Youth and Family Service (Logan City) Inc (YFS) is a community based, not-for-profit organisation, providing responsive and creative social welfare services to people in Logan City and surrounding areas.

YFS have recently received funding for a new dynamic youth support program to begin in March 2008. We are seeking:-

Indigenous Youth Worker

Drug and Alcohol Intervention

Full Time and Part Time Positions
Volatile Substance Misuse (VSM) Program
Salary Range: \$39,101 - \$45,423
(plus Salary Packaging options)

The Volatile Substance Misuse program will be established to provide support services to young people (12-17) and their families who misuse, or are at risk of misusing substances, or are at risk of harm, to themselves or others, due to being intoxicated. The program will place an emphasis on targeting young people from Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Pacific Islander cultural backgrounds.

Closing Date for All Positions: Friday 22 February 2008

Relevant qualifications and experience are required as per the position description. Salary sacrificing options are available.

For Position Description and information package: Phone 3826 1500 or download from our website - www.yfs.org.au.

Please submit a resume and a brief letter outlining interest in the position via post - PO Box 727, Woodridge, 4114 or via email yfsjobs@yfs.org.au.

Beryl Women Inc. Canberra

Beryl Women Inc. is a service dedicated to supporting women & children who are escaping domestic/family violence.

If you have a genuine desire to work with women from a wide range of backgrounds, then Beryl Women Inc. has some exciting and rewarding opportunities for you. We have a number of permanent (32 hours) positions for enthusiastic women with life experiences who are committed to eliminating domestic/family violence in our community.

Senior Support Worker

(Permanent 32 hours per week)
SACS Award Grade 5.3 to 6.2

Support Worker

(Permanent 32 hours per week)
SACS Award Grade 4 to 5.2

Support Worker

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander specific
(Permanent 32 hours per week)
SACS Award Grade 4 to 5.2

Beryl offers excellent professional development opportunities & remuneration packages including salary sacrificing.

N.B. Beryl Women Inc. is currently under a restructure and duties of all positions are subject to change.

Beryl Women Inc. is funded through the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP)

Being female is a genuine occupational requirement and is authorised under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "working with children" check and Police criminal record check.

An information pack including details on how to apply is available by phoning (02) 62475689.
Applications close: Wednesday, 21 February, 2008

Griffith University is committed to excellence in teaching and research. The University has five campuses and 35,000 students in the high growth Brisbane-Gold Coast corridor. The University has an excellent working environment and a positive culture which supports staff development and encourages innovation, diversity and creativity. Applications are invited for the following vacancies:

Indigenous Liaison Officer School of Human Services

Salary range: \$60,566 - \$65,617

Logan campus

Closes: 22 February 2008

Reference: HSV16962/08



To Apply:

- 1) Go to www.griffith.edu.au/hrm/employment/ for further information on the position and selection criteria or phone 07 3735 4010 if you do not have internet access.
- 2) Follow the specific application process for that position.
- 3) Applications can be lodged in electronic or hard copy form. All applications will be acknowledged.

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CLIENT SERVICE/SUPPORT OFFICER

Administrative Services Officer Class 3

\$44,474-\$47,999, Canberra

(PN: 07806 Part-time, Several Full-time)

Duties: The occupants of these positions are required to provide front line, telephone and counter customer service to a diverse client group who demonstrate high and complex needs. The role requires good communication skills including the ability to represent the organisation and liaise and negotiate with clients and colleagues. The role also provides a range of administrative and financial processing activities.

Note: This position is part-time at 25.00 hours per week, however several full-time positions are also available with part-time considered. A Joint Selection Committee (JSC) may be formed for the recruitment action.

Contact Officer: Bronwen McCrohon (02) 6207 1391

Selection documentation may be downloaded from
<http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/>

Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to
Shared Services Centre, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158,
Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 21 February 2008



VICTORIA POLICE

ABORIGINAL ADVISORY UNIT - ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Unit objectives: The ACLO will perform a liaison role between Victoria Police and the Indigenous communities, fostering mutual trust, understanding and respect between Police and local Indigenous communities. The ACLO will contribute to the accomplishment of the key objectives of the Victoria Police Aboriginal Strategic Plan and the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement Phase 2 (AJA2).

VPSC-3

ABORIGINAL ADVISORY UNIT, COMMUNITY & DIVERSITY DIVISION, OPERATIONS
COORDINATION DEPARTMENT
SALARY RANGE \$48,714-\$59,148
POSITION NUMBER: LIAISON 55 - DANDENONG

Industrial Relations Exemption Apply - only Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. Please ensure that you address the Key Selection Criteria fully prior to submitting your application.

duties: In partnership with Indigenous groups, develop and maintain a knowledge of Indigenous issues within the local area and maintain a contemporary knowledge of relevant legislation, policies and procedures. Contribute to establishing effective communication and networking between Police members, local Indigenous community members and other government and non-government agencies. Establish and maintain a positive partnership environment in which Indigenous communities are encouraged to communicate and interact with Police members to resolve issues and actively promote awareness of the role of Victoria Police within Indigenous communities. Assist in developing, implementing and providing appropriate training programs dealing with Indigenous issues. Represent Victoria Police as required at meetings, forums or events that relate to Indigenous issues. Participate in the development and implementation of appropriate strategies to improve service delivery to customers based on customer needs. Prepare briefing notes and reports.

To obtain position description (including Key Selection Criteria) and to apply for the position online please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au, or alternatively applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria should be forwarded to HR Combined Services Group, 5th Floor Building C, 637 Flinders Street Melbourne 3005.

Contact for position description including key selection criteria: Nicole Bernard on 9247 3174.

Contact for further information: Jacqui Marion 9247 5245.

Note: This position requires security clearance, which will include fingerprinting. The successful applicant will be bound by the Victorian Public Service (Non-Executive Staff - Victoria) Agreement 2006. Closing date for all applications is midnight Friday 22nd February 2008.



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

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Technical Officer

Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines

Technical 1 (\$34 694 - \$41 456)

Technical 2 (\$41 927 - \$47 530)

Crops, Forestry and Horticulture - Alice Springs

Technical Officer - Alice Springs NT

The horticulture industry in the Alice Springs region currently produces \$ 10 million of early season table grapes, hydroponic vegetables, dates and other sub-tropical crops. The region is recognised for its quality produce and is attracting commercial growers for large scale production. There is a significant potential for further horticulture development, especially on Aboriginal land, assisting indigenous economic development in the region. Close collaboration exists between Government, industry and Aboriginal organisations, including Central Land Council and Centrefarm.

The Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, is seeking a technical officer to work in partnership with the Alice Springs agriculture, forestry and horticultural industries. The primary objective of this role is to assist in the preparation and maintenance of plant industry based (crops, forestry and horticulture) research trials.

Located in the centre of Australia, Alice Springs has a population of over 27,000 people, catering to approximately 750,000 tourists annually. The township is well serviced by shops, schools and sporting complexes. There are excellent tourist attractions and the region is ideal for the adventurous, outdoor and sports minded.

Selection will be made at the Technical Officer 1 or 2 level, dependant on qualifications and level of experience.

Quote vacancy number: 12964

Closing date: 22 February 2008

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INDIGENOUS OPPORTUNITIES

PORT HEDLAND

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HEALTH & SAFETY

QUALIFIED TRADES (ELECTRICIAN/MECHANICAL)

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To register your interest visit our website or alternatively contact our dedicated Indigenous Employment Liaison Officers:

Nelson Point, Port Hedland

Gningala Yarran-Clanton - 08 9173 6403 or Marilee Liddell - 08 9173 6809

Mt Whaleback, Newman

Craig Hoyer - 08 9175 3119 or Boysie Mallard - 08 9175 3117

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Research Officers for the Antecedents of Renal Disease in Aboriginal Children (ARDAC) Second Phase research study

Position No. RR8013/0491/07. Closes 27/02/08.
Centre for Kidney Research. 12 mths (renewable) 20 to 38 hours
- 1 Temp F/T or 2 Temp P/T positions.
Sandra Puckeridge on 9845 1469 or email sandrap2@chw.edu.au

Study Director (Senior Research Officer) for the Antecedents of Renal Disease in Aboriginal Children (ARDAC) Second Phase research study

Position No. RR8013/0490/07. Closes 27/02/08.
Centre for Kidney Research. Temp F/T 12 mths (renewable)
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Send applications to:
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Finance & Reporting Coordinator Indigenous Health Program

Oxfam Australia works in the Gulf of Carpentaria region to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people through an innovative program of community development and health promotion.

We need your high level contract negotiation experience to coordinate financial and program reporting together with budget preparation and monitoring for our work.

Your strong financial and communication skills and your experience working with indigenous peoples will make you the ideal candidate.

Please visit www.oxfam.org.au/jobs for application details. Salary \$55,090 plus benefits.

Applications Close: 20 February, 2008

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Applications for these roles must be submitted by 5pm, Friday 22nd February 2008.

Training is scheduled to commence in May 2008

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OF JUSTICE



Koorie Reference, Access & Indexing Officer

APS Level 4

\$50,828 - \$54,771

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National Coordination Branch
Melbourne Office

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Access examine records for public access, complete appropriate documentation and identify and report on unusual problems encountered. Liaise with Aboriginal communities concerning accessibility, indexing, copying and other records related issues. Liaise with organisational staff concerning access policy issues and implement agreed approaches. Participate in the development and presentation of outreach initiatives including tours to regional areas. Under general direction, supervise a specialised team involved in indexing records including directing, setting priorities, monitoring the work of the team, training and supervising staff.

This is a specified term non-ongoing employment opportunity and is available from 1 March 2008 until 31 January 2009.

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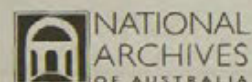
To be eligible for engagement applicants would normally be an Australian citizen and the successful applicant will be required to undertake a security assessment.

Selection documentation and the National Archives Collective Agreement can be found at www.naa.gov.au, or by emailing recruitment@naa.gov.au or by calling (02) 6212 3941 - 24 hour answering service.

Applications must address the selection criteria and should be lodged on-line. To apply go to http://www.naa.gov.au/about_us/employment/employment.html

Closing date for applications: Friday, 29th January 2008.

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Research Chairs in Indigenous Knowledge Systems (2 positions)

Institute of Koorie Education

Reference number: 80019

Salary: \$123,966 p.a. pro rata (plus 17% superannuation)

The Institute of Koorie Education at Deakin University is a leading provider of higher education for Indigenous Australians and represents a strong partnership between the University and the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc.

The establishment of two foundation research Chairs in Indigenous Knowledge Systems at Deakin is a key component of the University's long-term commitment to Indigenous education and to the further development of leadership and research in Indigenous knowledge systems. In the University's AUQA report the Institute of Koorie Education was described as "an exemplar for Australia" and these new Chairs will make a strong contribution to continuing this role.

The Chairs will lead the Institute's research program; they will be expected to develop strong and effective collaborative research partnerships with Victorian, national and international Indigenous community-based organisations. The appointees will be expected to undertake research and support and promote the strategic directions of the University and the Institute, particularly in relation to research.

For further information please contact Professor Wendy Brabham, Director of the Institute of Koorie Education, Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds on 03 5227 2538.

Please apply online at www.deakin.edu.au by close of business, Friday 15 February 2008. Applications must include a CV, a statement addressing the selection criteria and the names and addresses of three professional referees.

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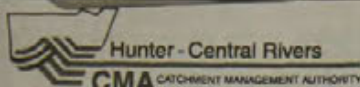
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NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL SUPPORT)

Clerk Grade 4/5, Paterson or Taree, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No. CMA2008/009. Total remuneration package valued to: \$69,582 p.a. (\$55,010-\$63,056).

Deliver support to Aboriginal communities seeking to be involved in Natural Resource Management. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and a demonstrated ability in working with aboriginal community groups. Understanding of local Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and Natural Resource Management issues. Good facilitation and written and oral communication skills, including basic computer skills. Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team/network. Ability to liaise with government agencies, other organisations and individuals. Understanding of funding processes and ability to identify funding sources. Current drivers licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a temporary position under Sections 27 & 28 or 86 of the PSE&M Act 2002 for a period up to 30 June 2009. This position will be required to attend community meetings in the evening and on some weekends.

Inquiries: Callaghan Cotter (02) 4930 1030 Email: callaghan.cotter@cma.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: cma.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 009 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 15 February 2008.

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The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd. (AICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

Community Health Organisation
Based at West End

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER PERMANENT POSITION

We are seeking applications for the Human Resources Officer position. The HR Officer is required to provide timely, accurate and quality operational advice and general support on Human Resource Management policies, procedures and issues. The role also ensures the accuracy and availability of relevant information to support and facilitate strategic human resource planning and organisational development.

This position is classified in accordance with the HSUA (Aboriginal Health Services) Award 1992 Admin Level 3 Year 1 \$694.25 gross per week. AICHS is a non profit organisation which offers access to Salary Sacrifice Fringe Benefits Tax Entitlements of \$308.00 per week.

For a Position Description and other enquiries for this position, please email vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact Kym Hearn on (07) 3393 0055.

Male Mental Health Worker

We are seeking applications for a Male Mental Health Worker to provide a culturally appropriate counselling and support service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

This position is classified in accordance with the HSUA (Aboriginal Health Services) Award 1992 AHW Grade 3 level 1 \$789.82 (classification level is dependent upon an assessment of skills, qualifications and experience)

Please contact Beryl Garrard if you have specific queries about the vacancy (07) 3393 0055 or for a Position Description, please email vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact Stephen Mam on (07) 3393 0055.

Stolen Generation Counsellor

We are seeking applications for a Stolen Generation Counsellor. As part of the Stolen Generation initiative this position is to respond to the full range of emotional and social well being issues for a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, not exclusively those who are currently going through family reunion.

This position is classified in accordance with the HSUA (Aboriginal Health Services) Award 1992 Administration Level 6 \$653.46 per week. AICHS Brisbane is a non profit organisation which offers access to Salary Sacrifice Fringe Benefits Tax Entitlements of \$308.00 per week.

Please contact Beryl Garrard if you have specific queries about the vacancy (07) 3393 0055 or for a Position Description, please email vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact Stephen Mam on (07) 3393 0055.

Closing Date and Submission Details:

The closing date for applications for the above positions is close of business 29 February 2008.

Please submit your resume and a brief application addressing the selection criteria to:

Confidential
Stephen Mam
HR Officer
PO Box 8112
Woolloongabba Qld 4102

AICHS is an equal employment opportunity employer and applies merit based selection techniques to ensure that the best person for the position is selected. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for vacant positions.

North Coast Institute

Student Support Officer (Aboriginal) Permanent Part-time Appointment

Job No: 08/015/NCI Ballina Campus 21 hpw
Job No: 08/014/NCI Grafton Campus 14 hpw
This position also services Maclean.
Job No: 08/013/NCI Taree Campus 21 hpw
This position also services Great Lakes.

Salary: \$28.36 - \$31.05 ph

Duties: Provide an Aboriginal student advisory and support service.

Information Package: Applicants must obtain a package as it contains selection criteria and other relevant details.

Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download www.nci.tafensw.edu.au

Note: This position is a designated Aboriginal position in terms of section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 29 February 2008

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Opportunities at The University of Melbourne.

The University of Melbourne is an Equal Opportunity employer and strongly encourages Indigenous Australians to apply for the following positions.

Manager, Goulburn Valley Partnerships.

Melbourne Graduate School of Education

This position is based at the Academy of Sport, Health and Education (ASHE), Shepparton.

You will play a key role in the implementation of the University's plans for future partnerships in the Goulburn Valley.

Salary: \$61,539 - \$66,615 p.a. plus employer super of 17%.

Employment Type: Full-time (continuing) position.

Enquiries Only To: Justin Mohamed tel. +61 3 5823 6619, email: jmohamed@unimelb.edu.au

Applications: by 29 February 2008 quoting position no. 9009355.

Partnerships Officer.

VCA Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts & Cultural Development, Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts

Develop and maintain a partnership strategy which connects the VCA with the external environment and facilitates knowledge transfer, associations and collaboration between the University, its students, industry groups and community groups. This position is based in Melbourne.

Salary: \$61,539 - \$66,615 p.a. plus employer super of 9%.

Employment Type: Full-time (fixed-term) position available for 12 months (or part-time by negotiation).

Enquiries Only To: Michelle Evans, tel. +61 3 9685 9345, email: meev@unimelb.edu.au

Applications: by 10 March 2008 quoting position no. 0018891.

For position information and to apply online go to www.jobs.unimelb.edu.au and search under the job title or job number.

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LIVE IN CARER Homelessness Program

Unity Foundation is seeking an enthusiastic, experienced and motivated individual to join the Homelessness Program, as a live in carer, in the Bayside home of our Homelessness Program. Our Homelessness Program caters for Indigenous youth (15 - 24) who have committed to make positive changes in their lives, and inspire to make their dreams a reality. The successful applicant would assist with the general running of the home, have regular interaction with the community and is committed to building a rapport with the young people in the home.

This hand on role suits an individual who has experience in working with youth and community, a desire to live in a community home as a responsible caring adult and demonstrates a commitment to engaging with disadvantaged young people.

Unity Foundation also has four positions for respite/support carers currently available in the Homelessness Program. Respite/support carers do not live on site and are sought for both casual and part-time work in our Bayside and Peninsula programs.

Experience in working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community is essential.

These positions require a working with children check as well as a social and emotional wellbeing assessment. If this position sounds exiting and would be of interest to you please contact Peter King on (03) 9593 6259 or send your resume to info@unityfoundation.org.au

Applications close: 5pm 28th February 2008.



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COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Cape Barren Island, Bass Strait, Tasmania

Position No: 504662

The Department of Health and Human Services currently has a vacancy for a community health nurse in one of Australia's most unique working environments - Cape Barren Island. The island is located off the north east coast of Tasmania, and is a member of the Furneaux Group in Bass Strait. The island has a colourful and unique history tracing back to the early 19th century and is a popular destination for sea kayakers and ocean enthusiasts from across Australia.

We offer:

The starting salary range is \$54,463 plus superannuation, with a number of additional benefits available for the position including:

- professional development leave with conference fees, travel and accommodation
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- a balanced and totally unique lifestyle!

The island can be reached by taking a flight from either Melbourne or Launceston to Flinders Island, with a short boat or plane trip on to Cape Barren. So we challenge you to find a more unique sea change!

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Email: sue.bucher@dhs.tas.gov.au
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North Coast Institute

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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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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.

Cairns Regional Office

Corporate Services Officer (Expected Vacancy)

APS Level 4

\$44,612 - \$47,703 pa, plus superannuation

Under general direction, be responsible for providing information and advice on financial/grant management issues to those hostels of the Community Grants (CHG) program and monitoring and reporting on the financial/grant management and administrative operations of the CHG program.

Further inquiries: Michael Jackomos
Telephone No: 07 4051 4588

Selection documentation: Sandra Collopy
Telephone No: 07 4051 4588

or from our website.

Clare Street IYMP and Digger Street IYMP Hostels Relief House Manager (2 positions) - (part time 15.2 Hours per week)

APS Level 3

\$303.74 - \$322.34 per week, plus superannuation

Role: The successful people will be required to act as residential youth workers.

Provide residential support for young Indigenous people aged 16-24 years and manage the accommodation facility for up to 10 residents.

We are seeking motivated people to manage group houses or similar accommodation and provide residential support for young Indigenous people from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

Duties include

- managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation
- assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle
- liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. On-the-job training will be available.

Desirable: Drivers Licence

Clare Street IYMP

Further inquiries: Leisa Lindsay
Telephone No: 07 4041 3704

Selection documentation: Sandra Collopy
Telephone No: 07 4051 4588

Digger Street IYMP

Further inquiries: Narelle Forester
Telephone No: 07 4051 4305

Selection documentation: Sandra Collopy
Telephone No: 07 4051 4588

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 29 February 2008 and should be sent to: **Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143 Cairns QLD 4870.**

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 29 February 2008 and should be sent to: **Regional Manager Aboriginal Hostels Limited PO Box 10122 Adelaide Street PO, BRISBANE QLD Australia 4000.**

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants 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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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre Division of Registrar & Student Services

ANU Officer Grade 4

Salary Range: \$45,529 - \$48,654 pa plus 17% super

Reference: DRSS 4631

We are seeking an enthusiastic, reliable and motivated person to join a small team in the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, who will recruit members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to ANU.

Your primary role is to assist with the administrative duties of the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

Adequate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is required, as well as an ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

You will also have relevant skills and experience in office administration, including computer literacy and have the capacity to learn new software packages and technology. Some travel may be required.

Applicants are encouraged to provide three (3) written references together with their applications.

Selection Criteria: <http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/jobs/> or from Peter Radoll T: 02 6125 3520 E: Peter.Radoll@anu.edu.au

Closing Date: Friday 29 February 2008

Consistent with our values of integrity and respect, ANU welcomes diversity in its staff. CRICOS# 00120C

Enquiries: Peter Radoll T:02 6125 3520 E: Peter.Radoll@anu.edu.au



Government of South Australia
Department for Families
and Communities

Principal Aboriginal Consultant

(re-advertised)

Ongoing

\$77,664 - \$84,895 p.a. (PO4)

Families SA

Country Regional Office - Mile End

Vac No: 894

Duties: The Principal Aboriginal Consultant is accountable to the Regional Director for the maintenance of culturally appropriate and sensitive practices and interventions by Families SA with Aboriginal children, young people and families. In this context The Principal Aboriginal Consultant evaluates and advises the Regional Director on the management of critical cases and the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of Regional practice. The Principal Aboriginal Consultant contributes to the development of key strategic directions, policies and plans for Families SA in relation to the provision of services to Aboriginal clients. The incumbent also provides advisory and developmental support to Regional Aboriginal Project staff as well as other relevant government and non-government agencies.

Essential Minimum Qualifications: A degree in social work or qualification approved by the Chief Executive. Pursuant to Section 67 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1995*, people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent applying for positions within Families SA who have the appropriate background, knowledge and skills, but not the listed formal tertiary qualifications in social work, are eligible to apply for this position.

Enquiries, Job and Person Specifications and Application Forms available from: Ms Delia O'Neill, telephone: 08 8150 8103, delia.o'neill@dfc.sa.gov.au

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply. To apply for this position, an application form must be completed and submitted with a copy of your CV. Please note you are not required to address the job and person specification. Please forward to: Ms Fiona Ward, Regional Director, Country Regional Office, GPO Box 292, Adelaide SA 5001, email: fiona.ward@dfc.sa.gov.au

Applications Close: 5 pm 29th February 2008

To find out how to apply for this position, including essential criteria to be addressed in your application, please visit www.dfc.sa.gov.au/careers

Safety is a core value of the South Australian Public Service. Department for Families and Communities is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

www.dfc.sa.gov.au

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

CLERK

LISMORE LOCAL COURT (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 1-2, Lismore, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG08/046. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,567 p.a. (\$46,320-\$50,356). Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry, records management and assisting in the operation of court rooms. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures; Strong commitment to client service; Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people; Ability to apply initiative to quickly solve problems; Willingness to carry out different activities in a variety of work environments; Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards; Ability to work effectively in a team environment; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 9228 7790.

Inquiries: Ian Shirlaw (02) 6623 3618 Email: ian_shirlaw@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Ian Shirlaw (02) 6623 3618.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 22 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 1788
BALLINA NSW 2478

Applications close Friday 29 February 2007 at 4:30pm.

This is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identified position which is regarded as a genuine occupational qualification under Section 9 of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.



Production Manager

Melbourne's Indigenous Community Radio Station 3KND is seeking a production manager.

This position is responsible for the production of all recorded sponsorship and community service announcements as well as providing programmers with production assistance where required. This may also include live panel operating.

The production manager will also be responsible for daily studio maintenance and the maintenance of the music catalogue on computer as well as the on air computer audio files.

Previous experience in radio production is desirable however relevant training will also be provided.

Receptionist

Melbourne's Indigenous Community Radio Station 3KND is seeking a part time receptionist.

This position will include responsibilities in the areas of technical operations and information technology as well as assisting management with the development of the 3KND service and brand.

Breakfast Presenter

Melbourne's Indigenous Community Radio Station 3KND is seeking a Breakfast

Presenter to co present our weekday breakfast program from 7am - 9am.

The 3KND breakfast show includes hourly news provided by the National Indigenous Radio Service, regular weekly segments covering sport, film, TV and Indigenous media as well as daily live interviews, live reads of community service announcements and music (with an emphasis on Indigenous artists).

Previous radio broadcasting experience is preferred.

Breakfast Presenter/Producer

Melbourne's Indigenous Community Radio Station 3KND is seeking a Breakfast Presenter/Producer to co present our weekday breakfast program from 7am - 9am and develop program content for the show.

The 3KND breakfast show includes hourly news provided by the National Indigenous Radio Service, regular weekly segments covering sport, film, TV and Indigenous media as well as daily live interviews, live reads of community service announcements and music (with an emphasis on Indigenous artists).

Previous radio broadcasting experience is preferred.

For more information and a copy of the position descriptions for any of the above positions, please contact the Station Manager, Peter Johnson on 03 9 471 1305.



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Child Safety Officer (Specified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Four (4) permanent full-time positions available in various locations.) (Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

Department of Child Safety

Salary: \$44 300 - \$56 700 p.a.

Location: Various

Ref: QLD/CJFS4944/08

Key Duties: Provide high quality statutory child protection services to children, young people and families in Cape York and Torres Strait Island communities through quality case management.

Skills/Abilities: Possession of degree from a recognised tertiary institution in social work, human services or behavioural sciences.

Enquiries: Leigh Clenton (07) 4039 8953 or E-mail: leigh.clenton@childsafty.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 25 February 2008

Principal Advisor

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnership
(Two (2) permanent full-time positions available.)

Department of Communities

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

Ref: QLD/COM4958/08

Key Duties: To provide strategic advice to senior management on regional issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to implement a cultural framework to improve service delivery outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccum@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 25 February 2008

Psychologist (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.)

Department of Communities

Salary: \$59 564 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Wacol

Ref: QLD/COM5061/08

Key Duties: Suicide/self-harm risk; Behavioural and Psychometric; Criminogenic risk and support needs assessments; Consultation with operational staff regarding behavioural management; Liaison with visiting psychiatrists regarding clinical psychology and pharmacology; Group-based cognitive-behavioural intervention; Individual psychological intervention.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccum@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 25 February 2008

Indigenous Service Support Officer (Identified)

Youth Justice Service

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Department of Communities

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Ipswich

Ref: QLD/COM4868/08

Key Duties: Assist staff and relevant stakeholders in culturally appropriate assessment, case planning and interventions.

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated written and interpersonal communication skills; Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and cultures; Ability to work within a statutory agency.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccum@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 25 February 2008

Caseworker (Specified)

Youth Justice Service

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

Department of Communities

Salary: \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Cairns

Ref: QLD/COM4957/08

Key Duties: Delivery of best practice statutory casework services to young people. Prepare and present information and evidence to the Children's Court.

Skills/Abilities: Sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated and culturally appropriate services. Preparation of pre-sentence reports, affidavits and other documentation.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccum@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 25 February 2008

Senior Occupational Therapist

Far North Queensland Area Office

Department of Housing

Salary: \$69 245 - \$74 599 p.a.

Location: Cairns, Townsville or Mackay

Ref: QLD/HO4906/08

Key Duties: Provide professional support and oversight to a decentralised team of Occupational Therapists who assist clients with special needs to identify their housing needs and make recommendations regarding those needs.

Skills/Abilities: Provide professional supervision of Occupational Therapists who analyse complex information, apply professional expertise and provide cost effective solutions relating to housing design and modifications.

Enquiries: Elizabeth Ainsworth (07) 3227 6937 or Email: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 18 February 2008

Director

Legal Policy Branch

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$105 247 - \$110 120 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

Ref: QLD/DSQ4876/08

Key Duties: Lead and coordinate the research and development of state-wide strategic policy and planning to enable Disability Services Queensland to respond flexibly and innovatively to the needs of people with a disability and their families; provide advice and leadership in the development and maintenance of a sustainable service system, including reliable community infrastructure to support the delivery of services to people with a disability and their families; provide advice and leadership on inter-governmental and whole-of-government activities when DSQ is the lead agency and on the associated development of whole of government policy options for people with a disability and their families; Strategic policy development, whole of government policy coordination and service planning and coordination, leading to quality outcomes and responsive services for people with disability and their families; and drive and implement initiatives that result in a significant change in the culture of disability services in Queensland.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689 or E-mail: vaccum@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 25 February 2008

Director - Strategic Policy (Indigenous Education)

Indigenous Education and Strategic Implementation Division

Department of Education Training and the Arts

Salary: \$120 077 - \$125 637 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

Ref: CO20030/08

Enquiries: Steve Arncliffe (07) 340 55693

Closing Date: Friday, 7 March 2008

Administration Officer

Policy and Research

Department of Housing

Salary: \$44 346 - \$49 454 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

Ref: QLD/HO4964/08

Key Duties: Provide effective support to work unit by performing a broad range of administrative activities associated with purchasing/records management/general administrative support.

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated organisational skills, including ability to prioritise, set realistic goals and establish work priorities to achieve quality outputs in a timely manner.

Enquiries: Matthew Byrnes (07) 3225 1924 or E-mail: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 25 February 2008

Occupational Therapist

Far North Queensland Area Office

(Temporary part-time (0.7) position for a period of 12 months)

Department of Housing

Salary: \$41 695 - \$45 531 p.a.

Location: Cairns

Ref: QLD/HO4905/08

Key Duties: Assist clients with special needs to identify their housing needs and make recommendations regarding those needs.

Skills/Abilities: Analyse complex information, apply professional expertise and provide cost effective solutions relating to housing design and modifications.

Enquiries: Liz Ainsworth (07) 3227 6937 or Email: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 18 February 2008

Occupational Therapist

Wide Bay-Burnett Area Office

(Two part-time positions (0.5), but flexibility with hours - could be 1 full-time position. Temporary for 12 months.)

Department of Housing

Salary: \$29 782 - \$33 522 p.a.

Location: Maryborough and Bundaberg

Ref: QLD/HO4907/08

Key Duties: Assist clients with special needs to identify their housing needs and make recommendations regarding those needs.

Skills/Abilities: Analyse complex information, apply professional expertise and provide cost effective solutions relating to housing design and modifications.

Enquiries: Scott Pollock (07) 4131 5970 or Email: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 18 February 2008

Manager

Native Title & Indigenous Land Services

Department of Natural Resources & Water

Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a.

Location: Woolloongabba

Ref: QLD/NRW4919/08

Key Duties: Demonstrated leadership and management skills, High level communication skills including effectively liaising sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with an understanding of their culture and society; Demonstrated high level knowledge of relevant Acts; High level of written skills; High level of consultation and negotiation skills. Proven ability to develop, implement and evaluate policies and procedures.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to manage a project and deliver outcomes; Liaise and develop an effective network with Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients.

Enquiries: Gavin Shanks (07) 3996 3353

Closing Date: Monday, 18 February 2008

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Correction to a notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Mamu CanopyWalk ILUA QI2007/009
State of Queensland
Notification date: 13 February 2008

Notice is given that the Notification Advertisement for Mamu CanopyWalk ILUA - QI2007/009 published on the 30 January 2008 in the Koori Mail and 29 January 2008 in The Innisfail Advocate contained a typographical error.

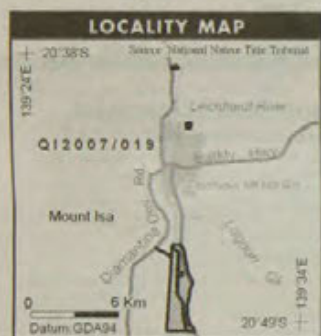
In the previous notice the notification day given as 13 February 2007 should have read 13 February 2008. All other details in the notification are correct.

Any enquiries should be directed to the Cairns Registry of the National Native Title Tribunal on (07) 4048-1500 or free call number 1800 640 501.

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 27 February 2008



QI2007/019 Kalkadoon Industrial Estate ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The agreement area covers about 8km² over various land parcels located in and around Mount Isa as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority area of Mount Isa City Council.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

State of Queensland, c/- Crown Law,
State Law Building, 50 Ann Street,
BRISBANE QLD 4001

William Doyle, Noeline Dempsey, Ilona Parter, Sonny Condren, Hazel Munro, Sue Samardir Jr, Pat Kyle, Connie Craigie and Doug Bruce (Kalkadoon People),
c/- Michael Owens and Associates Solicitors, PO Box 1013,
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 5 Consent to Agreed Acts

5.1 The Parties

(a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts; and

(b) agree to the validating of any Agreed Acts done after the Execution Date but prior to Registration.

5.2 The Parties agree that:

(a) the Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title in relation to the Surrender Area; and

(b) the Non-extinguishment Principle will apply to the doing or validating of the Agreed Acts, other than the Surrender, to the extent they are Future Acts.

[Clause 5.3 sets out when the Surrender

will take effect in relation to the three parts of the Surrender Areas]

6. Right to Negotiate

To avoid any doubt Subdivision P of Division 3 Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the Agreed Acts.

Definitions:

"Agreed Acts" means:

(a) the Surrender;

(b) the Reservation;

(c) the management and use of the Reservation Area for open space and buffer zone purposes;

(d) the Road Opening;

(e) the construction, use and maintenance of a road within the Road Area;

(f) the Development Approval taking effect in accordance with the terms of IPA [Integrated Planning Act 1997

(Qld); and

(g) all acts necessary to give effect to these acts;

"ILUA Area" means the:

(a) Kalkadoon Area [Definition provided in agreement];

(b) Mica Creek Area [Definition provided in agreement]; and

(c) Nordale Area [Definition provided in agreement];

"Surrender" means the surrender to the State of any Native Title in relation to the Surrender Area;

"Surrender Area" means the

(a) Kalkadoon Area;

(b) Mica Creek Freehold [Definition provided in agreement]; and

(c) Nordale Area;

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 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 27 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, CPO Box 9973, BRISBANE QLD 4001 by 27 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 Mick Rodd on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

CLINICAL TEAM LEADER

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Qualifications in a relevant field being Health or Management is essential, and people from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander heritage are encouraged to apply.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact Darren Ah See, Chief Executive Officer at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (02) 6845 3545 for an information package which details the 'essential criteria' to be addressed in applications.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 7 March 2008.



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For more information contact Paul Brant - Indigenous Employment Coordinator on (02) 8333 1089.

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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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You will also provide ongoing support to Council's Aboriginal employees through mentoring and support services on a regular, programmed basis as well as responding to immediate support requirements as they arise.

To be successful in this role, applicants will require experience in coaching and mentoring Aboriginal people, a strong knowledge of Aboriginal culture, established networks within the Aboriginal community and the ability to influence others in identifying employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

Please contact Peter Welsby on 08 8203 7555 for further information.

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For specific enquiries please contact Rachel Smith on 8684 6455.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

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Two Project Officer Out Reach Positions (Full-Time)

Muuji Regional Centre for Social and Emotional Wellbeing for Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Narooma.

A consortium of 3 Aboriginal Community Controlled Medical Services support Muuji Regional Centre. They are Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, Canberra, Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation, Wagga Wagga and Katungul Aboriginal Corporation and Community Medical Services, Narooma.

Muuji Regional Centre is made up of a small team of 3 Project Officers and a Program Manager all of whom will be based in Canberra. The aim of the program is to provide opportunities for professional support, and continuing development and training to the Social and Emotional Wellbeing workforce based on the needs of the workforce and the Aboriginal communities across the region.

We are currently seeking 2 motivated professional people to fill 2 project officer positions. One position will be responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating program priorities along the South Coast, and the other across the Riverina. The successful applicants will work in close consultation with Katungul Aboriginal Corporation or Riverina Medical and Dental in the delivery of program priorities. Furthermore, the successful applicants will have experience with Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing issues and an understanding of Aboriginal Community Control. The skills required include the ability to liaise and network effectively with stakeholders at various levels, excellent communication, interpersonal skills, organizational skills and computer skills. Availability for frequent travel is essential.

The salary package for these positions will be negotiated commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applicants must obtain a copy of the selection criteria and address all criteria in their application.

For more information and/or a copy of the position description and selection criteria please call Roseanne Longford on 02 6284 6259 or email winnmed44@winnunga.org.au

Applications Close COB 22nd February 2008.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and 58 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth).



Proposal To Grant Exploration Permit

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

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 applications applied for under section 105 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967.

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SIRE
1/07-8 EP	ARC ENERGY LIMITED	2386 km ²	The Application is located between Broome and Beagle Bay. The south-west corner (Lat 17° 39' 55.01" S, Long 122° 23' 04.58" E - GDA94) of the Application is situated at an approximate distance of 35 km from Broome. From the point the application extends approx 50 km in a northern direction towards Cape Bartholomew and Carrol Bay. From there, the application extends to the east to a point situated approx 70 km (Lat 17° 09' 54.99" S, Long 122° 58' 04.53" E - GDA94). Area is approx. 2386 km ² and constitutes 29 blocks (5' x 5') in the Canning Basin.	Broome (100%)
2/07-8 EP	ARC ENERGY LIMITED	7535.5 km ²	The Application is located between Fitzroy Crossing and Nannina Station. The North-Eastern corner (Lat 18° 19' 54.98" S, Long 125° 10' 04.52" E - GDA94) of the Application is situated at an approximate distance of 45 km from Fitzroy Crossing. From this point the application extends approx 52 km in a South-Western direction towards Kalynda Station. From there, the application extends to the South-East to a point situated 97 km (Lat 18° 14' 54.91" S, Long 125° 15' 04.58" E - GDA94) then directly East towards Christmas Creek to a point located approx 62 km (Lat 19° 00' 54.96" S, Long 125° 50' 04.54" E - GDA94). Area is approx. 7535.5 km ² and constitutes 93 blocks (5' x 5') in the Canning Basin.	Derby/West Kimberley (100%)
3/07-8 EP	ARC ENERGY LIMITED	9855.9 km ²	The Application is located between Dampier Downs and Milajodde Station. The North-West corner (Lat 18° 54' 54.98" S, Long 123° 30' 04.51" E - GDA94) of the Application is situated at an approximate distance of 44 km directly South from Dampier Downs. From this point the application extends approx 71 km in a South-East direction towards Mc Larty Hills to a point (Lat 19° 19' 54.99" S, Long 123° 40' 04.64" E - GDA94). From there, the application extends to the South-East to a point situated approx 147 km (Lat 19° 54' 54.99" S, Long 125° 05' 04.63" E - GDA94) then directly North to a point located approx 85 km (Lat 19° 09' 54.97" S, Long 125° 15' 04.57" E - GDA94). Area is approx. 9855.9 km ² and constitutes 122 blocks (5' x 5') in the Canning Basin.	Derby/West Kimberley (100%) East Pilbara (20%) Broome (12%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permits, 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: 13th February 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 **13th May 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. **13th June 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 (ask for extension 23813).

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Victoria

Notification day: 13 February 2008



National Native Title Tribunal



VI2007/002 Chum Street Car Park Project

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 0.3 hectares and is over part of Allotment 13, Section 37B, Parish of Sandhurst at Bendigo located within the city of Bendigo as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Greater Bendigo City Council.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Surgant Pty Ltd, C/- Doug Cahill, PO Box 1
 BENDIGO VIC 3552

Dja Dja Wurrung People Native Title Group, C/- Native Title Services Victoria, 642 Queensberry Street, NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 7

7.1 Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree:

7.1.1 to the doing of certain Future Acts in respect of the ILUA area, being:

- the grant by the State of the Licence to the developer provided that Licence is in the form set

out in Schedule C [of the Agreement] which has been agreed by the parties and the State and to any consents required by or on behalf of the developer pursuant to the Licence and any applicable laws; and

- the completion of the Project by the developer on or over the ILUA area in accordance with the planning permit; and

- the use of the Licence area by the developer and of any consents required pursuant to the Licence and any applicable laws; and

- those Future Acts listed in Schedule F [of the Agreement].

that any such Future Acts done in respect of the ILUA area are valid.

[Schedule F sets out a list of Future Acts covered by the Agreement including the grant of a Licence by the State to the proponent to use the ILUA area to construct and operate a car park and the grant of other rights which are required to complete the Project such as the right to remove trees].

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 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, Melbourne 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 Chris Loorham on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15161 This Application consists of seven separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 69 km ESE of Greenvale Centred at Lat.19°11'S Long.145°36'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 1: 181 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 56 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2613 v, w 2684 e, f, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2685 a, b, f, g, h, m, q, r, v, w 2755 k, p, t, x, y, z 2756 b, d, e, f, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, r, s, t, w 2827 b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m 2828 b, f, g, h	Queensland Epithermal Minerals Ltd 010 544 822
	Part 2: Approx. 99 km ESE of Greenvale Centred at Lat.19°21'S Long.145°50'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 2: 39 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2830 x, y 2902 c, d, e 2903 a, b, c, f, g, h, l	
	Part 3: Approx. 91 km ESE of Greenvale Centred at Lat.19°22'S Long.145°44'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 3: 23 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2901 j, k, o, p, u 2902 a, f	
	Part 4: Approx. 91 km ESE of Greenvale Centred at Lat.19°18'S Long.145°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 4: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2830 m, n, r	
	Part 5: Approx. 79 km ESE of Greenvale Centred at Lat.19°18'S Long.145°39'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 5: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2828 o, p, u	
	Part 6: Approx. 79 km ESE of Greenvale Centred at Lat.19°14'S Long.145°41'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 6: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2757 t, v, w	
	Part 7: Approx. 67 km E of Greenvale Centred at Lat.19°03'S Long.145°36'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area of Part 7: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2612 q, r	

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 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.

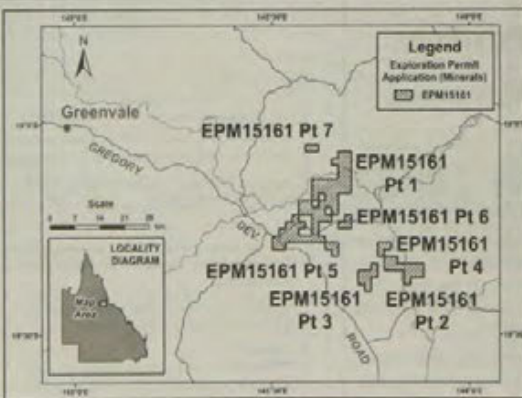
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 5 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Biripi AMS has the following 2 positions available in our Purfleet Medical Clinic:

Full Time Medical Receptionist

This person will be responsible for answering telephone calls, processing Medicare forms, maintenance of medical files and cash handling. The applicant must have excellent communication skills. This is a designated Aboriginal position.

Full Time Enrolled Nurse

This person will be responsible for the provision of nursing assessment, screening and holistic care. The applicant must be an Enrolled Nurse licensed to practice in NSW. Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For an application pack please email kclarke@biripi.org.au. For further information telephone Kerrie McFarland on (02) 6552 7579. Closing Date: Friday, 22nd February, 2008.



Department of Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Corporate Services

Aboriginal Workforce

Development Officer 50(d)

Workforce Planning and Strategy

Position No: 07728

Level/Salary: 5 PSGA \$60,638 - \$67,017

Location: Perth CBD, Westralia Square

This exciting position assists with Aboriginal employment recruitment and retention strategies and the implementation of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

You will provide an advisory service on human resource matters affecting the development and retention of Aboriginal employees at the Department and develop and implement strategies and initiatives to increase the recruitment of Aboriginal employees to the Department.

For further job related information:

Please contact Sharon Jones on (08) 9264 6295.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday, 25 February 2008 at 4:30pm.



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Careers in Health

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Health Worker Senior (Indigenous Sexual and Reproduction Health Worker) - Townsville Sexual Health Services, Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care, Townsville, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$68 027 p.a., comprising salary between \$56 585 - \$59 666 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (006) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08TV0124.

Duties/Abilities: Improve the sexual health service provision in Indigenous communities by developing and coordinating targeted sexual health programmes. Building strategies in remote and urban populations/communities. Act as an educator and preceptor for Indigenous Health Workers, both generalist and sexual and reproductive health. Collaborate with other health services to implement the Indigenous Australians' Sexual Health Strategy. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. It is a genuine occupational requirement that an identified position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991).

Enquiries: Penny Kennington (07) 4778 9630.

Application Kit: (07) 4796 1709 or (07) 4796 1716 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 25 February 2008.

You can apply online at www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-satisfying policy applies in Queensland Government hospitals, offices and units.

Aboriginal & TSI Counsellor/ Groupworker

(14hrs/wk) - 12 months

We are seeking an experienced counsellor / groupworker with a strong commitment to social justice to work with A & TSI women in the central Western Sydney region. You will be working in a community based women's health centre that is committed to working collaboratively with women to create change within their lives and the community. The position is to provide crisis support and advocacy, counselling, groups and workshops. Aboriginality is an essential criteria for the position.

Salary paid is pro rata SACS award Grade 5 and salary packaging is available. Generous leave conditions and flexible work arrangements. Under Sec 14(d) and Sec 31(2)(h) of the NSW Anti-discrimination Act to be a woman of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background is a genuine occupational requirement for this position. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory 'working with children' check and criminal record check.

For further information and job package contact: Felicity Martin on (02) 9689 3044 or coord@cwhc.org.au.

Details of essential criteria available on www.cwhc.org.au

Applications for the position close: 5pm Friday 29 February 2008.

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.

Environmental Health Officer

Population Health, Newcastle

Temp Full Time Position No: 57286

Enquiries: Philippe Porignaux, (02) 4924 6494,
philippe.porignaux@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Program Manager

Population Health, Tamworth

Perm Full Time Position No: 57213

Perm Part Time will be considered (minimum 24 hpw)

Enquiries: Todd Heard, (02) 4924 6244.

Research and Evaluation Manager

Population Health, Planning & Performance, Newcastle

Temp Full Time Position No: 56086

Enquiries: Colin Bell, (02) 4924 6228.

Closing Date: 22 February 2008.

**Closing Date for all positions
(unless specified): 29 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



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Registered Nurse

WHS is seeking applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of **Registered Nurse** based in Mount Isa with experience as follows:

- Experience in working in a General Practice environment and managing the day-to-day clinical environment
- Ability to work closely with Aboriginal Health Workers and provide support to all staff concerned with health care programs and services
- Specific emphasis on the provision of NHMRC recommended immunizations to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and adults
- Monitor and report on immunisation coverage and completed childhood immunisation as well as Pneumococcal and Influenza vaccination for adults
- Planning, service delivery and evaluation of health care programs and services
- Assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander take greater control of health issues affecting them and ensure the promotion of social, emotional and cultural wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

An attractive package is available to the successful candidate including:

- Travel and healthy lifestyle incentive scheme
- Salary packaging
- Shared accommodation is available

If you are seeking a challenge, possess the skills and experience for this position and desire an experience in true primary health care, WHS invites you to submit an application.

A copy of the selection documentation for the position of Registered Nurse is available on Wuchopperen website at www.wuchopperen.com or by contacting Jennifer Darr on (07) 47440400 or email jdarr@wuchopperen.com

Applications for this position should be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to: The Manager, Wuchopperen Health Service, PO Box 39, Mount Isa Qld 4825.

Suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

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
EPM16515	Approx. 49 km SSE from Dajarra Centred at approximate Lat.22°07'S Long.139°40'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Boulia	Area: 318 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1747 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1748 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1749 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1750 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1820 a, b, c, d, e, k 1821 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1822 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1894 a, b, c, d, h, j, n, o, s, t	NQ Metals Pty Limited 125 551 537
EPM16548	Part 1: Approx. 47 km SE from Dajarra Centred at approximate Lat.22°03'S Long.139°46'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Boulia Part 2: Approx. 53 km ESE from Dajarra Centred at approximate Lat.21°53'S Long.139°59'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 276 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 87 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1680 f, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x 1747 p 1748 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1749 l, m, n, o, p 1750 l, m, n, o, p, q, z 1751 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1752 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w 1822 e, k, p, u, z 1823 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s 1824 a 1894 e, k Area of Part 2: 35 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1608 k, p, u, w, x, y, z 1609 l, q, v, w	NQ Metals Pty Limited 125 551 537
EPM16700	Approx. 40 km ENE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°14'S Long.140°14'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 122 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 38 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1034 o, p, u, z 1035 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1036 l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1106 e, k 1107 a, b, c, d, e, f 1108 a, b	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

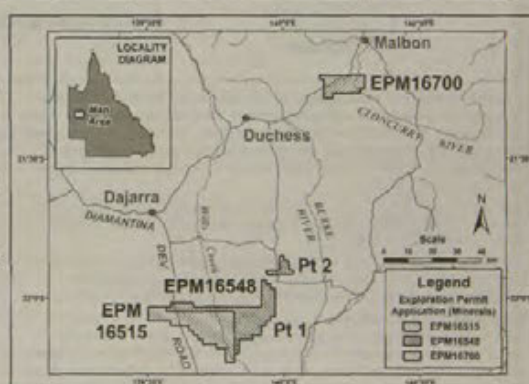
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 5 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Addition of Specified Minerals into a Mining Lease

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 addition of specified minerals to the Mining Lease shown below under section 298 of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
ML80098 Ajex	Approx. 15 km South South West from Marlborough Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Livingstone	Current Land Tenures: Lot 65 on FTY1503 - Eugene State Forest (mining only) Lot A on L1843879 - Special Lease 35/52175 (mining only) Lot 2 on L1334 - Pastoral Holding 35/5437 (mining and access) Lot 56 on SP185340 - Freehold Land (access only) Area of land in Mining Lease: 1028.4288 ha	ARC Marlborough Pty Limited 127 139 780

Nature of the acts: ML80098 was originally granted as a mining lease for the mining of Chrysoprase under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). It is proposed to add the minerals nickel and cobalt to the mining lease.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the application for the addition of specified minerals, nickel and cobalt, to ML80098 be granted under section 298 of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further information: Further information about the proposed addition of specified minerals to ML80098 may be obtained from the Mining Registrar, Rockhampton, Department of Mines and Energy (DME), State Government Building, Level 4, 209-214 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton, Qld 4700. Telephone: 07 4938 4122.

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 addition of specified minerals to ML80098. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 27 February 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Wuchopperen Health Service Limited (WHS) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service delivering holistic primary health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Cairns and surrounding areas. From 1 July 2006, WHS assumed responsibility for the delivery of primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Mount Isa and surrounding communities.

WHS is seeking applications from suitably qualified candidates to join our dynamic primary health care service. Conditions provided in our positive work environment include:

- Attractive travel incentive package
- Salary sacrifice
- Pay rates and benefits aligned to the Wuchopperen Workplace Agreement

Health Worker - Child Health / Hearing - Mt Isa

The Child Health/Hearing Worker has the responsibility of planning, coordinating, delivering and evaluating a child health/hearing health program to the community of Mt Isa. The role undertakes the provision of quality Health Worker activities, develops models of holistic health care incorporating continuity of care and ensuring the delivery of evidence based best clinical practice.

Eye Health Coordinator - Mt Isa

The Eye Health Coordinator will have experience in the development and provision of programs in particular eye health in conjunction with optometrists and an ophthalmologist. The position will be responsible for the coordination and management of an eye health program throughout the North West sector with other stakeholders.

A copy of the selection documentation for the above positions is available by visiting the Wuchopperen website at www.wuchopperen.com or by contacting Lynette Yeates on (07) 4080 1015 or email lyeates@wuchopperen.com and or Jennifer Darr on (07) 4744 0402 or email jdarr@wuchopperen.com

Closing Date for applications: COB 29 February 2008 and should be addressed to: Confidential, The Manager, Wuchopperen Health Service, PO Box 39, Mount Isa Qld 4825. Or email: jdarr@wuchopperen.com

Suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Granatee 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*	Current Applicant
EPM14278	Approx. 34 km WNW from Mount Mulligan Centred at approximate Lat. 16°41'S Long. 144°38'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area of Part 1: 33 km² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1° lat x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 584 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Ralph DeLacey

* 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.

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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 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.

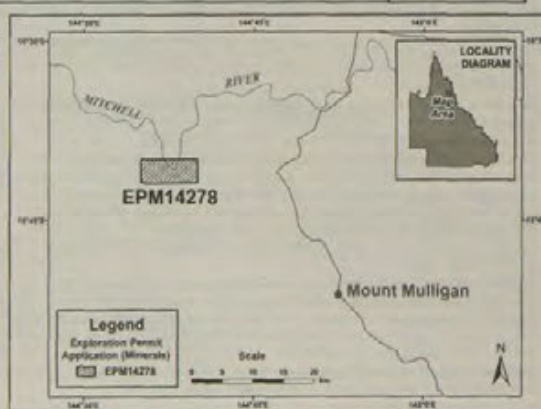
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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.

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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: 5 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-Operative Ltd Incorporating Bunurong Health Service

The Cooperative established in 1975 is incorporated as a community advancement society under the Co-operatives Act (Vic) 1996. The Cooperative provides a range of services in areas in and around Dandenong, Frankston, and Hastings. It is funded by the Commonwealth and State to provide a range of services in health, housing, home and community care, family support, employment and training. Special people are sought with the right qualities and skills to fill these important roles in our organisation.

MANAGER, SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES (Readvertised)

Implement the Board's compliance with all statutory and funding requirements. Provide executive support to the elected Board and overall management and promotion of the housing, HACC, family services and other support programs and operations of the Cooperative, responsible for supervision and train staff, and ensure an equitable service delivery to the Community. Implement strategic plans and organise budgets for each program. SACS Award 2000

ABORIGINAL HEALTH PROMOTIONS AND CHRONIC CARE PROGRAM Chronic Care Worker

The Dandenong/Gasey Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care Partnership (Greater Dandenong Community Health Service and the Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative) is seeking to employ a Chronic Care Worker. This position will preferably be staffed by an Aboriginal person (subject to Equal Opportunity Act 1995, Section 13 Exemption).

The position will liaise and work in partnership with other Aboriginal programs and mainstream service providers including Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer, Home and Community Care Program and Aboriginal Health workers in local and state governments.

Applicants should have an Aboriginal Health Worker Certificate III qualification, or alternatively, be willing to enroll in the Aboriginal Health Worker Certificate III training within 2 months of commencement of employment.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST Temporary 6 Months Full Time

A skilled and punctual person is required to manage the reception area of our Bunurong Health Service. Must be a good communicator and able to perform full-time duties in reception including Commander phone system, appointments and filing, computer operational skills, experience in a PHS or ability to be trained and be able to promote health program. Remuneration as per HSLA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services Award 2002.

CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT OFFICER Fixed Term Contract

The Capacity Building Support Officer's role is to build the capacity of the community to meet the registration standards for Community Service organisations as outlined in the Children, Youth and Families Act 2007. The position will be responsible for finalising DDACL self-assessments, performance against Community Service Organisation (CSO) Standards, develop and implement action plans to meet registration standards and participate in the development of a 3 year strategic plan for service delivery.

For the above position descriptions, selection criteria and queries please contact: Andrew Gardner on 03 9794 5933. Applications should be forwarded to: The Manager, PO Box 663, Dandenong VIC 3175, clearly marked 'Private and Confidential' and be received by COB 22nd February 2008.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVISER
(ATSI IDENTIFIED)
 Clerk, Grade 7-8, Parramatta, Various, Position Number AG08/042. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
 Provides support to the Manager, Crime Prevention Programs, in the development and management of crime prevention plans, projects and community justice initiatives. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality & knowledge of Aboriginal community culture, social and community representative structures; Sound understanding of the range of issues involved in crime prevention policies and programs; Demonstrated project planning, implementation and management skills in a high volume work area; Well developed written communication, presentation, facilitation and negotiation skills; Sound ability to communicate effectively at all levels and with people from diverse cultures and locations.
Notes: This is an identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. An eligibility list may be created to fill similar future permanent and temporary positions as they arise. Currently there is one temporary position for a period of up to 12 months. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.
Inquiries: Patrick Shepherdson (02) 8688 7536 Email: patrick_shepherdson@agd.nsw.gov.au
Information Packages: Patrick Shepherdson (02) 8688 7536.
Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.
Closing Date: Friday 29 February 2008

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
COURT SERVICES
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

CLERICAL OFFICER
PARRAMATTA (ATSI IDENTIFIED)
 Clerical Officer, Grade 1-2, Group C, Parramatta, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG08/048. Total remuneration package valued to: \$48,446 p.a. (\$21,154-\$43,903) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
 Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment; Strong commitment to client service; Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people; Capacity to work effectively in a team; Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards; Common selection criteria also apply.
Notes: This is an identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.
Inquiries: Anthony Raymond (02) 9895 4145 Email: anthony_raymond@agd.nsw.gov.au
Information Packages: Anthony Raymond (02) 9895 4145.
Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.
Closing Date: Friday 22 February 2008.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
NSW REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

LATE REGISTRATIONS COORDINATOR
(ATSI IDENTIFIED)
 Clerk, Grade 3-4, Chippendale, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number AG08/039. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
 The late Registrations coordinator manages and coordinates the workload in relation to late, self and adult birth registrations and late death and marriage events within the registration team. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Demonstrated superior written and oral communication and interpersonal skills to liaise with Registry staff and management, stakeholders and clients; Ability to respond to client needs and willingness to accommodate client requests without compromising legislative or policy obligations, whilst delivering a high quality customer service; Demonstrated capacity to lead and operate in a teamwork situation within an environment of competing priorities and frequent change; Capacity to work in a high volume environment requiring accuracy and attention to detail; Ability to understand and apply relevant legislation, policies and procedures of the Registry; Computer literacy and keyboard skills required to understand and access the Registry's computer systems; Common selection criteria also apply.
Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This is a temporary position for the period up to 30 June 2008. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.
Inquiries: Ben Finn, telephone: (02) 8306 8462 Email: ben_finn@agd.nsw.gov.au
Information Packages: Ben Finn (02) 8306 8462.
Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.
Closing Date: Friday 22 February 2008 PSN/C 907490.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AUTHORISATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do acts, namely to grant the following authorisations in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Authorisation 26581 sought by TENNANT CREEK GOLD (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 085 057 398 over an area of 6 Blocks (15 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LEGUNE locality.

Not To Scale NMGM Map Sheet No: 4767

Authorisation 26500 sought by TRUSCOTT MINING CORPORATION LTD, ACN 116 420 378 over an area of 5 Blocks (6 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.

Not To Scale NMGM Map Sheet No: 5758

Authorisation 26558 sought by TRUSCOTT MINING CORPORATION LTD, ACN 116 420 378 over an area of 2 Blocks (1 Sq Km) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.

Not To Scale NMGM Map Sheet No: 5758

Nature of act(s): The grant of an authority to explore 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 determined by the Minister and to seek renewals. 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 authorisations 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: 13 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
EPM16624	Approx. 27 km NE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat. 18°01'S Long. 142°24'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Croydon and Etheridge	Area: 326 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1' lat x 1' long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1636 v, w, x, y 1704 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, k, o, p 1709 f, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1710 l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1711 x 1781 e, j, k, o, p, u, x, y, z 1782 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1783 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s 1853 d, e, k 1854 a, d, e, f, g, j, k, m, n	Nottum Pty Ltd 123 515 560

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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.

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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 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, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2007.

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 5, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 1244 1100 or Email: qldreg@fcdm.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.

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Notification Day: 5 March 2008

Queensland Government
 Natural Resources and Water

Male Indigenous Transition Worker

COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE CENTRE is a community based agency providing services to prisoners, ex-prisoners & their families.

Male Indigenous Transition Worker

38 hrs per week (2 year contract).

SACS Award G4 yr4 \$48,913 + salary packaging.

The Indigenous Transition Program will provide casework support and mentoring to indigenous offenders transitioning from custody to Inner Sydney, with the aim of successful community reintegration.

Note: An applicant's race and gender is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Sections 14(d) & 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 22nd February 2008.

All applications MUST include a written statement addressing selection criteria.

See CRC website for job package: www.crcnsw.org.au Or contact CRC, Community Restorative Centre, 174 Broadway, (Cnr Shepherd St) Broadway NSW 2007. Tele 02 9289 8700. Email: info@crcnsw.org.au Fax: 02 9211 6518.



BIRIPI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL CENTRE AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR

Full-time - South Taree NSW

Biripi AMS is seeking the services of an experienced person to Co-ordinate and supervise staff in our 5 bed overnight respite care centre, day respite programs, 24 community aged care packages and Home and Community Care Program. The successful applicant will need to be highly self motivated. In return Biripi AMS is willing to negotiate an attractive salary package.

Skills Required

Desirable:

- Experience working in a medical environment.
- Experience working in an Aboriginal organisation.
- Aboriginality.
- Registered Nurse.
- Knowledge of Aged Care Act, HACCC and National Respite Care Guidelines.

Essential:

- Demonstrated ability to engage & work effectively with Aboriginal communities.
- Current NSW drivers licence.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Effective time management and personal organisational skills.
- Ability to work independently, as a team member and is self motivated.
- Tertiary qualifications in a health or related field.
- Previous work history in aged care/disability areas.
- Highly developed case-management skills.
- Previous history of supervising and managing a small team.

For an information pack please contact: Kristen Clarke on 65527579 or email kclarke@biripi.org.au

For enquiries please contact: Amanda Bridge on 6551 2088.

As an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation we strongly encourage Aboriginal People to apply for this position.

Applications Close: Close of Business 18th February 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



CASEWORKER

HELPLINE

Clerk Grade 4/7

DoCS Helpline

Various positions

Permanent & Temporary Full-Time

Vacancy No: DOCS-08-10461

Total remuneration package valued up to \$78,951 per annum (Salary \$55,010 pa - \$71,546 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The incumbent will provide timely, responsive care & protection services for children & young persons & their families by undertaking initial assessments of safety, welfare & well being of children & young persons.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Degree in Social Work, Social Science, Welfare or related discipline. Aboriginal applicants with experience in fields of social welfare, child development & child protection do not require a degree but must provide proof of Aboriginality.
- Effective child protection assessment skills & ability to manage challenging situations.
- Exceptional verbal & written communication skills & ability to apply within a contact centre environment.
- Exceptional & timely decision making ability & exceptional organisational skills.
- Demonstrated conflict resolution & problem solving ability.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Understanding of the needs of disadvantaged groups.
- Proficiency in keyboard typing & computer skills.

Job Notes: Temporary positions are for a period of 12 months with prospect of permanency under the terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002.

Applicants must be willing to work in a 24 hr/7 day rotational roster environment. Applications welcomed from Aboriginal people, Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultures, people with disabilities & mature aged candidates. Aboriginal applicants with social welfare, child development & child protection experience do not require a degree qualification but must provide proof of Aboriginality. Include Call Centre experience in application. Extensive periods of keyboarding involved. Eight week training period provided. Various positions available. Applicants MUST obtain the information package which contains the complete details of the position and information about DoCS. Applicants MUST address full selection criteria and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms.

Inquiries & Information Packages: Priya Dewan, (02) 8267 4600 or email: docs@rossjuliaross.com

Applications to: Priya Dewan, Ross Julia Ross, Level 11, 139 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or email: docs@rossjuliaross.com

Closing Date: Friday 22 February 2008.

QANTTIVE

Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

Applicants must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer David Kennedy, by email: dkennedy@galambila.org.au or on (02) 6652-0850.

Applications marked "Confidential" can be posted to:

The Contact Officer, CH&DLALC, PO Box 6150 Coffs Harbour 2450.

Applications close: Friday 12 March 2008.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



ABORIGINAL SUPPORT & LIAISON OFFICER (ASLO)

Maroon Hospital in Outer East Melbourne is seeking a suitably qualified person who is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or accepted by the Aboriginal community in the Eastern metropolitan region (EEO Exemption). This newly appointed position is funded for 12 months fixed term in the first instance.

Enquiries: Penelope Vye, Manager, Social Work telephone: 03 9871-3516.

Position description: Available on www.easlemhealth.org.au

Applications close: Monday 25th 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
EPM16243 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 39 km SW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°55'S Long.139°04'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 2: Approx. 33 km W from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°38'S Long.139°04'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 3: Approx. 37 km W from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°41'S Long.139°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 4: Approx. 38 km SSW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°47'S Long.139°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 1: 148 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 46 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3253 w 3325 a, b, f, g, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3326 q, r, v, w 3397 c, d, e, k, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 3398 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w Area of Part 2: 110 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 34 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3037 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, x, y 3109 c, d, e, h, j, n, o, s, t, x, y 3181 d, h, j, o, p, r, t, u, x, y 3253 d Area of Part 3: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3181 a, f Area of Part 4: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3253 f, l	Savannah Resources Pty Ltd 096 358 735
EPM16488	Approx. 62 km NNW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°09'S Long.139°18'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mount Isa and Burke	Area: 124 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2607 z 2608 q, r, s, v, w 2679 e, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2680 a, h, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2681 q, v, w, x, y 2751 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 2752 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, q, r, v 2753 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Bridge Mines Pty Ltd 125 263 676
EPM16498 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 71 km N from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°04'S Long.139°25'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Burke Part 2: Approx. 59 km N from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°10'S Long.139°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 1: 175 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 54 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2608 n, o, p 2609 l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 2610 c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2611 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v 2681 e 2682 c, d, e, j, k, o, p 2683 a, f, l 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 2754 a, b	Central Minerals Pty Ltd 125 394 201
EPM16511	Approx. 89 km NNE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.18°56'S Long.139°37'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Burke	Area: 324 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2467 g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2468 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2469 q, v, w 2539 a, b, c, d, e, u, z 2540 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 2541 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2611 e 2612 a, b 2613 a, b, c, d, h, j	Southern Uranium Limited 115 338 979

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

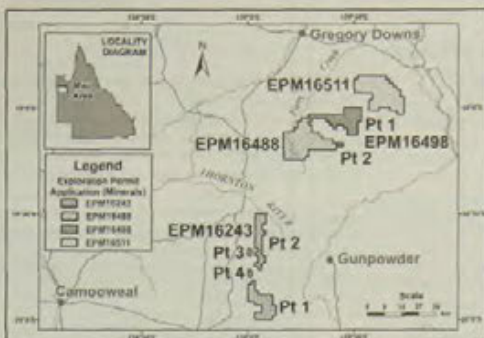
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Notification Day: 5 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

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EPC1158	Approx. 18 km WSW from Inglewood Centred at approximate Lat.28°25'S Long.150°54'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Inglewood	Area: 184 km ² Block Identification Maps: Armidale Number of Sub-blocks: 61 (each 1'latx 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 228 o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 229 v 299 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 300 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, q, r, v 371 d, j, o, p, t, u, v, w, x, y 442 e, h, j, k, n, o, s, t 443 a, b, c, d, e, f, g	Taroom Coal Pty Ltd 079 251 442

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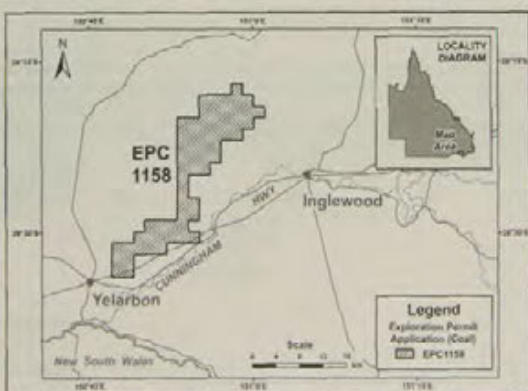
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Notification Day: 5 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

HERITAGE INFORMATION OFFICER

EPO Class 7, Griffith, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-035. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,363 p.a. (\$66,732-\$73,732) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Manages cultural heritage information, administers cultural heritage information systems, develops local information protocols with Aboriginal communities, ensures appropriate management of sensitive data while meeting the needs DECC. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job. Extensive knowledge and appreciation of the way Aboriginal people manage and protect their cultural knowledge, and Aboriginal community dynamics and cultural protocols. Understanding of information management and the use of database systems, such as the AHIMS and HHIMS, including the issues and sensitivities associated with Aboriginal Heritage information. Strong computer skills relating to either IT (such as networks, databases or operating systems) or the use of GIS (such as previous use of GIS such as ArcView). Proven presentation, consultation and negotiation skills with particular ability to work with Aboriginal communities on a one to one and group basis and delivery of training. Demonstrated initiative and organisational skills, and the ability to work independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary team. Current Driver's Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Temporary position up to 27 March 2009. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Cheryl Brown (02) 9585 6470 Email: cheryl.brown@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6168 or jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au. **Closing Date:** Friday 22 February 2008.



Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative

Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd (GEGAC) is based in Bairnsdale Victoria and has been proudly serving the Aboriginal and wider East Gippsland communities for over 30 years. GEGAC manages around 40 programs and has close to 100 full time and part time staff.

The organisation comprises a diverse range of services, programs and projects that include Medical and Dental, Family Services, HACC, Elders & Disability, Alcohol & Drug Services, Youth Accommodation Services, Women's Shelter, Cultural Services and Keeping Place. GEGAC is committed to the delivery of high quality services to the Aboriginal community from Sale East to the NSW border to improve economic, social and cultural well being for this generation and future generations. GEGAC is an Aboriginal community controlled co-operative that is governed by a Board of Directors. Following review the GEGAC Board now wishes to fill the following senior management positions.

Chief Executive Officer

Full time position-(3 year contract)

The CEO is to be responsible to the Board of Directors for the operational management of GEGAC, including strategic planning, policy development, risk management and compliance, financial and human resource management, organisation and staff development, representation and advocacy, program and policy implementation, and evaluation of services, in a way that promotes human dignity, creates conditions for social justice, and empowers staff and the indigenous communities of East Gippsland.

Manager Cultural Business

Full time position-(3 year contract)

The Manager Cultural Business is to be responsible for the cultural functions of GEGAC. This is to include the day-to-day management and running of the Keeping Place Museum and its collections. The position is also to be responsible for GEGAC's Cultural Monitoring Program; this will include the development and maintenance of relationships with key stakeholders including 'Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP)' under the Cultural Heritage Act (Vic), as well as a significant role in the management, development and maintenance of GEGAC's cultural properties.

Manager Community Programs

Full time position-(3 year contract)

The Manager Community Programs will provide support in the coordination, development, maintenance and evaluation of various community programs managed by GEGAC. The role will identify the need for new programs and projects through researching and analysing community issues, needs and manage funding submissions and program implementation strategies.

Manager Corporate Services

Full time position-(3 year contract)

The Manager Corporate Services is to be responsible for overseeing all of GEGAC's administrative functions. These functions include Finance, Human Resource Management, Information Technology, Business Planning & Strategy and Board Support. The position will be responsible for ensuring that all the identified administrative functions are satisfactorily completed, and all legal requirements met.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply. These positions are subject to ongoing funding, and there is a requirement to possess and retain a current driver's licence. All interested persons should contact GEGAC reception on 5150-0700 for position description and application information. Applicants will need to address the Key Selection Criteria in their application.

The relevant closing time and date for applications for these positions is close of business: 5:00pm on Monday February 25th.

Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative reserves the right not to appoint.

INDIGENOUS HEALTH PROGRAM

Community Development Worker - Normanton

We need your commitment and energy to strengthen the capacity of community groups and organisations in the Normanton area.

You will have a successful track record in participatory development practice and a thorough understanding of the issues facing Indigenous people in remote communities.

Please visit www.oxfam.org.au/jobs for a position description and application form or contact Karyn Allen on 07 4749 5755. Fulltime contract to June 2008. Salary \$55,090 plus benefits and access to salary packaging.

Applications close 20 February.

EEO/Child Safe Employer - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates are encouraged to apply.

Oxfam Australia is working for a just world without poverty.

Otitis Media Audiometrist (Identified)

Salary: Aboriginal Health Worker
Level 2: \$680.20 - \$761.60 per week

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and highly motivated persons to fill the above position. The successful applicant will:

- Ensure with evidence-based guidelines that care across providers is consistent and directed towards achieving health outcomes
- Experience in developing assessment tools and education programs
- Deliver strategies for the delivery of integrated models of care

Our goals would involve screening, support, follow-up, and health promotion, developing assessment tools, early intervention, accessibility and cultural awareness, development of partnerships with government and not government organisations.

INQUIRIES: Jeff Richardson, 02 6662 3514.

PROJECT WORKER

ABORIGINAL WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

We are a women's domestic violence service based in South-West Sydney and would like to employ an experienced worker to develop and conduct a series of education programs for Indigenous women that will train & mentor local Aboriginal women to become trainers & advocates within their own communities. The project will also set up a local Violence Against Women committee to address the specific needs of Aboriginal women. You will have relevant program and community development experience and an understanding of the dynamics and effects of domestic violence and have good written & oral communication skills. This is a 2 year position, salary based on SACS award with above award conditions & salary sacrificing. For an info pack call (02)96029160.

Closing date: 29 Feb 08.

Being a woman is a genuine employment requirement under Section 31-2 of the Anti-Discrimination Act and Aboriginality is a genuine employment requirement under Section 14 of the Act. This position is funded by Federal Attorney-General's Dept.

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
EPM16471	Approx. 72 km N from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat. 20°0'S Long. 141°45'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKintay	Area: 306 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 95 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 44 e 45 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 46 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 47 L, m, q, r, v, w, x, y Normanton 3428 f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, z 3429 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3430 f, l, q, r, s, v, w, x	Hapsburg Exploration Pty Ltd 119 756 133
EPM16473	Approx. 58 km N from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat. 20°08'S Long. 141°51'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKintay	Area: 299 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 93 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 317 c, d, e, h, j, k, p 118 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 119 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 120 f, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x 190 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 191 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 192 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k	Hapsburg Exploration Pty Ltd 119 756 133
EPM16475	Approx. 91 km NNW from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat. 19°50'S Long. 141°38'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKintay	Area: 312 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3283 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 3284 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3286 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 3357 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 3428 a, b, c, d, e 3429 a, b, c, d, e	Hapsburg Exploration Pty Ltd 119 756 133

* 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, DOORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

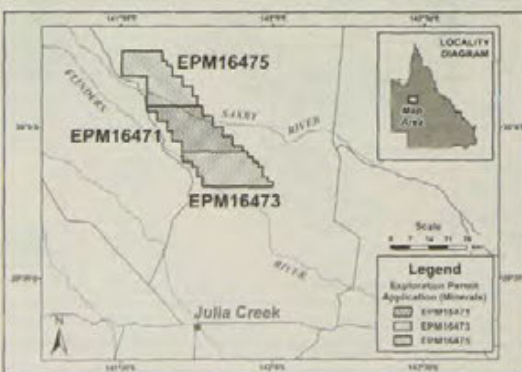
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 5 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Waringarri Resource Centre, Kununurra WA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation is a resource agency delivering programs on behalf of Government and other agencies to Aboriginal and wider community people in the Kununurra Ord Valley Region.

These programs include:

CDEP for up to 170 participants. Municipal Services (Power, Water, Waste Disposal) to 18 outstation communities. Housing Management Support program to 130 Aboriginal Community houses (Tenancy Agreements, rent Collection, R+M etc). "Money Business" program (Delivering financial awareness training e.g. how to prepare shopping list, do a budget etc) (Not Financial Counseling). 21 bed "Mooregoong" Sobering up Shelter. "Mirriwung" Patrol - night patrol to remove youths and intoxicated or homeless people to a safe environment or taken home.

Staff of 25 people plus CDEP participants. 12 room office building plus conference room, reception area etc. Workshop and offices.

Kununurra town has a population of approximately 7,500 people with Agriculture, Community Services, Mining and Tourism being the major industries. Daily jet flights to Perth, Darwin, Broome. Modern shopping facilities. District High school up to 600 students. Modern Hospital. Modern and extensive recreation facilities and opportunities for Boating fishing etc on Lake Argyle, Lake Kununurra and Gulf.

Responsible to: Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation (KWAC) Executive Committee.

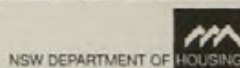
Supervision of: All Waringarri Departmental Coordinators.

Function / Key Responsibilities

Management of Organisation - Daily operational management of Kununurra - Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation. Provide Reports - Attend Executive Committee meetings and provide reports and advice to Executive Committee (Assist in the preparation of committee meetings). Review and Recommend - Continually review the organisations operations and make recommendation to Executive Committee on organisational developmental issues and policy matters. Identify and develop Community enterprise initiatives.

Salary Package: Including Super, Vehicle and Housing around \$100,000 per annum.

Please Contact: Erika Drury, Remote Recruiting for further information and full Job Description, Phone 03 92791729.



CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

North Coast Access, Taree

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-10432

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (salary: \$49,012 pa - \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Housing NSW is seeking a highly motivated and flexible individual who enjoys working with clients from different backgrounds and as part of an effective team providing quality service.

Selection Criteria:

- Commitment to the principles of social housing and must be willing to undertake Certificate IV in Social Housing.
- Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances including Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking background and people with disabilities.
- Ability to identify client needs, apply housing eligibility criteria and provide appropriate assistance.
- Skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
- Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including writing reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands.
- Computer literacy and current Driver's licence.

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: Kelly Stronell, Housing Manager, Lower Mid North Coast (02) 6582 9202.

Information package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: Friday 22 February 2008.



Indigenous Family Workers

Are you experienced in working with families with children?

Here is your opportunity to work with families to make a difference in their lives. You will be part of a dynamic and creative organisation which can offer considerable flexibility of employment and above award conditions.

Two positions - one working with families affected by mental illness, the other working with families with children 0-6yrs old. The work will involve individual and group work with parents and children.

Conditions: SACS award.

Hours 24-35 (full-time) pw negotiable.

NFSS is an EEO employer.

The employment of Indigenous Australian people in these positions is authorised in accordance with part 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act(1977).

For further details & information package phone (02 4926 3577).

Closing date: 27th February.



PRINCIPAL (Re-advertised)

Worawa Aboriginal College is seeking a dynamic and experienced person to provide educational leadership and direction in achieving the aims and objectives of the College.

Worawa is a co-educational boarding school exclusively catering for Aboriginal youth. We aim to offer Years 7 - 10 with pathways to partner schools for the post-compulsory years. In the future, Years 11 and 12 may be contemplated. The College has accommodation for up to 60 boarders.

The College aims to have Aboriginal culture at the centre of its curriculum; to create a teaching and learning environment based on the assumption that all students are capable of learning and making progress; to provide individualised learning programs for each student; and to provide a high level of pastoral care. Literacy, numeracy are key priorities.

The successful applicant must:

- Be an experienced Principal or Deputy, able to be registered as a teacher in Victoria
- Be committed to Aboriginal education and to young people
- Demonstrate high level educational leadership and management skills
- Demonstrate good knowledge and experience of secondary education
- Demonstrate an excellent teaching record and be willing to undertake some teaching.

Intending applicants should obtain an information pack and application form by contacting the College on 03 5962 4344 or admin@worawa.vic.edu.au

Applications should be marked 'Confidential' and directed to: The Principal Search Committee, Worawa Aboriginal College, PO Box 1250, Healesville VIC 3777.

Applications close Friday 29 February.

Previous applicants need not re-apply and will automatically be considered.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

PROJECT CHANGE MANAGER

Clerk Grade 11/12
Project Management & Change Unit
Organisation Improvement
Head Office, Ashfield
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-10505

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,885 per annum (salary \$91,569 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Position is to provide expertise in the change management process and assist with the coordination and quality assurance of change activities across the Department's change projects.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience in identifying, influencing and managing all aspects of organisational change (and change through projects).
- Demonstrated experience with the application of change management and methodologies, implementation of change and achieving results.
- Demonstrated experience in applying strategic, conceptual, creative and analytical thinking in a change management context.
- Well-developed liaison and consultation skills plus strong experience and knowledge of networking and cultivating productive working relationships.
- Demonstrated experience in communicating with influence to achieve change.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period from February 2008 to December 2008 under the terms of the PSEM Act 2008. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria should be no longer than four pages in length. 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: Tonia Hicks on 02 8753 8799

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 22 February 2008.

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NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

LALC SUPPORT OFFICERS

Queanbeyan (2) and Coffs Harbour (1)

Attractive Remuneration Package,
Benefits and Salary Packaging options

This is an ideal opportunity if you are looking for a position that will provide a rewarding and challenging career, great potential for development and advancement and an attractive remuneration package together with an extensive range of benefits and conditions.

The positions are based in our Southern and Northern Zone Offices and are responsible for providing an extensive range of assistance, support and advice to enable LALC's to meet procedural and legislative requirements.

The successful applicant will need the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, experience with program delivery, sound communication skills, a willingness to travel, and the ability to coordinate a diverse range of functions.

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 Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator
NSW Aboriginal Land Council,
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124.

Applications close Monday 3 March 2008.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Re-advertised)

(Previous applicants need not re-apply)

The Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the NLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity

to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

CEO Wages to commence at \$52,400 including PBI Salary Sacrifice.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer, Patricia King, by email: ngulingah@bigpond.com or on (02) 6621 5541 (Office).

Applications can be forwarded to: "Confidential", The Chairperson, Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council, PO Box 981, LISMORE NSW 2480.

Applications close Friday, 29th February 2008.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Notice of Proposed Inclusion of Additional Surface Area to be included in a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Holder named below gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed inclusion of an Additional Surface Area within a Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). ML1790, when granted on 13 July 1978 did not include a portion of the surface of the land to which it relates. The current holder has now applied under Section 275 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for an additional area of surface of the land to which the Mining Lease relates as described below to be included in the Mining Lease.

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Surface Area on Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Surface Area on Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Additional Surface Area Application	Current Holder ACN
Surface Area No 1 on ML1790 Wards Well	Approx. 27 km North from Goonyella Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Nebo	Current Land Tenures: Lot 9 on GV807254 - Pastoral Holding 30/3686 Area of Additional Surface Area applied for within the Mining Lease: 3149.4 ha (as shown on the map below)	BHP Mitsui Coal Pty. Ltd. 009 713 875

Nature of the acts: The inclusion of Additional Surface Area within a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities on the additional surface area subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for the term of the Mining Lease.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the inclusion of Additional Surface area No 1 in ML 1790 be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, QLD 4002.

See below for additional information and map of area.

Notice of Proposed Approval to conduct Drilling and other activities on land not included in the Surface Area of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Holder named below gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed approval to conduct drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area covered by the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

ML 4752 was granted on the 13 July 1978. The current holder has now applied under Section 237 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for approval to conduct drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of the Mining Lease described below.

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Surface Area on Mining Lease Number and Name	Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Holder ACN
ML4752 Lancewood	Approx. 36 km North from Goonyella Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Nebo	Current Land Tenures: Lot 8 on GV807254 - Preferential Pastoral Holding 30/805 within the boundary of ML4752. Area of land in Mining Lease to conduct drilling and other activities: 1,787ha (abt) (as shown on the map below)	BHP Mitsui Coal Pty. Ltd. 009 713 875

Nature of the acts: Approval to conduct drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to carry out drilling and other associated activities on the relevant area subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for the term of the mining lease.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the application to conduct drilling and other associated activities within ML 4752 be approved under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Qld 4002.

See below for additional information and map of area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NOTICES OF PROPOSED GRANT OF ADDITIONAL SURFACE AREA AND DRILLING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN A MINING LEASE

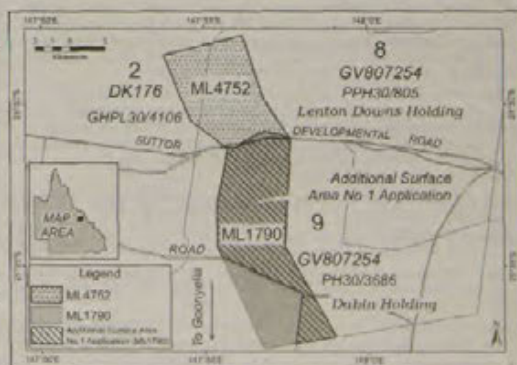
Further Information: Further information about the proposed inclusion of the Additional Surface Area and the approval to conduct drilling and other activities within a Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Additional Surface Area application within Mining Lease 1790, can be obtained from the Office of the Mining Registrar, Emerald, Department of Mines and Energy, Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, PO Box 19, Emerald QLD 4720. Telephone: (07) 4987 9300.

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 an Additional Surface Area and drilling and other activities within a Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 27 February 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Bodalla Local Aboriginal Land Council

MANAGER

Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable
In accordance with the Social and Community
Services State Award (NSW)

The Bodalla Local Aboriginal Land Council (Bodalla LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Manager.

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 Bodalla LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have a knowledge and understanding of the issues that affect Aboriginal communities on the Far South Coast of New South Wales including history, societies and cultures; knowledge and understanding of program funding with government and the non-government sector including the process of seeking funding; knowledge of the ALRA; capacity to interpret and implement legislative requirements; sound communication skills including negotiation, consultation and mediation skills and capacity to prepare reports and submissions; organisational and management experience to effectively lead, direct and manage an organisation; ownership of a Class C drivers licence and a sound understanding of accounting practices including MYOB and principles and a sound understanding of EEO and OH&S requirements.

Job Notes: This is a permanent part-time position (35 hours per week) contracted for a period of up to 2 years under the Social and Community Services State Award (NSW). Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. All applicants can obtain a copy of the Recruitment Package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria from the Chairperson, by email: bodallalalc@bigpond or on (02) 44 735 404.

Applications can be forwarded to bodallalalc@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to: Chairperson, Bodalla Local Aboriginal Land Council, PO Box 50, Bodalla NSW 2546.

Applications close Friday 29 February 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER (VOCATIONAL TRAINING)

Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08041. Total remuneration package valued to: \$79,185 p.a. (\$64,011-\$73,758). Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Responsible for assisting in the implementation and delivery of education and vocational training programs, and providing administrative and case management support for these programs. **Selection Criteria:** Degree in Education or Degree plus Diploma in Education or equivalent. Certificate II, III or IV in Occupational Health and Safety or equivalent. Experience delivering Vocational Education & Training programs to adults. Demonstrated knowledge of the Australian Quality Training Framework standards. Understanding of the New Apprenticeship and Traineeship System. Ability to provide flexible course delivery to meet the needs of the learner and the institution. 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 position will be required to deliver OH&S programs for up to 10 hrs/week. This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. Specific arrangements may apply to applicants who do not possess the required qualification in Education. For details please obtain an information package. 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 and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions. All new staff will be required to attend the integrated induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries: Kerry Josephs Ph: (02) 6840 2919 Email: Kerry.Josephs@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kerry.Josephs@dcs.nsw.gov.au Phone: (02) 6840 2919

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 15 February 2008

GAT 19004

Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

Please note: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people and encouraged to apply.

The Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council (CLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the CLALC 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 1983, 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 Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council on (02) 6822 2100.

Applications to be marked 'Confidential' and posted to: Chairperson, Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council, PO Box 385, Coonamble NSW 2829.

Applications close: 5pm on the 20th February 2008.



Redfern Aboriginal Corporation

Redfern Aboriginal Corporation (RAC) has been in operation for 15 years, delivering vital employment, education, training, cultural, health and well being services to the Aboriginal community living in metropolitan Sydney.

RAC began as a Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) and has grown its delivery of services to the Aboriginal community over a period of time. Initially set up to service families living on 'The block' we can proudly say that we have assisted with training and placing many Aboriginal people who come from other Aboriginal communities outside our region, into real jobs. Our purpose is to identify and deliver the most appropriate programs that result in improved employment, education, self esteem and independence for Aboriginal people.

As a recent transitioning STEPS provider we have undertaken a review of our organisational structure and service delivery model. As a result, we are seeking applications from experienced Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples for a 12 month fixed term opportunity in the following positions:

Employment Consultant

Manages the attraction strategy and the coordination and registration of all new and existing clients, liaising with Centrelink, Job Network Members and Corporates, coordinator role for all service streams i.e. placement, pre-employment and mentoring, placing clients into direct employment opportunities, managing those relationships and reviewing effective placements. This role reports to and is accountable to the Executive Officer.

Training & Mentoring Program Coordinator

Coordinates the design and delivery of all pre-employment, work preparation and mentoring training programs, resources and tools, matching staff with appropriate mentors (within and external to the corporate) and supporting mentors and mentees in the first three to six months of their partnership. This role reports to and is accountable to the Executive Officer.

These positions are based in Chippendale, Sydney.

Please call (02) 93181496 or email admin@yarn.com.au for a detailed job description and selection criteria.

Applications should be sent to Redfern Aboriginal Corporation, 276-278 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale NSW 2008 by 27 February 2008.

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:

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EPM16536	Approx. 32 km W from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°22'S Long.139°34'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Boulia	Area: 309 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1098 d, c, j, k, o, p, t, u, w, x, y 1099 a, t, l, q, v 1170 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1171 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1172 l, q, v 1243 d, c, j, k 1244 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 1245 a, b, f, g, l, q	Macmin Silver Ltd 056 776 160 (80%) Clayton Brett Walton (20%)

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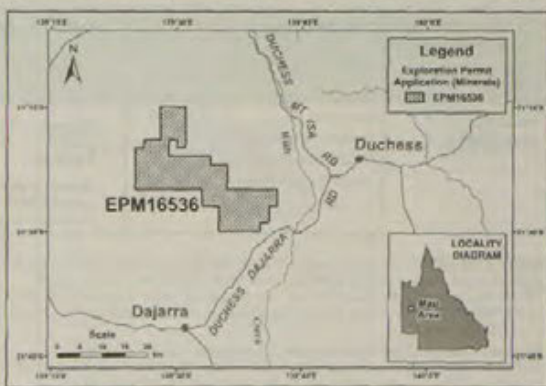
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Notification Day: 5 March 2008



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Winnunga Nimmitjyah Aboriginal Health Service Inc.

Winnunga Nimmitjyah Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled health service providing holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas. The Service manages approximately 30 programs through various funding agreements and employs more than 60 staff offering salary sacrifice pursuant to tax office regulations and organisational policy. We are looking for highly motivated and experienced people for a number of positions.

Project Officer ACT

National Indigenous Alcohol and Other Drug Worker Training Program - Administration Services.

We are seeking an experienced Project Officer to manage the ACT Jurisdiction of the National Indigenous Alcohol and Other Drug Worker Training Program based within our Administration Services. The successful applicant should have a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, or the ability to obtain, qualifications in AOD work or a related area, and experience in adult education and project management. The successful applicant should have excellent communication skills and extensive counselling experience. The applicant is also required to have experience in community development and health promotion, immediate start.

Applicants must obtain a copy of the selection criteria and address all criteria in their application.

For more information and/or a copy of the position description and selection criteria please call Roseanne Longford, HR Manager on 6284 6259 or email Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

All applications should be addressed and mailed to Julie Tonga, CEO, Winnunga Nimmitjyah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Crescent, Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

Applications close Thursday 21st February 2008.

APPRENTICE CHEFS

HTN is now recruiting Indigenous Australians to participate in a commercial cookery apprenticeship funded by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) for Sydney, Newcastle and Taree areas. Email your resume to recruitment@htn.com.au or call 1300 139 108 for further information.

Clinical Psychologist Psychologist

Weigell Centre Aboriginal Corporation is a residential AOD rehabilitation facility, near Cowra. We are building capacity to better identify and effectively treat Indigenous people with coinciding mental illness and substance abuse issues.

We are seeking a registered psychologist with clinical experience for clinical and workforce development duties. **Contact:** Duncan McEvoy, Craig Fermor 02 6345 1803 for a package including selection criteria.

Closing Date: 20 February 2008.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT VICTIMS SERVICES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

CLIENT SUPPORT OFFICER (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 1-2, Parramatta, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG08/066. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,567 p.a. (\$46,320-\$50,356) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide a first point of contact for ATSI clients using the dedicated free call phone service. Provide an appropriate, timely and effective information and referral service for Victims Services by answering counter and telephone inquiries.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality; Demonstrated experience supporting clients through telephone contact, including all client groups, professionals, and service providers; Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and show empathy with clients on sensitive issues including those with limited English language skills, those in distress and clients with disabilities; Awareness of the issues facing Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal victims of crime and the Department's Aboriginal Justice Plan; Experience using computer databases and office support packages and demonstrated ability to use good time management skills and sound judgment in a high-volume work environment; Ability to interpret and apply guidelines and an understanding of Victims Services functions and the Charter of Victims Rights;

Notes: This is an identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Mary O'Donnell (02) 8688 5428 Email: mary.o'donnell@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Mary O'Donnell (02) 8688 5428.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 29 February 2008.

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Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service

DIETITIAN

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) currently has a vacancy for a Dietitian. This is a five day a week position being based three days with Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service and two days at the Wellington Community Health Centre which is part of the Greater Western Area Health Service (GWAHS).

Purpose of the Position

This position is funded by the Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health under the Healthy for Life program. The Healthy for Life program aims to improve the quality of Maternal and Child Health services and Chronic Disease care provided to the Indigenous population.

This position is a co-funded position between WACHS and GWAHS and is dependent on annual reallocation of funds. Each organisation has specific roles for the Dietitian within their service.

This service provides initial consultation, dietary assessments, education, planning and review for clients of the Wellington Aboriginal Health Service, for inpatients of the local hospital and for Community Health clients. This position also provides consultation to Hospital Hotel staff for hospital diets and supports program workers. It participates as a team member in health promotional activities for schools, pre schools and community groups and is committed to quality activities aimed at improving dietetic services for the Indigenous population and the general population of the Wellington LGA.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate a level of skills and experience working in a Community Health/Hospital for Aboriginal Health setting.

All prospective applicants will need to contact Patricia George, Health for Life Coordinator at WACHS (02) 86453545 or e-mail: trishg@wachs.net.au for an information package. This package contains the essential criteria to be addressed by all applicants.

Salary and conditions for the above positions will be negotiated in line with qualifications, experience and the funding allocated for the position by the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

Applications should be sent to the Chief Executive Officer, Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service, PO Box 236, WELLINGTON NSW 2820.

Applications close at 5.00 pm Friday 7 March 2008.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia.

Notification day: 27 February 2008

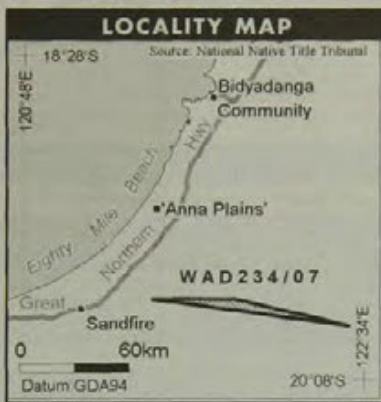


National
Native Title
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837, on or before 26 May 2008. After 26 May 2008 the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Teddy Hunter and Ors on Behalf of the Nyangumarta People v State of Western Australia (Nyangumarta 2)

Federal Court File No: WAD234/2007

Date filed: 23 November 2007

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not* accepted this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or a determination in the Federal Court.

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 332km² and is located east of Sandfire and approximately 200km south of Broome.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Shire of Broome and the Shire of East Pilbara.

Data statement: claimant application boundary sourced from and used with permission from Landgate (WA).

For assistance and further information contact Gerry Putland on
freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntf.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

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EPM15131	Approx. 13 km NE of Thursday Island Centred at Lat. 10°12'S Long. 142°19'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Torres	Area: 37 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°1at x 1°1ong) Block Number Sub-blocks 2212 d, h, j, k, n, o, p, u 2213 l, m, q	Elsinore Nominees Pty Ltd 008 954 292

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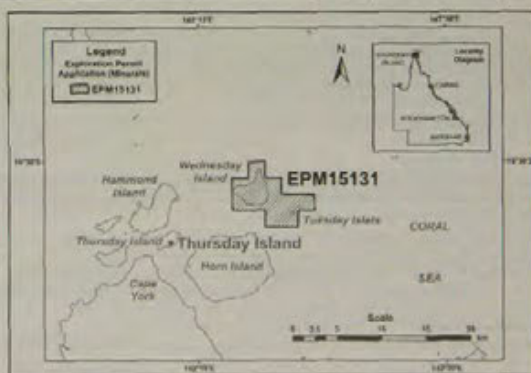
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EPM16534	Approx. 56 km SW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°14'S Long.139°34'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area: 23 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 163 x, t, u, x, y 235 c, d	Deep Yellow Ltd 006 391 948
EPM16594 This Application consists of six separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 68 km ESE from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°12'S Long.140°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 63 km E from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°09'S Long.140°38'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 67 km E from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°09'S Long.140°41'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 70 km E from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°04'S Long.140°43'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 5: Approx. 67 km E from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°06'S Long.140°41'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 6: Approx. 66 km ESE from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°10'S Long.140°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 176 p 177 f, l Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 104 x, y 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 105 q, v Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 33 x Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 105 f Area of Part 6: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 176 e	Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd 108 925 284
EPM16625	Approx. 58 km N from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°31'S Long.140°00'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Burke and Cloncurry	Area: 210 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 65 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2976 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2977 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 3048 d, e, j, o, p, t, u, y, z 3049 a, b, c, g, h, j, n, o, s, t, u, x, y, z 3120 d, e, j, k 3121 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd 122 727 342

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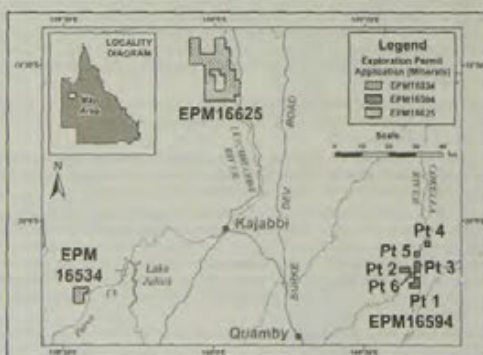
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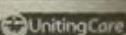
Queensland Government
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North Coast Institute

Tafe Counsellor

Location: Lismore Campus
Job Reference No: 08/001/NCI
Salary: Package \$83,151 pa salary (\$63,536 - \$75,352)
Status: Permanent Full-Time
Duties: As listed in the Statement of Duties for Tafe Counsellors, available with Information Package.
Note: As part of our Aboriginal Employment Plan we have a commitment to improving opportunities for Aboriginal people and our Aboriginal students and therefore at this time we are only accepting applications from Aboriginal people for this position. This is authorised under Section 21 of the Anti Discrimination Act of 1977.
Information Package: Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download www.nci.tafensw.edu.au
Closing date: 22 February 2008

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Children, Young People and Families Services

www.burnside.org.au

Manager, Communications

Want to make a difference?

We are seeking a dynamic and highly skilled person with extensive experience to manage communications in a large, complex, diverse and growing community service organisation.

Reporting to the Director of Social Justice, Partnerships and Communication, you will work at senior level with staff across UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families Services - a major provider of child and family services in NSW.

This position is responsible for:

- Shaping and leading the implementation of the organisation's Communications Strategy and policy
- Managing a team of communications and PR professionals to deliver quality products and timely information to internal and external stakeholders
- Overseeing the Service Group library and related functions

You will Work in a strong social justice culture and have a major role in promoting and strengthening this culture as the organisation grows.

For further information about this position please contact Jessyiah Flower on 02 9768 6848 or jflower@burnside.org.au

Applications close at 5pm Monday 25 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.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of cultural diversity.

ANYINGINYI HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION TENNANT CREEK



AHAC is a community controlled organisation that provides primary health and clinical services to the Aboriginal peoples of the Yapakurlangu Region. AHAC has been providing primary health care services to Tennant Creek and the Barkly region since 1985. AHAC offers a holistic approach to the health and well being of its clients through its clinical, counselling, educational and fitness services.

AHAC currently has a number of positions vacant within its highly motivated team of health professionals within AHAC's Public Health Section.

Registered Nurse (Chronic Disease)

Aboriginal Health Worker (Women's Sexual Health)

Health Promotions Officer

Data Systems Management Officer

A generous remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate including 6 weeks annual leave, sick leave, a generous fringe benefits provision and superannuation to attract the right person. If this sounds like the position for you and you would like further information and a position description, please contact the Human Resource Officer on (08) 8962 2633 or email Tim.Welch@anyinginyi.com.au

All applicants must be eligible for registration with relevant NT board.

All applicants must provide at least two checkable work referees.

"Prevention is the Solution"



NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

Applications for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 have been received from:

Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source

Douglas Charles & Marilyn Ellen FASHAM for 1 x Bore at Lot 139 DP 756515, Parish Bookit, County Wakool for Irrigation. (Application No. 1659)

MURRAY LAGOON PTY LIMITED, MURRAY RIVER COVE PTY LIMITED and RIVER LAGOON PTY LIMITED for 2 x Bores at Lot 1 DP 134239, Parish Benarua, County Cadell for and Industrial (Holiday Park). (Application No. 1661)

Anthony Russell & Grant Wesley BLACK for 1 x Bore at Lot 112 or 113 DP753759, Parish Sandy Ridges, County Hume for Irrigation. (Application No. 1662)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898 3900. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of publication.

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer



Exploration Licence No. 6522 (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 renewal of an exploration licence.

An area of 111 square kilometres (37 units) situated approximately 15 kilometres north of Grenfell in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Grenfell Gold Pty Ltd ACN 106 245 238 is the holder of **Exploration Licence No. 6522 (Act 1992)** for group one 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 W T Moore, Western Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Telephone (02) 6360 5338 Fax (02) 6360 5363.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is **27 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.



NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
52/281	Australian Manganese Pty Ltd	60.03ha	51km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°33' Long 120°40'	Meekatharra

The purposes for G52/281 are: Erecting, placing and operating machinery, depositing, transportation and treating minerals and tailings, roads, pipelines, railway and other transport facilities, storage and transportation of minerals and mineral concentrate, storage and transportation of non-mineralised waste and topsoil, water management facilities and infrastructure, power generation and/or transmission facilities, fuel facilities, meteorological station, workshop maintenance facilities and office administration facilities

Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 13 February 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on **13 May 2008**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **13 June 2008**), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Dept of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 27 February 2008



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12005/024 Ngadjon-Jii Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement)

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 138km² and is located approximately 19km north-west of Innisfail as shown on the locality map. The agreement area covers Malanda Falls Conservation Park, Topaz Road National Park and part of Wooroonooran National Park.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Eacham Shire Council and Cairns City Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are

The State of Queensland, C/- Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources and Water, Indigenous Services, Locked Bag 40, Coorparoo DC, QLD 4151

Vera F Kitchell, Ernie D Raymont, Stanley T Morta, Elsie E Go Sam, Yvonne S Canendo, Eric E Gertz, Grace Kidner, Margaret P Raymont, & Illa E Kidner on behalf of themselves and the Ngadjon-Jii People
C/- North Queensland Land Council, PO Box 679N, CAIRNS NORTH QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

(Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal)

3. Exercise of Native Title in the ILUA Area:

3.1 In relation to the exercise of any Native Title Rights and Interests in the ILUA Area, and in order to ensure good management of the Wooroonooran National Park, Topaz Road National Park and Malanda Falls Conservation Park, the Native Title Party on its own behalf, and on behalf of the Ngadjon-Jii People agrees to:

3.1.1 access and use the ILUA Area in a manner consistent with the protection and management of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area under the World Heritage Convention and pursuant to the *Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993* and the *Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998*;

3.1.2 carry out any hunting in Wooroonooran National Park and Topaz Road National Park in a manner consistent with the public enjoyment of those national parks and with the management principles of national parks as set out in section 17(1) of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, namely to:

(a) provide, to the greatest possible extent, for the permanent preservation of the

ILUA Area's natural condition and the protection of the ILUA Area's cultural resources and values;

(b) present the ILUA Area's cultural and natural resources and values; and

(c) ensure that the only use of the ILUA Area is nature-based and ecologically sustainable.

3.1.3 carry out any hunting in the Malanda Falls Conservation Park in a manner consistent with the public enjoyment of that conservation park and with the management principles of conservation parks as set out in section 20 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, namely to:

(a) conserve and present the area's cultural and natural resources and their values; and

(b) provide for the permanent conservation of the area's natural condition to the greatest possible extent; and

(c) ensure that any use of the area's natural resources, including fishing and grazing, is ecologically sustainable.

3.1.4 not use Firearms in the ILUA Area, except as expressly agreed in writing by QPWS;

3.1.5 not take or interfere with Rare, Endangered and Vulnerable Species, from the ILUA Area;

3.1.6 restrict Camping in the ILUA Area to

periods of no more than eight weeks in the one location, unless expressly agreed in writing by QPWS, provided that Camping shall not be on a permanent basis and shall not involve the construction of permanent structures or fixtures;

3.1.7 control and contain any fires lit by them; and

3.1.8 regularly remove rubbish and debris.

3.2 While details of this Agreement are entered on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements, this Agreement is, by operation of the NTA, binding on all Native Title Holders in relation to any part of the ILUA Area as if they were the Native Title Party.

Agreement to be an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement)

6.1 The Parties state as follows:

6.1.1 this Agreement is intended to be Registered as an Area Agreement under the Subdivision C, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA and regulation 7 of the Regulation;

6.1.2 the Agreement applies to the ILUA Area; and

6.1.3 for the avoidance of doubt, Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply.

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 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 203B(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, CAIRNS QLD 4870 by 27 May 2008.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Water, Queensland. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, 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.

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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 Colts Cricket Nets, South Tweed Heads from 9.30am-12.30pm. Cost \$65. Details: (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: (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: Katy Henson on (02) 9080 4322 or (02) 9080 4334 or email katy.henson@informa.com.au or visit www.informa.com.au/native

29 February-16 March: Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts. Australia's leading international multi-arts festival, featuring the

performing, visual and literary arts. Details: Brett Sheehy on (08) 8216 4444 or email afa@adelaidefestival.com.au or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

29 February - 27 April: Visual Arts Exhibition - Clandestine. Recent videoworks and

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

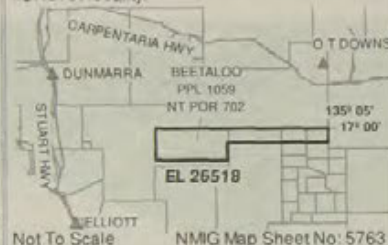
Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

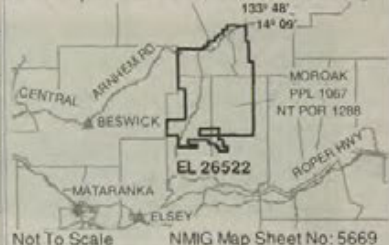
Exploration Licence 26517 sought by DUNMARRA URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 037 612 over an area of 496 Blocks (1594 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the OCTOBER locality.



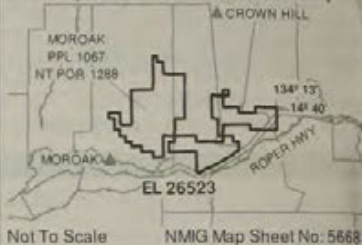
Exploration Licence 26518 sought by DUNMARRA URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 037 612 over an area of 471 Blocks (1533 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MUNDALH locality.



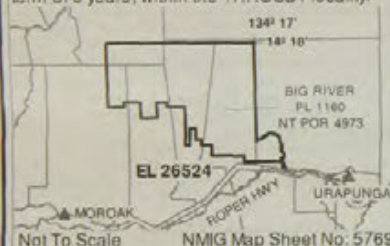
Exploration Licence 26522 sought by EXPLORATION & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PTY. LTD., ACN 093 419 311 over an area of 499 Blocks (1649 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FLYING FOX locality.



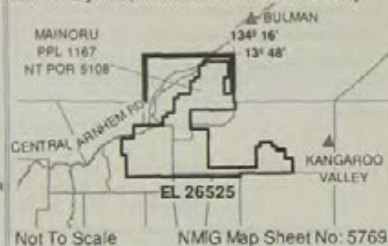
Exploration Licence 26523 sought by EXPLORATION & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PTY. LTD., ACN 093 419 311 over an area of 220 Blocks (713 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



Exploration Licence 26524 sought by EXPLORATION & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PTY. LTD., ACN 093 419 311 over an area of 477 Blocks (1513 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the THROSBY locality.



Exploration Licence 26525 sought by EXPLORATION & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PTY. LTD., ACN 093 419 311 over an area of 500 Blocks (1563 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the THROSBY locality.



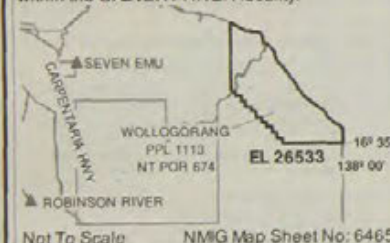
Exploration Licence 26507 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 22 Blocks (73 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



Exploration Licence 26548 sought by MINERAL ESTATES PTY LIMITED, ACN 009 088 340 over an area of 60 Blocks (193 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



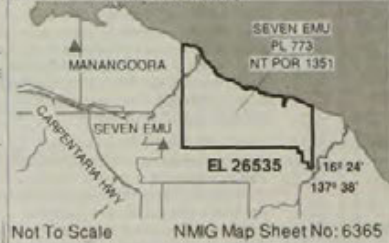
Exploration Licence 26533 sought by SINOSTEEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 009 277 230 over an area of 260 Blocks (793 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT RIVER locality.



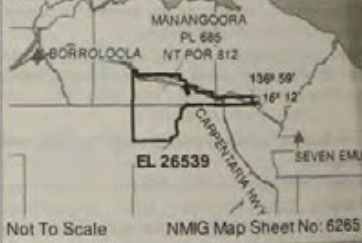
Exploration Licence 26534 sought by SINOSTEEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 009 277 230 over an area of 284 Blocks (926 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MONMOONA locality.



Exploration Licence 26535 sought by SINOSTEEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 009 277 230 over an area of 356 Blocks (1116 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ROBINSON locality.



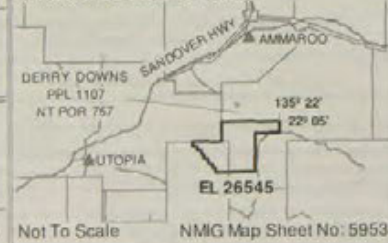
Exploration Licence 26539 sought by SINOSTEEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 009 277 230 over an area of 150 Blocks (441 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WEARYAN locality.



Exploration Licence 26499 sought by SUPLEJACK PTY LIMITED, ACN 109 034 228 over an area of 94 Blocks (292 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NAPIER locality.



Exploration Licence 26545 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 161 Blocks (485 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MACDONALD DOWNS locality.



Exploration Licence 26543 sought by URAMET MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 124 251 396 over an area of 10 Blocks (32 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BARROW locality.



Substitution Exploration Licence 26483 sought by SUPLEJACK PTY LIMITED, ACN 109 034 228 over an area of 204 Blocks (629 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 4 years, within the WILSON CREEK locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years for exploration licences and 4 years for substitute exploration licences 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 0801 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: 13 February 2008

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photographs by leading contemporary Australian Indigenous artist Destiny Deacon. Showing time is 10am-5pm daily. Details: (08) 8216 4444 or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

1 March: Pydarium Celebration of Survival Day. Annual Pungenna Community Meeting on country. Meet 11am at the old coal mines. Walk on country (approx 8km). Christian meeting and bush lunch. Drug and alcohol-free event. All welcome. Held at Saltwater River. Details: Judith on (0439) 908 394

1-6 March: Artist Week. Artists' Week celebrates the visual arts in a program brimming with opportunities for debate, discussion and participation. Artists are always at the centre of this specially curated week and the program focuses on conversations and current issues in contemporary practice. Details: (08) 8216 4444 or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

2-16 March: Visual Arts Exhibition - Cloud. This film is a poetic meditation on past and present history, assimilation and the variety of meanings one image can hold for different cultures. Details: (08) 8216 4444 or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

4-5 March: The Story of Bro'Town, live on stage at New Zealand International Arts Festival. Hang with the boys - Vale, Valea, Sione, Mack and Jeff da Maori - as they take to the stage for the first time at the Festival and recount the long and winding road to reforming a show packed with special guests and behind-the-scenes secrets. Held in Wellington, NZ. Details: (0444) 730 149 or email nzfestival@festival.co.nz or visit www.nzfestival.nzpost.co.nz

7 March: International Women's Day. The theme is 'Shaping Progress'. This event is for the developing of leadership capacity and strengthening women's networks and organisations. There will also be information stalls. Event is aimed at Aboriginal women. Details: Louise Durnash on (02) 599 0233 or visit www.bensoc.org.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, contact Jason Kanoa on (03) 9484 3351 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 2 free. Details: (08) 8271 1488 or mail apadmin@artsprojects.com.au or visit www.womadelaide.com

11-14 March: Good Tucker, Good Health National Nutrition Networks Conference 08. Provide a 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 mail conference@ruralhealth.org.au

org.au or visit www.ruralhealth.org.au

12 March: Visual Arts Exhibition - Painted Waters of the Great Sandy Desert. Seventy Aboriginal artists in the Great Sandy Desert produce a painting that becomes the conduit for explaining the local people's attachment to their country in the Nguttata title claim. Details: (08) 8216 4444 or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.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: 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 Gooynbooyin Woman may not be myth after all. 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 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: 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 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: (02) 6685 8310 or visit www.bluesfest.com.au

22-23 March: Yarrawarra Women's Gathering. Activities will include a smoking ceremony, stories around the campfire, expression through art and dance, basket weaving, beach activities and bush tucker cooking. Participants will be able to take home their own personally screen printed T-shirt with an Aboriginal design as a keepsake. Held at Corindi Beach NSW. Details call Sally Wilson on (02) 6649 2854 or email womensgathering@aapt.net.au

26-28 March: The Menzies School of Health Research is pleased to once again offer the very popular 3 day short course: 'Race, Culture, Indigeneity and the Politics of Public Health'. These courses are designed for health professionals, policy makers and researchers who work in Indigenous health. Held in Darwin. Details: Catherine Richardson on (08) 8922 7873 or email catherine.richardson@menzies.edu.au or visit www.menzies.edu.au/shortcourses

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. Held in Auckland. Details call Hone Paul on (0495) 397 108 or email hone.paul@maoritelevision.com

4 April: Indigenous Visual Art Awards. This is a great

opportunity to promote the Indigenous Visual Art Category for Cancer Council Victoria's Arts Awards. Prizemoney of \$1000. Entries open to artists across Australia. Details: Peta Reynolds (03) 9635 5316 or visit www.cancervic.org.au/artswards or call (03) 9496 1060.

5-13 April: Youth Week in W. Youth Week provides young people throughout the State with an opportunity to participate. It is organised by young people in local communities. Details: (02) 9716 2872 or email youthweek@community.nsw.gov.au



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept. of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
06/223	Karen Lynette Forester	641.3ha	48km S of Coral Bay	Lat 29°31' Long 113°55'	Carriegen
20/332	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	212.49ha	7km NW of Cue	Lat 27°22' Long 117°50'	Cue
21/36	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	40.04ha	8km SW of Cue	Lat 27°29' Long 117°50'	Cue
21/97	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	8.29ha	9km S of Cue	Lat 27°28' Long 117°52'	Cue
21/109	David Barry Giles	191.55ha	6km S of Cue	Lat 27°28' Long 117°53'	Cue
21/154	MBL Exploration Pty Ltd	483.14ha	29km S of Cue	Lat 27°40' Long 117°55'	Cue
26/815	Barick Gold of Australia Ltd	6ha	12km SE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°01'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Macapa Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-
	Norfolk Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-
26/793	St Barbara Ltd	97.4ha	11km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/794	St Barbara Ltd	107.62ha	10km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/457-9	Sr Samuel Mines NL	2163.33ha	69km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°17' Long 121°57'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Image Resources NL	-	-	-	-
27/460	Seyne Hill Pty Ltd	631.3ha	69km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Sr Samuel Mines NL	-	-	-	-
	Image Resources NL	-	-	-	-
29/291	Horon Resources Ltd	866.55ha	23km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°32' Long 120°52'	Menzies
31/215	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	866.4ha	75km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°21' Long 121°52'	Menzies
31/298	Leonora Metals Pty Ltd	65.97ha	77km E of Menzies	Lat 29°31' Long 121°48'	Menzies
31/299	Leonora Metals Pty Ltd	70.96ha	76km E of Menzies	Lat 29°33' Long 121°47'	Menzies
36/447	Plutonic Operations Ltd	834.88ha	43km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°08' Long 121°03'	Leonora
36/456-9 & 36/579	Plutonic Operations Ltd	3203.13ha	27km S of Laverton	Lat 28°08' Long 120°38'	Leonora
36/500	Plutonic Operations Ltd	302.32ha	34km S of Laverton	Lat 28°13' Long 120°41'	Leonora
36/563 & 36/593	Plutonic Operations Ltd	433.34ha	44km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°07' Long 121°04'	Leonora
37/633	Avongold Exploration Pty Ltd	341.52ha	10km N of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°21'	Leonora
39/523 & 39/630-2	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	2086.6ha	3km N of Laverton	Lat 28°35' Long 122°24'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
38/837 & 38/1092	Regis Resources NL	404.41ha	68km NW of Coonamb	Lat 27°38' Long 122°21'	Laverton
38/1056	Dunkerton Resources Pty Ltd	330.59ha	33km E of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°41'	Laverton
	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
38/1057	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	300.49ha	34km E of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°43'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
38/1136-7	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	1197.58ha	29km S of Laverton	Lat 28°52' Long 122°20'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
38/1144-5	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	1408.54ha	19km S of Laverton	Lat 28°47' Long 122°26'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
38/1243-5	Posidon Nickel Ltd	496.84ha	14km W of Laverton	Lat 28°35' Long 122°15'	Laverton
39/479	Emilo Valenti	103.72ha	44km W of Laverton	Lat 28°38' Long 121°57'	Laverton
39/493	Murray James Longman	201.07ha	88km W of Laverton	Lat 29°11' Long 122°10'	Leonora
	Norfolk Joan Longman	-	-	-	-
39/501	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	695.31ha	40km S of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°01'	Laverton
39/563-4	STI Pty Ltd	1661.73ha	49km S of Laverton	Lat 28°28' Long 122°28'	Laverton
39/571-3	Golden State Resources Ltd	2520.95ha	49km W of Laverton	Lat 28°34' Long 121°54'	Laverton
39/578	Alan David Thompson	121.01ha	47km E of Leonora	Lat 28°59' Long 121°48'	Leonora
39/622-7 & 39/635-6	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	5802.19ha	40km S of Laverton	Lat 28°53' Long 122°08'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
39/649-50	Horned Mining NL	1630.1ha	84km S of Laverton	Lat 29°22' Long 122°25'	Menzies
39/663	Bronzewing Gold Ltd	371.62ha	51km E of Leonora	Lat 28°58' Long 121°50'	Leonora
39/664	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	2505.31ha	54km S of Laverton	Lat 29°06' Long 122°28'	Laverton
39/742	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
39/862 & 39/904	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
39/706-7	Golden State Resources Ltd	1803.66ha	49km W of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 121°57'	Laverton
39/766	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	0.59ha	49km S of Laverton	Lat 29°02' Long 122°27'	Laverton
39/777	GME Resources Ltd	185.44ha	39km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°08'	Laverton
39/778	Royal Resources Pty Ltd	41.29ha	53km E of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°52'	Leonora
	Mary Garrell	-	-	-	-
39/780	Horne Mining NL	50.8ha	74km S of Laverton	Lat 29°17' Long 122°25'	Leonora
39/781	Horne Mining NL	23.78ha	76km S of Laverton	Lat 29°18' Long 122°25'	Leonora
39/782	Horne Mining NL	11.05ha	76km S of Laverton	Lat 29°18' Long 122°26'	Leonora
39/783	Glenmuir Pty Ltd	878.65ha	23km NW of Laverton	Lat 28°31' Long 122°11'	Laverton
	Murr Murr Holdings Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-
39/784	Murr Murr Holdings Pty Ltd	987.28ha	28km NW of Laverton	Lat 28°31' Long 122°09'	Laverton
	Glenmuir Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-
39/785	Murr Murr Holdings Pty Ltd	641.71ha	28km NW of Laverton	Lat 28°28' Long 122°10'	Laverton
	Glenmuir Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-
39/926	Horned Resources Ltd	301.13ha	51km W of Laverton	Lat 28°32' Long 121°52'	Laverton
39/943	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	40.03ha	34km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°52' Long 122°11'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
39/944-8	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	4188.44ha	41km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°56' Long 122°10'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
39/951	Barick (GSM) Limited	581.04ha	51km S of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°30'	Laverton
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
39/952	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	11.94ha	44km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 122°09'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
39/953	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	179.55ha	38km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°47' Long 122°05'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited	-	-	-	-
	(ACN 002 594 881)	-	-	-	-
40/191	Rudolf Goller	19.37ha	37km S of Leonora	Lat 29°12' Long 121°22'	Menzies
40/274-5	Amik Mining NL	1081.73ha	24km S of Leonora	Lat 29°05' Long 121°23'	Leonora
53/1087	Golden West Resources Ltd	10881.79ha	31km SW of Wiluna	Lat 28°44' Long 118°57'	Wiluna
59/714	Douglas Ernest Taylor	191.87ha	7km S of Plains Road	Lat 29°12' Long 117°38'	Yalgoo

Nature Of The Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Date: 13 February 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 party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 13 May 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) 9226 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 13 June 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3525.

Cricket in Gulf country



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources (C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004) may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/4863-6	Starcorp Ltd	483.22ha	20km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/5039-41 & 15/5046	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	550.74ha	11km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie
15/5052	Focus Minerals Ltd (ACN 005 470 799)	9.43ha	8km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/5069-70	Malindi Pty Ltd	482.52ha	18km Ely of Coolgardie	Lat 30°54' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/5071	Malindi Pty Ltd	196.23ha	18km Ely of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°20'	Coolgardie
15/5154	Soren Frances Coleman Focus Minerals Ltd (ACN 005 470 799)	78.88ha	18km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 121°01'	Coolgardie
15/5160	Kim George Pollock	26.64ha	17km NEly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°17'	Coolgardie
16/2420-5	Desira Corporation Ltd	1094.5ha	55km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°31' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
16/2426	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	9.84ha	37km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°02'	Coolgardie
16/2427 & 16/2431	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	260.25ha	33km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°02'	Coolgardie
16/2428 & 16/2430	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	217.49ha	38km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°01'	Coolgardie
16/2429	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	109.89ha	33km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°37' Long 121°01'	Coolgardie
16/2473	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	121.59ha	55km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°29' Long 120°58'	Coolgardie
16/2474	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	164.8ha	57km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°27' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
16/2475-6	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	245.54ha	44km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°33' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
16/2505	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	3.06ha	59km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°27' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
24/3755-70	Horon Resources Ltd	1108.89ha	50km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 121°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4236	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	60.31ha	24km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°16'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4255	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	85.01ha	25km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°31' Long 121°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4260	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	29.65ha	33km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4309	Brendon Mark Colard	196.58ha	65km Sly of Menzies	Lat 30°15' Long 120°82'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4317	Western Resources Pty Ltd	85.77ha	32km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°22' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4318	Western Resources Pty Ltd	6.75ha	47km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°08'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4319-22	Great Gold Mines NL	0173.3ha	65km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°24' Long 120°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4324-30 & 24/4332-8	Great Gold Mines NL	200ha	81km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°25' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4333	Great Gold Mines NL	87.53ha	68km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°26' Long 120°52'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4334-4 & 24/4347-6	Kim James Harris Peter Romeo Gianni	1587.32ha	31km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°24'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4345	Peter Romeo Gianni Kim James Harris	186.0ha	36km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°24'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4348	Kim James Harris Peter Romeo Gianni	200ha	54km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3417	Perilya Dairy-Manco Pty Ltd	7.94ha	33km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°59' Long 121°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3492	St Francis Group Ltd	185.14ha	28km SEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°42'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3621-2	Paul Richard Martin	204.78ha	17km SEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°37'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3633	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	189.52ha	38km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 31°01' Long 121°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3711	John Lewis Callaghan	154.98ha	59km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°17' Long 122°20'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2026-34	Dalrymple Resources NL	1105.07ha	12km SEly of Menzies	Lat 29°47' Long 121°05'	Menzies
30/1064-7 & 30/1075	Dalhousie Gold Pty Ltd	789.75ha	54km SWly of Menzies	Lat 29°58' Long 120°35'	Menzies
30/1088-9	Dalhousie Gold Pty Ltd	105.8ha	59km SWly of Menzies	Lat 30°01' Long 120°33'	Menzies
31/1703	Avoca Resources Ltd	75.54ha	118km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°41' Long 122°27'	Menzies
31/1788	Avoca Resources Ltd	160.84ha	120km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°46' Long 122°21'	Menzies
31/1807 & 31/1810-1	Great Gold Mines NL	409.79ha	134km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°07' Long 122°39'	Menzies
31/1812	Great Southern Mines NL	18.67ha	140km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°09' Long 122°42'	Menzies
31/1813	Great Southern Mines NL	1.83ha	140km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°05' Long 122°42'	Menzies
31/1835-9	Great Southern Mines NL	861.32ha	80km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°30' Long 121°50'	Menzies
31/1905-71	Avoca Resources Ltd	1267.79ha	140km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°52' Long 122°35'	Menzies
31/1972	Avoca Resources Ltd	142.68ha	110km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°37' Long 122°22'	Menzies
31/1993	Great Southern Mines NL	84.32ha	141km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°02' Long 122°41'	Menzies
31/1984	Great Southern Mines NL	23.42ha	142km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°00' Long 122°40'	Menzies
31/1985	Great Southern Mines NL	70.34ha	143km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°59' Long 122°40'	Menzies
31/1986	Avoca Resources Ltd	119.53ha	106km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°33' Long 122°19'	Menzies
31/1987	Avoca Resources Ltd	47.01ha	109km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°36' Long 122°21'	Menzies
31/1990	Avoca Resources Ltd	86.04ha	115km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°39' Long 122°24'	Menzies
31/1991	Avoca Resources Ltd	149.1ha	121km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°42' Long 122°26'	Menzies
31/1992	Avoca Resources Ltd	47.00ha	118km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°41' Long 122°26'	Menzies
31/1996	Avoca Resources Ltd	121.39ha	140km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°42' Long 122°36'	Menzies
31/1999	Avoca Resources Ltd	46.90ha	143km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°53' Long 122°41'	Menzies
31/1901	Great Gold Mines NL	40.87ha	145km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°03' Long 122°44'	Menzies
31/1902	Great Gold Mines NL	146.0ha	144km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°01' Long 122°43'	Menzies
31/1905	Great Gold Mines NL	44.14ha	145km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°54' Long 122°40'	Menzies
31/1907	Great Gold Mines NL	96ha	134km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°48' Long 122°38'	Menzies
31/1908	Great Gold Mines NL	46.50ha	142km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°53' Long 122°37'	Menzies
31/1912	Great Gold Mines NL	46.95ha	139km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°52' Long 122°30'	Menzies
31/1913	Great Gold Mines NL	47ha	134km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°49' Long 122°33'	Menzies
31/1914	Great Gold Mines NL	74.41ha	136km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°50' Long 122°28'	Menzies
31/1915	Great Gold Mines NL	95.92ha	130km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°47' Long 122°28'	Menzies
31/1916	Great Gold Mines NL	23.46ha	128km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°46' Long 122°28'	Menzies
31/1917	Great Gold Mines NL	11.02ha	128km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°46' Long 122°30'	Menzies
31/1918	Great Gold Mines NL	21.44ha	125km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°45' Long 122°29'	Menzies
31/1919	Great Gold Mines NL	82.87ha	124km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°44' Long 122°27'	Menzies
31/1925-6	Avoca Resources Ltd	279.30ha	143km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°59' Long 122°39'	Dundas
31/1926	Great Western Exploration Ltd	115.70ha	104km Wly of Norseman	Lat 30°26' Long 120°43'	Westonia
71/3712-3	Westonia Mines Ltd	172.2ha	41km NEly of Menzies	Lat 31°17' Long 118°38'	Westonia
71/3714	Westonia Mines Ltd	118.65ha	40km NEly of Menzies	Lat 31°16' Long 118°37'	Westonia
71/3720-2	Gondwana Resources Ltd	438.85ha	40km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°33' Long 119°37'	Yilgarn
71/3727-9	Gondwana Resources Ltd	545.85ha	67km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°48' Long 119°37'	Yilgarn
71/3733	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	71.07ha	78km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°38' Long 119°42'	Kondinin
71/3734	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	45.47ha	81km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°40' Long 119°43'	Kondinin

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification date: 13 February 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 applications. The 3 month period closes on 13 May 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unopposed, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 13 June 2008), if a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6868, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

By ALF WILSON



A FOUR-TEAM cricket competition held between clubs from Normanton and Croydon has proven a great success, although rain has

forced the postponement of some matches.

The Normanton teams of Gobble & Go Roosters, Inverleigh Bulls, Normanton Traders/Bynoe Crocs and the Croydon Carneys battle it out in 40 overs-a-side matches.

"So far we've played four games and any missed due to rain we will catch up with later in the season," said competition spokesman Paul Stephens.

Roosters batsmen showed great form with the willow to record a massive 4/303 when they defeated Bulls, who made 215.

Roosters' best was Sorren Owens, who showed Matthew Hayden-like form to register a stylish 125, with support from Joshua Douglas (95 not out) and bowlers Aaron Jones (2/20) and Paul Stephens (2/31) set up the win with the ball.

Bulls' best was Shaun Henry with 54, Paul Logan 44 and Paul Murrihy, who took 2/49.

Bulls (10/170) defeated Crocs (10/67).

Bulls' best was Derek George (52), Shaun Henry (32), and bowling honours went to Paul Murrihy (3/2) and Jordan Sivyer (2/2).

Crocs' best was well known rugby league player Travis Fraser with 27, and best bowling performances went to Lance Rapson (2/16) and Les Henry (2/27).

Carneys (5/157) defeated Roosters (10/156). Carneys' best was Rodney Pickering (42), PJ Beard (41), and bowlers Darren Owens (2/13) and Rodney Pickering (2/31). Roosters best was Des Butler 42, Sorren Owens 26, and Josh Douglas 2 for 10.

Bulls (10/191) defeated Roosters (10/168). Bulls' best was all-rounder Paul Murrihy (72 not out), Shaun Henry (69), Paul Murrihy (2/10) and Patrick Dargen (1/13). Roosters' best were Sorren Owens (60), Paul Danaher (2/18) and Shorty Smerdon (2/19).

Normanton Traders/Bynoe Crocs 160 defeated Gobble & Go Roosters 10/136. Crocs' Best: T Fraser (72no), S Pascoe (22), D Prasad (2/13). Roosters' best: P Stephens (23), C Sachlikidis (15no), J Zeme (2/8) and S Smerdon (2/11).



The Normanton Crocs cricket team.

Macleay Aboriginal line-up joins comp

A NEW Indigenous rugby league club has been accepted into the NSW mid-north coast.

The Dughutti Broncos will field teams in first, reserve and under-18 competitions.

First-grade coach Paul Davis said the club had about 40 registered players on the books, but was looking for more players and sponsorship.

Davis, who played first grade with the Balmain Tigers under coaches Alan Jones and Wayne Pearce between 1990 and 1995, said the Broncos would make their debut in a

trial match against the Sydney City Roosters at Port Macquarie on Friday (15 February).

The Roosters will play 30-minute thirds - against the Port Macquarie Sharks, Group Three side the Wauchape Blues, and the Dughutti Broncos.

The Broncos have arranged further trial matches, including a home game against the Lower Clarence Magpies on 1 March, and a return game at Maclean on Easter Sunday.

The Group Two competition will start on 6 April.

Davis said anyone interested in sponsoring the Broncos could contact him on 0413 933 504.



'Cricketer' Keren Ugle in his football gear.

Footy stars in cricket team

By CHRIS PIKE

WA KEREN Ugle is better known as a former Fremantle Dockers player and 143-game veteran with South Fremantle in the

WAFL, but he and younger brother Dane are in Western Australia's Indigenous cricket team now playing in the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs.

The Imparja Cup is a tremendous tournament to display Indigenous cricketers, and the WA side trained hard to improve on finishing second in its group last year.

Matt Abrahamson is leading the 2008 WA squad and vice-captain is Clint Dann. The squad includes nine representatives from local district cricket clubs and is coached by last year's coach of the National Indigenous Development Squad, Troy Collard.

Keren and Dane Ugle are members of the Rockingham-Mandurah Cricket Club and said they were looking forward to playing some high-quality cricket in Alice Springs.

Keren, 28, played four AFL games for Fremantle in 2001 but since has established himself as a leader at South Fremantle.

He played in the 2005 premiership and this season will play his 150th WAFL match, a fine achievement for someone who, before Fremantle drafted him, was told he wasn't good

enough to play with South Fremantle.

Dane, at 19, is a lot younger, and has played only eight WAFL matches, most of which were with Peel Thunder before he joined Keren at the Bulldogs.

He was viewed as a potential AFL draftee, but when that didn't eventuate he thought cricket might be his best option.

However, with his footballing ability he will most likely stay with South Fremantle as well.

To play in the Imparja Cup is a tremendous opportunity for any Indigenous cricketer, and Keren and Dane are in Alice Springs with the blessing of the South Fremantle Football Club.

"Keren has been playing cricket for quite a few years now, but only in the last three has he really gone on with it and he's looking forward to that opportunity," South Fremantle Football Manager Marty Atkins said.

"He's a senior player for us, and we are happy for him to go and we know he will return ready to get stuck into our practice matches and be ready for round one."

"Dane is a lot younger than Keren and is really looking to take his cricket seriously now."

WA's Imparja Cup squad: Matt Abrahamson (captain), Clint Dann (vice-captain), Keren Ugle, Lewis Upton, Dwayne Morrison, Dane Ugle, Gerard Ugle, Wayne Norman, Jamie Bennell, Damien Senge, Ben Rahman, Gavin Farmer.



NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
52/103 Road, pipeline, powerline and mine site accommodation & associated facilities	Australian Mangrove Pty Ltd	72.47ha	47km SE of Newman	Lat 23°51' Long 120°39'	Moakathana
52/105 Road, pipeline, powerline and mine site accommodation & associated facilities	Australian Mangrove Pty Ltd	162.75ha	30km S of Newman	Lat 23°25' Long 120°23'	East Pilbara Moakathana

Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 13 February 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on **13 May 2008**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **13 June 2008**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/966 15/1012 & 15/1014	Paul Richard Martin King Leopard Diamonds Ltd	5.89km ² 410.94km ²	31km NW of Coolgardie 39km S of Coolgardie	Lat 30°45' Long 120°56' Lat 31°15' Long 121°16'	Coolgardie Coolgardie
15/1025 15/1037-8 15/1041	George Francis Lee Avoca Resources Ltd AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	5.84km ² 282.71km ² 137.1km ²	5km SE of Wodgemooltha 45km N of Norseman 64km NE of Norseman	Lat 31°31' Long 121°33' Lat 31°48' Long 121°55' Lat 31°44' Long 122°11'	Coolgardie Coolgardie/Dundas Coolgardie
15/353 24/144	Mitulla Raymond Dalia-Costa Mancoos Pty Ltd	206.85km ² 26.63km ²	67km NW of Coolgardie 66km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°55' Long 120°36' Lat 30°25' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/152 26/1675 26/1688	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd Wheelbarrow Prospecting Pty Ltd Michael William Shepherd	8.65km ² 5.92km ² 11.89km ²	24km NW of Kalgoorlie 104km NE of Kalgoorlie 112km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 122°21' Lat 30°18' Long 122°25' Lat 30°12' Long 122°27'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/1786 26/561 26/617	Fairstar Resources Ltd Kingstair Pty Ltd Red Oak Pty Ltd	132.52km ² 119.82km ² 18.04km ²	77km NE of Kalgoorlie 83km NW of Menzies 68km W of Leonora	Lat 29°10' Long 120°26' Lat 29°10' Long 120°38' Lat 28°51' Long 120°38'	Menzies Menzies Menzies
26/635 26/636 26/638 26/642	Mitulla Raymond Dalia-Costa Mitulla Raymond Dalia-Costa Western Assets NL International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 615)	33.12km ² 129.25km ² 65.9km ²	69km W of Leonora 104km W of Leonora 73km NW of Menzies	Lat 28°42' Long 120°39' Lat 28°54' Long 120°15' Lat 29°13' Long 120°30'	Menzies Menzies Menzies
26/648 26/649 26/656	Andean Resources Ltd Andean Resources Ltd Alan Paul Rudd	15.04km ² 33.03km ² 190.53km ²	87km W of Leonora 81km W of Leonora 13km SW of Menzies	Lat 28°44' Long 120°27' Lat 28°57' Long 120°30' Lat 29°46' Long 120°56'	Menzies Menzies Menzies
26/671 26/680 30/326	Gondwana Resources Ltd Halcyon Group Ltd Jupiter Mines Ltd	62.99km ² 65.89km ² 36.79km ²	108km NW of Menzies 59km NW of Menzies 69km W of Menzies	Lat 29°07' Long 120°08' Lat 29°14' Long 120°42' Lat 29°37' Long 120°22'	Menzies Menzies Menzies
30/337 30/342 31/733	Danyhurst Gold Pty Ltd Global United Minerals Pty Ltd GME Resources Ltd	208.32km ² 92.52km ² 17.89km ²	55km W of Menzies 85km W of Menzies 101km S of Laverton	Lat 29°51' Long 120°30' Lat 29°38' Long 120°09' Lat 29°31' Long 122°15'	Menzies Menzies Laverton
31/751 31/769 31/770	Halcyon Group Ltd Great Southern Mines NL Great Southern Mines NL	59.49km ² 17.79km ² 8.9km ²	73km E of Menzies 140km NE of Kalgoorlie 142km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°52' Long 121°46' Lat 30°04' Long 122°42' Lat 30°00' Long 122°40'	Menzies Menzies Menzies
31/789 31/793	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	45.5km ² 40.49km ²	71km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission 59km W of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°42' Long 122°15' Lat 27°49' Long 122°21'	Laverton Laverton/Wiluna
31/801 31/805 31/806	Horon Resources Ltd Bockia Mines Ltd James Ian Stewart	342.88km ² 58.09km ² 13.0km ²	145km N of Cosmo Newbery Mission 133km N of Cosmo Newbery Mission 161km NE of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 26°41' Long 122°51' Lat 26°49' Long 123°10' Lat 26°44' Long 123°43'	Laverton/Wiluna Laverton/Wiluna Laverton/Wiluna
31/816 31/817 31/818	Regal Resources Ltd Regal Resources Ltd Nahum Hartup	123.39km ² 120.49km ² 11.99km ²	39km W of Laverton 48km W of Laverton 51km SW of Laverton	Lat 26°36' Long 122°02' Lat 26°31' Long 121°55' Lat 26°01' Long 122°10'	Laverton/Wiluna Laverton/Wiluna Laverton/Wiluna
31/820 31/824 31/832	Amos Resources Ltd Ian Kerr Midas Resources Ltd	169.94km ² 3km ² 8.57km ²	40km NW of Laverton 18km W of Laverton 69km S of Laverton	Lat 28°21' Long 122°08' Lat 28°39' Long 122°13' Lat 29°14' Long 122°29'	Laverton Laverton Laverton/Wiluna
31/834 31/835 31/836	Midas Resources Ltd Gold Gold Mines NL Sulphide Resources Pty Ltd	24.06km ² 177.43km ² 69.58km ²	78km S of Laverton 119km W of Norseman 114km W of Norseman	Lat 29°18' Long 122°01' Lat 32°08' Long 120°33' Lat 32°23' Long 120°55'	Leonora Dundas Dundas/Esperance
31/837 31/838 31/839	Sulphide Resources Pty Ltd Red Rock Australia Pty Ltd Zetek Resources Pty Ltd	72.29km ² 180.03km ² 2.9km ²	87km NW of Salmon Gums 96km W of Norseman 107km W of Norseman	Lat 32°36' Long 120°49' Lat 32°15' Long 120°46' Lat 32°08' Long 120°58'	Dundas Dundas Dundas
31/840 31/841 31/842	JML Resources Pty Ltd St. Barbara Ltd St. Barbara Ltd	578.9km ² 2.30km ² 20.48km ²	39km SW of Norseman 9km NW of Southern Cross 50km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 32°29' Long 121°38' Lat 31°10' Long 119°16' Lat 31°33' Long 119°42'	Dundas Yalgoo Yalgoo
31/843 31/844 31/845	St. Barbara Ltd Lighthouse Investments Pty Ltd Athene Resources Ltd	11.71km ² 98.99km ² 419.11km ²	42km SE of Southern Cross 102km NE of Hyden 151km S of Sandstone	Lat 31°29' Long 119°39' Lat 32°04' Long 119°54' Lat 29°27' Long 119°26'	Yalgoo Yalgoo Dundas/Mandurah
31/846 31/847 31/848	Amos Resources Ltd Magnetic Resources NL Quey Park Pty Ltd	112.80km ² 106.22km ² 5.85km ²	106km E of Hyden 32km NW of Koolberran 40km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 32°37' Long 120°00' Lat 30°42' Long 119°12' Lat 31°32' Long 119°32'	Dundas/Mandurah Yalgoo Yalgoo

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 13 February 2008

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NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan, M.A., Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act (LAA) 1997 that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1:

LAND DESCRIPTION: 1. Whole LOT 322 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 52823 Volume 0000 Folio 00 Area: 1.125 hectares; 2. Whole LOT 323 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 52823 Volume 0000 Folio 00 Area: 9750 square metres; 3. Part EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON DEPOSITED PLAN 53825 AS COMPRISED IN LOT 1386 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 217594 Volume 3147 Folio 208 Area: 5167 square metres; 4. Part EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON DEPOSITED PLAN 53825 AS COMPRISED IN LOT 108 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 181211 Volume 3147 Folio 207 Area: 1076 square metres; 5. Whole EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON DEPOSITED PLAN 52823 AS COMPRISED IN LOT 324 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 52823 Volume 0000 Folio 000 Area: 1457 square metres. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Exmouth. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests including any native title rights and interests in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" other than interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** 1. Concrete Batching Plant and Limestone Block Plant; 2. Easement for Access. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Lots 322 and 323 are to be a 579 lease to Exmouth Quays and Concrete for the purpose of Concrete Batching Plant and Limestone Block Plant and an easement for access to these lots will be granted. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** The land has been identified as suitable for the above use. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 15 November 2007. **DPI FILE:** 50213-2006-01/RO DPI REF: 061260. **PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6055. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cathy Humphrey, Mid West, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6056 or by telephoning (08)03475098. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6056 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 13 May 2008. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 27 February 2008. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 13 May 2008. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 8 January 2008.

ALANNAH Mac TIERNAN, M.A.
MINISTER FOR LANDS

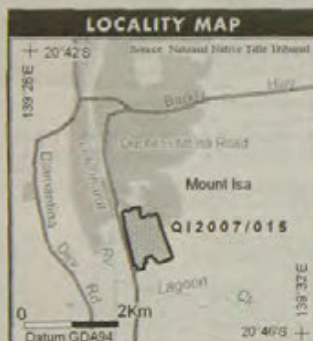
Notice of an application to register
an area agreement on the Register of
Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 27 February 2008



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Q12007/015 Kalkadoon Gliderport ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The agreement area – Lot 1, 3 and 4 on SP189948 – covers about 84.7 hectares and is located in the vicinity of Mount Isa as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority area of Mount Isa City Council.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

State of Queensland,
c/- Crown Law
State Law Building,
50 Ann Street,
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Mount Isa City Council,
PO Box 815
MOUNT ISA QLD 4825

William Doyle, Noelene Dempsey, Ilona Parter, Sonny
Condren, Hazel Munro, Sue Samardine Jr, Pat Kyle, Connie
Craigie and Doug Bruce (Kalkadoon People), c/- Michael
Owens and Associates Solicitors, PO Box 1013 TOWNSVILLE
QLD 4810

The agreement contains the
following statements:

Clause 5 Consent to Surrender
5.1 The Parties consent to the
Surrender.

5.2 The Parties agree that the
Surrender is intended to extinguish
any Native Title in relation to the
ILUA Area.

Definitions:

"ILUA Area" means Lots 1, 3 and 4 on
Plan 189948

"Surrender" means the surrender
to the State of any Native Title in
relation to the ILUA Area

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 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 27 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 27 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 Mick Rodd on
freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Lachlan leading the way in futsal



THE Australian futsal team, led by Aboriginal man Lachlan Wright, has stamped itself on the

international scene with impressive performances at the World 5s Futsal Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The tournament is futsal's richest in the world, with a prize pool of \$US150,000. It was telecast on ESPN Star Sports to more than 310 million viewers across Asia.

Futsal is a form of indoor soccer, with five players on the court at any time.

The Kuala Lumpur tournament in January was made up of ten nations from around the world that included world number-one Brazil, eight-times Asian champions Iran, Argentina, Holland, England, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Thailand and Australia.

The Australian team was selected after the Australian National titles at the AIS in Canberra last month. At those titles, Wright's NSW team lost the final to ACT 2-1.

Wright, however, was voted player of the tournament and was named captain of the Australian team to go to Kuala Lumpur.

At the KL World 5s, Australia, in its qualifying matches, beat Indonesia 5-1, Malaysia 7-0, England 5-1 and drew 3-3 with Argentina, the world's sixth-ranked nation.

The Aussies were no match, however, for the all-conquering Brazilians, and lost 7-0 in a semi-final.

The Argentinians were surprised by the strength of the Aussies, but the 3-3 draw suited them as it meant that they avoided Brazil in a semi-final.

According to match reports, the Argentinians had to fight 'tooth and nail' to hold out the Australians.

In the end, the defending champions Argentina finished on top of Group A with 10 points – the same as the Australians, but with a better goal difference.

"We wanted to play Brazil in the final – not the semi-finals," said Jose

Fernando, the head coach of Argentina.

"But the game against Australia was very physical and since the referee allowed them to do it, they were aggressive throughout the match."

Observers said there was no denying that the Australians proved they were the most improved side in the region in the manner of how they defended Argentina high up the pitch, before scoring the first goal as early as the third minute off a solo effort from Lachlan Wright.

In the end, Argentina escaped with a draw with an equalising goal in the last minute of play.

Brazil went on to beat their traditional arch-rivals Argentina 4-0 in the final at Stadium Negara on 3 February.

● Futsal is an indoor version of soccer. Its name is derived from the Portuguese futebol de salão and the Spanish fútbol sala/de salón, which can be translated as 'indoor football'. Futsal is played between two teams of five players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. In addition, each team may have a number of substitutes. Unlike some other forms of indoor football, the field is delimited by lines, and not nets or boards that players can use to redirect the ball.

● Lachlan Wright is a field officer for the Indigenous Access Program and is based in Sydney.



Lachlan Wright, in the dark colours, in action against Indonesia at the World 5s Futsal Tournament in Kuala Lumpur.

By PETER ARGENT



IN the South Australian rural town of Murray Bridge, three young Indigenous basketballers – Alex Wilson, Bradley Hartman and Keedan Rigney – are climbing the stairs to the top of the code.

All are members of the Indigenous-focused basketball club, the River Murray Falcons, and have represented their State at various events.

"The River Murray Falcons basketball club was formed in 1997," spokesman Bill Wilson said.

"It has been a fantastic avenue for Indigenous youth within our area to enjoy basketball in a culturally appropriate environment.

"The three have been great role models for the new generation of players to follow."

Now in her early teens, Alex Wilson started playing under-10s as an eight-year old and she still represents her club in under-16 and under-18 girls' competition.

Nine competitions

In her time with the Falcons she has played in nine local premierships at various levels, representing the club with great distinction.

She began playing in the Basketball South Australia competition in 2002 for the Sturt Basketball Club at under-10s level, and has only recently transferred to the Eastern Mavericks Club.

While at Sturt, she participated in the Melbourne Junior Classics over four years since 2004, winning two golds, a silver medal and being named best on court in the grand final in the second of these tournaments.

Alex wore the SA tri-colours in the National Under-14 Girls Championship in Brisbane and Canberra over the past two years, with her team winning silver last year.

Representing local association team, the Murray Bridge Bullets, Alex Wilson has been involved in winning two South Australian Country

Teens aim high at Murray Bridge



● LEFT: Murray Bridge's exciting young basketball prospects, from left, Alex Wilson, Bradley Hartman and Keedan Rigney.

championships (2005 and 2007). From 2005, she represented the State Schoolgirls team at the Pacific School

Games for two years. Her male clubmates, Keedan Rigney and Bradley Hartman, also have seen

plenty of success at under-age levels.

Like Alex, they started with the Falcons as eight-year-olds.

Keedan has represented the Murray Bridge Bullets on four occasions and this team won a State Country Championship in 2007 at under-14 level.

He started playing district basketball in Adelaide for the Forestville Eagles in the under-12s, then transferred to the Eastern Mavericks.

Among his accolades are two National Junior Classics (2004 and 2007), the Under-14 National Club Championships in Townsville, Queensland, in 2007, and he was captain of the Division One Basketball SA winter grand final team in 2007 at this level.

Captained SA Country

In 2007, Keedan was fortunate enough to captain his SA Country Under-14 team at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury.

Bradley Hartman continues to play for Falcons at under-16s, under-18s and has also donned a singlet in the A reserve men's competition, along with coaching an under-10 boys' team and umpired for the club.

He has represented the Bullets on four occasions, winning two State Country championships – the first in 2004 at under-12s and with the under-14s this year.

He has made State representative sides on three occasions as well. This included an interstate basketball exchange in Perth in 2006, and the Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury at an under-14 level this year.

Bradley and Keedan were selected in the 2008 SA Country Under-15 team, which competed in the Pacific Coast Slam at Port Macquarie (NSW) last month.

Alex's Under-15 girls team won the gold medal and went undefeated for the entire week. They beat Queensland in the grand final by 14 points. Alex was also named co-captain of her SA Country team for that week.

Brad and Keedan's Under-15 boys' team contested the grand final against Victoria Country, but lost by 12 points.

Big plans for 'Palm'

By ALF WILSON



YOUNG Palm Island Sports and Recreation Officer Cameron Harris has big plans to get locals on the north Queensland Aboriginal community involved in various sports during 2008.

"I've been on the job for five months so far and am looking forward to working here for a long time. There will be a lot of sports for the community this year," Harris said.

Harris has been working hard with the community and Department of Sports and Recreation on getting the football field and the netball courts up to scratch.

"We will be starting lots of local comps on the island such as basketball, netball, and the community is behind me in getting a rugby league competition back up as it has been really missed.

"Also, there will be a lot of programs for the kids, with different sports being organised each week.

"We hope to encourage youngsters



Cameron Harris gets his message across on Palm Island Radio.

to eat well, be healthy and active."

The Koori Mail met up with Harris on a recent visit to Palm Island and this writer was impressed with his enthusiasm and dedication.

"It is a pleasure to be here on Palm Island and to be working with the local kids and adults and getting them to be involved in sports," he said.

Mount Isa-born Harris lived for many years in the outback.

Harris also gets his message across by doing a program on the local Palm Island community radio Station where he plays music and talks about sport happenings.

His job is made easier by regular visits to Palm Island from nationally famous identities such as former Olympic Gold medallist Cathy Freeman, who was there in November.

Other sports heroes to have visited Palm Island in recent times include league immortal Artie Beeton, former Cowboy and now Gold Coast Titan Brenton Bowen, and champion basketball player Rohanee Cox.

So Harris is encouraged by the number of young winning boxers on Palm Island where they are trained at the PCYC by veteran Ray Dennis.

"I think that 2008 will be a big year for sports here and that will benefit the whole community," he said.

AFL to trial capping interchanges

THE Australian Football League will trial a cap on the number of interchanges during the NAB Cup pre-season competition.

The league will also increase the number of interchange players for each team from six to eight. While the AFL announced late last year that it would not make any rule changes for the upcoming regular season, it is keen to start tinkering with the tricky issue of interchange use.

Each team can have 16 interchanges per quarter, for a total of 64 for the game.

"The number of interchanges has risen substantially in recent years, jumping from 17 per team in 2000 to an average of 58 per team in 2007," said AFL operations manager Adrian Anderson.

"With players on the ground for less time and covering less distance, but travelling at significantly faster speeds, there is a concern about the potential increase in collision injuries and also the impact of player congestion caused by players being able to get to more contests."

"This will allow us to see how a limit on interchange works in practice."

The interchange was one area the AFL looked at last year when considering potential rule changes, before deciding there would be no major alterations for the coming regular season.

According to the AFL, the interchange averages last year were 58 by each team per game during the main season and 67 during the NAB Cup.

The league will also trial a 'no-go' zone at the centre bounce, where players will give away a free kick if they are behind the umpire. –AAP

Storm clouds gather over Jilara Oval, Yarrabah, during the Under-18s game between Northern Pride and a Cairns Select.



Pride at Yarrabah

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE first of four pre-season trial matches for new Queensland Cup rugby league side Northern Pride was played recently at

Yarrabah's Jilara Oval.

CRTG Northern Pride and an academy for up-and-coming players was established last year in Cairns as a feeder team for the North Queensland Cowboys.

The team's first ever game on the field, featuring three Yarrabah Seahawks players, was against Cairns Select, a side made up of local players who hope to compete with Townsville and Mackay in north Queensland's Foley Shield later in the year.

Cairns Select also ran on to the ground with three Yarrabah Seahawks on their side.

Locals and visitors alike lapped up the first game spectacle as the weather held off and they watched the Pride take out the Under-18s 34-6 and senior game 50-22.

Northern Pride head coach Andrew Dunemann said the

team still had plenty of work to do, but overall he was happy.

Seahawks player Noel Underwood, singled out by Dunemann after the game as impressive in defence, said he was pleased to have had their first game on their own turf.

"I was happy to be one of the first players ever to be in a Northern Pride jersey," Underwood said.

"It was pretty good and not as hard as I thought it was going to be."

Dunemann said he also thought Hezron Murgha 'beat people easily'.

"Hezron didn't get the ball much but when he did he looked classy with it. He's got plenty of speed and he beat people easily," he said.

"Noelly (Underwood) was really strong in defence, which I was really impressed with, and I'll probably use him more on the wing to come and relieve pressure off the forwards."

Dunemann said the Pride had 'picked the best' from the local Cairns rugby league competition and it was possible one of the Yarrabah boys could get a run



Players from Northern Pride (blue jumpers) and Cairns Select (maroon) after the game, from left, David Sands, Cameron Fourmile, Hezron Murgha, Richard Murgha, Milton Mossman, Noel Underwood and Farran Willett Jnr (Under-18s CDRL 2007 Player of the Year)

with the Cowboys during the year.

Yarrabah Seahawks President

James Canuto said he was pleased to have been able to showcase the Jilara Oval's

facilities for local rugby league heavyweights in what was a history-making event.

I've got to learn from my mistakes – Thurston



JOHNATHAN Thurston has broken his silence on being charged with public drunkenness, vowing to learn from his mistakes.

As a string of NRL captains admitted that improving the image of players ranked among the most important issues in the game, Thurston – the North Queensland skipper and Test halfback regarded as the best player in the world – also revealed he would not hesitate

to report opponents for racial vilification in the NRL's centenary year.

However, another Aboriginal player, Preston Campbell, from the Gold Coast, said the controversy engulfing Australia's cricketers after they reported Indian spinner Harbhajan Singh could deter victims of racial sledging in rugby league from coming forward.

Thurston had previously avoided any talk of his inebriated state, which led to police being called to his Townsville

apartment, where he was found lying on the ground partially dressed.

But he told *The Sun-Herald*: "Everyone makes mistakes. I've got to learn from it now. I've got to look to the future and make sure I don't put myself into those sorts of situations again."

Players with Indigenous heritage make up 11 per cent of the NRL and Campbell admitted that he would probably shy away from reporting any racist comments to avoid the kind of controversy faced by cricketers.

But Thurston took a different stance. Asked whether he would report racist remarks, Thurston replied: "Definitely. It's just wrong. It shouldn't be tolerated in society."

"It hasn't been an issue for me but in the past it has been for other players."

"It's something that we've got to get out of our game. We all play for the love of the game. We've been brought up to respect each other no matter what, and that's the way it should be."

Torres Strait 'Origin' hosting deadlock broken:

By ALF WILSON



AFTER months of negotiations, Thursday Island will now host the Torres Strait's premier sporting event – the 2008

TI wins out

weekend in June, but has now been rescheduled to the turn of the decade after more exacting information has been received," Guivarra said.

Guivarra has already put in a bid for that series.

"The haste to celebrate such an important event this year was based on snippets of information received

from past officials and players, although no-one until now was able to provide accurate details as to when the 'Origin' concept began.

"But recent publicity has been able to jog the memory of past officials, as their information now enables proper preparation to this great regional event.

"This latest information is a major blessing as it allows for greater input from everyone across our region to maximise promotions and celebrations of such a substantial Torres Strait sporting occasion.

"The celebration and promotions I refer to include things such as formal recognition of former participating teams, players and officials, testimonial games, photographic and video displays of former origins, introduction of other sporting codes, the promotion of women's and junior rugby league, securing the involvement of other community agencies and organisations, special guests, a television documentary and televised games, and any other idea that would strengthen the future of the origin.

"Officials and interested persons need to come together over the next 12-18 months and work on strategies that would complement the jubilee occasion."

Communities and individuals are encouraged to participate by submitting ideas via their delegates to quarterly TSY&RSA meetings.

Sea Swift Island-of-Origin, to be held at the Ken Brown Memorial over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.

The Badu Island community decided to temporarily put an end to the ongoing 'hosting rights' debate between Thursday Island Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) and Badu's Western United officials, allowing for its return to the administrative centre of the Torres Strait.

Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Sporting Association community representative Wayne Guivarra said he was proud that his Badu community had made this decision for the good of the event.

"The dispute may have seen this special annual occasion begin its demise," he said.

"But we are hopeful that our Badu Island community is recognised for playing a strong role to ensure the viability of future Island-of-Origin tournaments, as our hosting of the past six years has shown.

"Badu Island was voted as the most suitable venue via a recent survey conducted throughout the Torres Strait."

KRL treasurer Peter Gea said he welcomed the return of the Island-of-Origin to Thursday Island and looked forward to working with Sports and Recreation as usual.

Both Badu and Thursday Island had lobbied extensively to have the next carnival held at their grounds and some observers suggested that a compromise

was the only solution.

That may have meant some round-robin games being played at the Badu Island sporting complex, which is the most impressive facility in the TSI, and the semi-finals and grand final being played on Thursday Island.

However, others ruled that out because of extra costs involved with competing at two venues.

The *Koori Mail* sought comment from a number of sporting identities, but only two would talk on the record about the dispute.

'Right place'

Townsville-based Pastor Henry Getawan has descendants on Badu, but reckons that Thursday Island is the right place for the 2008 carnival.

"TI is the spiritual home of the Origin," Pastor Getawan said.

However, Boigu Island coach from the 2007 series on Badu, Richard Anau, disagreed.

"I favour Badu Island because it is closer for all outer islands and PNG coastal villages and it makes Badu central for all



Wayne Guivarra says Badu Island will host the 2010 Island of Origin series to mark the series' 25th jubilee.

islands and good accommodation provided by the wonderful people and Badu Island community. They also support local events. We all know Thursday Island started Origin, then it went to Badu. My preference is for Badu," Anau said.

For the past four years, the 2008 carnival has been promoted as the 25th jubilee event which was modelled on the State of Origin between Queensland and NSW, but Guivarra claims this is not the case.

Guivarra said that the Badu officials' plan now was to consult with Kaiwalagal officials and all island community representatives to see what was the best outcome for 2010, which he says is the jubilee year.

"The long awaited Island-of-Origin 25th jubilee celebrations have been put on hold until 2010 after it was just recently established that the Torres Strait's most prestigious sporting event began in 1985.

"The 25-year celebrations were being organised to take place on Badu Island over this year's Queens Birthday long

Pompuraaw, Kowanyama join Mid West League

By ALF WILSON



IN a major boost for Indigenous rugby league in remote Gulf of Carpentaria communities, teams from Pompuraaw and Kowanyama will join the Mid West Queensland competition this year.

Sides from Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek and Cloncurry will contest Pool A and Normanton Stingers, Doomadgee, Kowanyama and Pompuraaw will battle it out in Pool B.

Home and away

The first six clubs were in a combined competition in the 2007 season and played each other once at home and away.

Normanton took out their first Mid West Queensland rugby league grand final last August 25 when they beat Doomadgee Dragons 30-12 at Doomadgee.

At the end of the fixtures, Normanton and Doomadgee led the table with 30 points, from Hughenden 16, Richmond 14, Cloncurry 10, and Julia Creek 4.

Doomadgee had won the previous three grand finals since the competition was rejuvenated in 2004 and narrowly beat Normanton in the 2006 decider.

The competition has been famous for the long distances players have to travel between remote communities for games.

The two pools will mean that the longest distance players from Pool A teams will have to travel when Hughenden meets Cloncurry is 400km.

The kilometres that teams in Pool B will travel will also be significantly

shorter in a region where roads close after any heavy rain.

Mid West Rugby League official Les Carter from Hughenden confirmed to *The Koori Mail* that the Kowanyama and Pompuraaw Aboriginal communities will be part of the comp for the first time.

"At this stage we are hoping to start our short season off in maybe April or May, but have yet to hold a meeting to decide on this," Carter said.

The majority of players will Pool B teams will be Indigenous while the four teams in the other pool will all include Aboriginal footballers.

Kowanyama and Pompuraaw players usually only get to play rugby league at remote community All Blacks carnivals and their sides are arch rivals.

The Gulf communities are just over 120km apart by road and home crowds will be big when they meet.

Vast distances

For many years Kowanyama has hosted their own annual Gulf Carnival with players travelling from far-off places such as Coen.

The presence of Kowanyama and Pompuraaw will give their talented young footballers the chance to be spotted by talent scouts for the North Queensland Cowboys and other NRL clubs.

A Normanton club spokesman said that he welcomed the opportunity for his side to play against the new teams as well as the powerhouse Doomadgee team.

It is expected that the winners of each pool at the end of the fixtures will meet at a venue to be decided and maybe even a neutral ground where both have to drive an equal distance.



● ABOVE: Doomadgee supporters travelled a long distance to Hughenden, where this picture was taken.



● LEFT: Hughenden players last season.

Get ready for

As the AFL charges head-long into the milestone 150th year of football celebrations, **PETER ARGENT** takes a look at the Indigenous players who are set to excite the football public in 2008. In this special season, 71 players, which is virtually 10 per cent of the total AFL player base, have Indigenous heritage.

Adelaide

Jon GRIFFIN, Andrew McLEOD, Graham JOHNCOCK, Jarrhan JACKY, Tony ARMSTRONG. Rookie: **Jared PETRENKO.**

Andrew McLeod is a marquee player in the competition and given a good run with injuries, he will join the elite 300-club this year, continuing to display his sublime skills and aerial brilliance.

Defender Graham Johncock's usual kamikaze attack on the ball will have all Crows fans excited again. He now has played 126 senior games and is a senior member of Adelaide's squad.

Now the club has released two of its ruckmen to other sides, Jonathan Griffen has become a key member of the personnel, looking after this area with the returning Rhett Biglands.

Of the new recruits, West Australian Jarrhan Jacky is reported to be burning up the track and may get an opportunity during pre-season competition, while Tony Armstrong and rookie Jared Petrenko (who has just had his shoulder operated on) will start in the SANFL.

Brisbane

Anthony CORRIE, Rhan HOOPER, Ashley McGRATH, Albert PROUD, Jason ROE, Sam SHELTON.

Elevated from the rookie list, Darwin lad Anthony Corrie comes back into contention after a knee operation and will be looking to cement a spot this year.

Excitement machine Rhan Hooper is just about to launch himself onto the AFL landscape, while Jason Roe has proved himself as a reliable defender since being called by the Lions.

The clever and creative Ashley McGrath should collect his 100-game milestone early in the season, while second-year player 19-year-old Albert Proud will be looking to play at least eight to 10 games through the midfield this season. A Queensland under-age player with an aggressive attack on the ball, he could complement the senior on-the-ball players.

Son of Carlton premiership player Ken, Sam Sheldon had to deal with a number of injuries last winter and will be looking for an opportunity in the pre-season series.

Carlton

Joe ANDERSON, Clint BENJAMIN, Eddie BETTS, Andrew WALKER.

With Boom recruit Chris Judd now in the navy and white colours and former club champion Brett Ratten as senior coach, the Blues are poised to rise up the AFL ladder.

Echuca lad Andrew Walker is a footballer who will benefit from their arrival and grow as a player, while young Joe Anderson, who received his first taste with five senior games last year, will also learn plenty from the 2004 Brownlow Medallist.

Now a 50-plus game player, it is important Eddie Betts has more impact on the scoreboard in his role as a small forward. Currently he is averaging just over a goal a game and needs to kick between 40 to 50 goals in 2008 to make a real impact for his team.

Clint Benjamin was always selected as a project player and will be looking for his first opportunities at senior level this year.

Collingwood

Leon DAVIS, Brad DICK, Chris EGAN, Shannon COX. Rookie: **Sharrod WELLINGHAM.**

There was a lot to like about the way Collingwood finished last year, and this professionally run outfit should be a contender again in 2008.

Livewire forward-midfielder Leon Davis has established his role with the Magpies and can be a game-breaker, while the strongly built Shannon Cox will be looking to secure a spot in defence after showing promising signs during his eight games last year.

Chris Egan has an important winter after having debuted in 2005, but only played one senior game last year. He has the silky skills and talent, but needs to find consistency.

It was a summer of discontent for rookie Sharrod Wellingham. He needs to put the off-field problems behind him and focus on a big start in the VFL competition.

Essendon

Alwyn DAVEY, Courtenay DEMPSEY, Leroy JETTA, Andrew LOVETT, Nathan LOVETT-MURRAY, Paddy RYDER. Rookies: **Jarrold ATKINSON, Dean DICK.**

Until he was injured two-thirds of the way into the season, Essendon had the new face which had the biggest impact in the AFL – lighting quick small forward Alwyn Davey. Coming over from South Adelaide in the SANFL, he was dynamic in offence and defence and should continue to grow in stature this year.

Paddy Rider continued to develop as a big man playing an integral role at centre half back. Nathan Lovett-Murray had an injury-interrupted season and will be looking to play the majority of the games this year.

Andrew Lovett is becoming more consistent and will be urged to take the

next step under new coach Matthew Knights.

A leading player at under-age level, Leroy Jetta received some initial opportunities early last winter and will need to build on that.

Now in his third year in the Bombers' program, Courtenay Dempsey needs to add bulk to his lean frame and make an impact. This is an important year for him.

Second-year rookie Dean Dick and



David Wirrpanda, of the West Coast, and Andrew Lovett, of Essendon, in action during the AFL game at the Telstradome in Melbourne on 21 May 2006. - AAP Image

Jarrold Atkinson will start their years with Essendon's VFL affiliate the Bendigo Bombers, trying to push for elevation to the senior list.

Fremantle

Jeff FARMER, Antoni GROVER, Roger HAYDEN, Des HEADLAND, Michael JOHNSON. Rookie: **Calib MOURISH.**

After a hiccup and a change of coach last year, this is an important season for the Dockers. There is no question they have the talent base to be true contenders, but they must find the desire and consistency.

After a fractured preparation last year, the 'Wizard', Jeff Farmer, needs to find discipline and lead from the front. A match-winner when at his best, let's hope new coach Mark Harvey gets the best out of the ageing star.

In defence, Antoni Grover, the rebounding Roger Hayden and Michael Johnson are important parts of the team structure. They will be expected to again play pivotal roles for Fremantle back there.

Des Headland is a strong linkman in this structure. If he can keep his emotions in check, he will be another midfielder who can continually feed the Dockers' forwards.

After being in the senior squad in 2007, well-built East Fremantle footballer Calib Mourish has been retained on the rookie list this year.

Geelong

Nathan DJERRKURA, Mathew STOKES, Travis VARCOE. Rookie: **Liam BEDFORD.**

Starting as premiership favourites for the 2008 season after ambushing all the competition last year, Geelong has a quartet of Aboriginal talent in their squad.

A Darwin lad who had three years with Woodville West Torrens, Mathew Stokes became a premiership player in his 29th appearance at the top level, complementing the tall forwards like Cameron Mooney and Nathan Ablett with 29 goals. He is the ultimate proof that you don't need to be drafted as a 17-year-old to play AFL football.

Travis Varcoe, Liam Bedford and Nathan Djerrkura were all a part of the VFL premiership by Geelong last year. Each is at different stages.

Varcoe, a quick forward from Adelaide, played 18 games for the senior team and is expected to set up again this year.

Djerrkura was selected as an emergency a couple of times last year and will be keen to make his debut this season, while Bedford is still on the rookie list for a second year and will need to impress.

Hawthorn

Chance BATEMAN, Lance FRANKLIN, Mark WILLIAMS, Cyril RIOLI. Rookie: **Cameron STOKES.**

A team definitely on the way up, the Hawks under Alastair Clarkson have the potential to go all the way.

Lance Franklin is just one step away from being an out-and-out superstar of the competition. He kicked 73 goals last year and many say he should have won the Coleman Medal.

The Hawks' leading goal kicker for the previous two winters, Mark Williams played only four games in 2007 and will be a welcome return this year.

Chance Bateman became the first Aboriginal man to captain the Hawks during the Indigenous round last year and is an integral part of the powerful Hawthorn midfield. He expects to play his milestone 100th game early in the year.

Watch out for rookie Cyril Rioli. What a heritage he has in uncles Michael Long and Maurice Rioli – both Norm Smith Medallists. Cyril has all the awareness, creativity and flair the Aboriginal players are renowned for. Watch this space!

Cameron Stokes, another lad from the Top End, will start his season in the VFL.

Kangaroos

Matt CAMPBELL, Eddie SANBURY, Daniel WELLS, Lindsay THOMAS. Rookies: **Cruze GARLETT.**

Regarded as one of the most exciting players in the game, Daniel Wells will now also be expected to take on more leadership roles with the Kangaroos to

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a big season

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add to his dash and ball use out of defence.

Eddie Sansbury has been on the club's list since coming across from Central District in 2003. He just started to cement a place in the second half of last year and it is critical this year that he looks to stamp his authority on the competition. Former Mallee Park lad Lindsay Thomas had a strong start to his first season at the top level, but seemed to run out of puff during the second half of the season.

Alice Springs native Matt Campbell, who became a Roo via North Adelaide in the SANFL, started as a rookie last year, but showed enough during the season to play 13 senior games. He naturally has been upgraded to the senior list and is expected to be fighting with Thomas for the small-forward role this season.

Rookie Cruise Garlett impressed many people at the national under-18 championships and will be looking for opportunities to make his mark during the pre-season and at VFL level.

Melbourne

Aaron DAVEY, Matthew WHELAN, Isaac WEETRA. Rookie: Austin VONAEAMIRRI.

New coach Dean Bailey will be pleased to know key Indigenous players Aaron Davey and Matthew Whelan finished their 2007 seasons early to be the best prepared they could be for this year's assault.

Davey has been a premier small forward in the competition for the past couple of years, while Whelan's role as a steady influence in defence cannot be under-estimated. He finished with just five games last season and his (along with Jared Rivers') return massively strengthens the back half.

Isaac Weetra is certainly a project player who would expect to spend most of his year with Sandringham in the VFL. He turns 19 at the end of February and needs to put muscle on to a slight frame.

Coming to the club from Norwood, the Demons have rookie-listed Northern Territory lad Austin Vonaeamirri. He showed patches of brilliance in the SANFL, but needs to continue his learning curve in football.

Port Adelaide

Peter BURGOYNE, Shaun BURGOYNE, Nathan KRAKOUER, Daniel MOTLOP, Marlon MOTLOP, Danyle PEARCE.

The Power have among the best Indigenous players in the business, and



Xavier Clarke. He and younger brother Raphael are the only two Aboriginal players in St Kilda's 2008 line-up.

Mark Williams, like one of his mentors, Kevin Sheedy, is a great believer that a strong Aboriginal contingent among his group is critical to the team structure.

Peter Burgoyne, after a couple of years with frustrating hamstring problems, found the perfect role for himself in sweeping up across half back, and he was a pivotal player in the club's re-emergence last year. While he has just turned 30, expect at least two or three more strong seasons from him.

His younger brother, the mercurial utility Shaun, has the ability to change a game with a few minutes of brilliance. With a good season, a Brownlow Medal isn't out of the question.

Daniel Motlop resurrected his career last year, kicking 41 goals from 16 games as a small forward, while Danyle Pearce took a little time to get used to the extra focus on him during last winter, coming off the NAB Rising Star award in 2006.

Nathan Krakouer was given significant match time for a first-year player, finishing with 11 matches in his first season. He would be hoping for the same again this winter.

A cousin to Daniel, Marlon Motlop continues the unique family tradition at Port Adelaide. He will look for chances in the SANFL with North Adelaide to push his cause with the Power.

Richmond

Jarrod OAKLEY-NICHOLS, Richard TAMBLING. Rookie: Clayton COLLARD.

A top-four draft pick at the end of 2004, Richard Tambling has now passed the 50 senior games landmark and now needs to start dominating games for the Tigers. He has the ability to do anything and everything on the playing field and now must add consistency to his game.

Jarrod Oakley-Nichols was also a

first-round pick (number eight) in the following year's draft and also needs to make an impact. While he is taller (188cm and 81kg), he wore the black-and-gold jumper just seven times in the first two years. He is in a critical year in his development.

After playing just the one senior game in 2007 with Fremantle, Clayton Collard was dropped from the senior list, but gets a second chance as the number-one selection in this year's rookie draft. At junior level for Western Australia, he dominated in the middle and up forward.

St Kilda

Raphael CLARKE, Xavier CLARKE.

The Clarke brothers are the only two Aboriginal players on the Saints' playing list in 2008 and are at different parts of their playing careers. If fully fit, both are in the best 22, but the younger sibling Raphael has been able to play only 13 games in the past two years, and 30 games over a four-year period since his debut in 2004.

This is an important winter for the St Mary's talent who turns 23 at the business end of the current season.

Xavier, who is now 24, will play his 100th game early in the 2008 season as long as poor form and fitness don't get in the way.

He can be used in a number of roles in all areas of the ground, adding another dynamic to the Saints' combination.

Sydney

Adam GOODES, Michael O'LOUGHLIN.

If the window of opportunities for a second premiership this decade is still open for the Sydney, Adam Goodes and

veteran Michael O'Loughlin will need to continue their stellar careers.

Goodes now has played 191 consecutive games for the Swans, and is the prototype all recruitment people are looking for as the typical player of the 21st century.

A perennial vote-getter, he is able, given another strong year, to become one of the handful of players who has collected three Brownlow Medals.

O'Loughlin now has played 270 senior games in the red-and-white colours and continues to be a key player up forward for the Sydney club.

He has a unique record as the only Swans player to participate in three grand finals - 1996, 2005 and 2006.

The question is: Is it O'Loughlin's last winter at the top level or can he hold on and get to the prized 300-game landmark, being about to turn 31 later this month?

West Coast

David WIRRPANDA.

With all the other distractions the West Coast have dealt with over the past 12 months, it is pleasing that David Wirrpanda continues to show his professionalism and dedication to the blue-and-gold number.

Having started his career in 1996, he has now played 192 games for the first West Australian franchise and is a premiership player with the club. He is an excellent role model.

Western Bulldogs

Jarrod HARBROW, Malcolm LYNCH, Brennan STACK. Rookie: Josh HILL.

With selective recruiting to cover deficiencies from 2007, the Bulldogs should be a real contender this year.

Their Aboriginal connection has lost Cameron Faulkner, but they have a trio of young stars ready to burst on to the scene.

Although only 178cm and 71kg, Jarrod Harbrow made a big impact in his first season at the club, after starting as a rookie. He adds that vital component of place across the middle and would expect to build on his 11 games last year.

Malcolm Lynch made two appearances last winter in the red, blue and white colours and is expected to be used mainly as a crumbing small forward.

A versatile medium-sized player, Brennan Stack will be looking for his first opportunities at senior level this year in his second season in the Bulldogs' program.

After gaining his initial appearance with the Doggies last winter, having just turned 19, Josh Hill has been moved back to the Western Bulldogs rookie list for the 2008 campaign.

Through different eyes

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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When you read this, you will probably have witnessed the Prime Minister making a long overdue apology to our peoples for many sorry incidents in our shared past with a particular emphasis on the era of the Stolen Generations.

As somebody who has

supported the cause of true reconciliation for a long time, it will be an important one for me and a time of reflection.

I believe the Government is sincere in delivering the apology, but we will only know its true effect when we look back at some time in the future and see what has been achieved.

I say this from a perspective that has been shaped through following the tour of South Africa by four AFL clubs: Collingwood, Fremantle, West Coast and Carlton.

While the tour espoused the delivery of social benefits delivered through sport, let us not be mistaken into thinking this is not more about game development than anything else.

Don't get me wrong.

There will be some great outcomes for all concerned, with all clubs actively scouting for young talent that can be listed through the league's new

international scholarship program.

Players aged 15 to 23 can be put on to the scholarship list for as little as \$20,000 a year, which will be used for schooling in Australia.

This can be life-changing for those concerned.

It is interesting that Collingwood Chief Executive Gary Pert has compared the program with the AFL's early forays into Indigenous communities.

"It's very similar to when Indigenous programs started to be set up," he said. "We talked about those kids who could one day be playing in the major competition in Melbourne, and we thought it was pie-in-the-sky. Now have a look."

The AFL held a pre-Christmas talent camp in South Africa for 50 of the best junior players, while the AFL's Academy Squad plays a yearly series against the nation's best youth side.

The mix of raw athleticism and exceptional co-ordination makes the players the perfect recruiting

model for AFL clubs.

AFL Game Development Manager Dave Matthews said clubs were being encouraged to embrace the international scholarship scheme.

"The thing is: The kids have got a natural aptitude for the game, which has got the recruiters thinking about it. The clubs are already setting up their own networks," Matthews said.

But behind this exciting development lies a society that went through its own reconciliation process following the end of apartheid.

The question remains is: How far the general population - particularly the black population - has benefited from this change.

Insight

I found the Fremantle Dockers forward Jeff 'The Wizard' Farmer's personal tour diary gave an interesting insight into the daily life for many of the people.

He writes of the team's visit to the Thakageng Centre for street kids.

"The centre takes in kids who are left on the streets of the township: Feeding them, giving them a place to sleep and educating them. Most have been left by their parents and the fantastic people at Thakageng care for them," he wrote.

"Some have been abused, some have addiction problems of some kind or another, and others were just abandoned."

"They were so excited that we were coming to visit, they'd been ready from 5am. We had a ball with them, kicking the footy and having a chat. They each received a Freo cap, then sang us a traditional song."

Uplifting

Visits like these can be uplifting for all concerned, but sometimes they can leave you hollow knowing the misery the kids will return to.

Des Headland says he can relate to South Africa given his experiences in Australian Indigenous communities.

He understands the kids.

"It is what they are brought up with and they accept things. They deal with what they've got and the life they have, yet they have a

passion for that life," he said.

"Look at some of the kids we've seen today. You can't believe what they've been through in their lives and they've all got happy faces and are running around smiling."

But the team's visit to Colandrea, an orphanage where more than 70 per cent of the kids are infected with HIV, brought another reality.

"We spent an hour with these amazing children, who ranged in age from four weeks to seven years," Farmer wrote.

"We were broken into three groups to walk through a hospice, school room and play yards. It was very moving."

"In the babies' section, we heard about an infant who was dumped on the steps of the centre in a garbage bag, saw youngsters affected by AIDS and in need of oxygen, saw kids smiling and playing, and met the 30 or so volunteer staff."

"The centre receives no government support."

The face of these kids is the face of South Africa today.

Disappeared

The hope and enthusiasm for the future that the end of apartheid engendered has seemingly disappeared.

The word reconciliation for most South Africans is as hollow as the ravaged faces of these unfortunate kids.

If one ever stops to analyse the sights on offer in most parts of South Africa, one could abandon all sense of hope.

This leads me to a final - and more positive - point.

I have great faith that the majority of Australians can deliver on the hope established by the uttering of a simple word - sorry.

But we can't get carried away by the symbolism of the moment. Hope has to be delivered on by hard work.

Promises need to become realities.

Our kids - all kids - need to have the equal opportunity to succeed in our great land.

Reconciliation will only be truly achieved when we no longer have to use the word.

Let's build on the moment and, as always, until next time... Keep Dreaming!

Leader's golf round dedicated to Aboriginal caddy

The round that took West Australian teenager Kristie Smith to the top of the Australian Open leaders' board at the half-way mark had as its inspiration one of the best-loved characters of Australian golf.

Aborigine John King, a caddy, mentor and knockabout, had been a fixture at golf tournaments around the country and in Europe for more than a decade.

He had caddied for Smith in amateur tournaments and had been on the bag for her father Wayne on and off for about five years during his professional career.

King had also caddied for Wayne Grady more recently and for a number of women on the Australian and European circuits.

One of his rare successes on the golf course was with Catherine Cartwright, who lost the Australian Ladies Masters two years ago in a play-off against the amateur Amy Yang.

Because Yang couldn't collect the first prize, he counted Cartwright's round as a victory.

A prominent member of Victoria's Aboriginal community, King spent time on the recruiting staff at the St Kilda AFL club and was a mentor for a number of young AFL players when they joined Melbourne clubs.

"I want to dedicate this round today to John King," Smith said after shooting her four-under par 69.

King, 51, died suddenly last month and was buried at Mildura.

But he was prominent in the thoughts of Smith and her father from the moment they teed off at the start of the second round of the Australian Women's Open at Kingston Heath, Melbourne.

"We were thinking of John, laughing and joking about the fun we all used to have," Wayne Smith said.

"He was actually a terrible caddy, he didn't have a clue."

"But he always made me laugh, always made me relax."

"Everyone in golf loved him."

Kristie Smith faded during the final two rounds of the Kingston Heath event, won in a sudden-death play-off by Karrie Webb. - AAP

Boomerangs fly in S Africa



AUSTRALIAN Indigenous Youth Team coach Jason Mifsud says his 25-strong squad has made significant inroads after winning the opening two of its

three-match series against a South African Under-19 youth side.

The Australian team, which is an under-16 side, on 2 February won its first match at Centurion by 100 points. In game two, it cruised to a 19-point win at the community of kwaMashu - a small township of Durban - on 6 February.

The match attracted more than 1000 locals and created a party atmosphere, especially when the South African Buffaloes charged home with the final five goals of the match.

The Australian side won 11.10 (76) to 8.9 (57), however Mifsud believes his team's performance on Wednesday was superior to its tour opener of four days earlier.

"Personally, I thought we were fantastic and we were actually a better team than we were in the first game," Mifsud said.

"A couple of things conspired against

us... the size of the ground allowed the South African boys to close us down a little bit whereas in the first game we had space to move the ball through."

On the small ground, which had goats roaming the boundaries, teams played 16-a-side, however the Australian team fielded 14 for more than half the encounter.

"Our defensive efforts were fantastic. To see the players' attitude and application to that challenge was absolutely first-class," Mifsud said.

"We've sort of asked players to be really team-orientated. If it was play for the team or play for yourself, it was play for the team."

"And that's quite unnatural for a lot of these boys because they'll just play their natural game because they're such unique talents."

Despite the loss, eager fans lifted South African players onto their shoulders and cheered hysterically.

"It was a great environment, it was the first time the community had seen a game of Australian football, and was very carnival-like," the Boomerangs' coach said.

Honour and respect

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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By the time this article reaches you, I will have experienced two events that will last in my memory forever.

Firstly, I am proud to be a rugby league player following the game's recognition and respect for Indigenous players and communities in announcing Australian sport's first formal Reconciliation Action Plan.

I know a lot of people by nature will be sceptical of whether a document or an announcement will actually change things, but as the game's first formal announcement in its centenary year we should acknowledge in return the public commitment made by the National Rugby League and the Australian Rugby League.

It is also timely as it comes just prior to another symbolic event when the Prime Minister makes a formal apology to our peoples in Parliament.

Again, I will be honoured to be present representing my people, the game and, more importantly, my family; in particular my grandmother, who was a part of the Stolen Generations.

Firstly, let me deal with the game's Reconciliation Action Plan and the formation of a player advisory group, including Johnathan Thurston, Matt Bowen, Preston Campbell, Sam Thaiday, Greg Inglis and myself.

I remember when the great Arthur Beetson was announced as one of the game's immortals, he said he was a proud Australian, a proud Aboriginal man and a proud rugby league player.

So it was for me and the boys when we were invited to form this group.

It is an honour not only for us, but for all Indigenous players in the game.

Few people would fully understand how important the game of rugby league is for many Indigenous communities.

The game brings communities together and also provides a means of sending positive messages to our youth.

Any person who has been to the Koori Knockout in NSW or an All Blacks carnival in Queensland will have witnessed how it is not just sport but a celebration of culture and community.

Enormous influence

Any NRL player – Indigenous or non-Indigenous – who visits an Indigenous community carries enormous influence over the kids.

In building an awareness of healthy choices and continuing to promote the importance of education, we can all contribute to bridging the gap in the life expectancy of Indigenous kids.

This is a cause close to my heart and a challenge to be met by all Australians.

This Reconciliation Action Plan brings together a lot of things and it is an important step for us in the centenary year of the game.



David Peachey. He says an apology to Indigenous Australians won't heal all the wounds, but is a step into the future and is better late than never.

The plan commits to a blueprint for helping Indigenous athletes make the most of their professional careers while also assisting development in local communities through involvement in rugby league and through the promotion of education programs in those communities.

The plan brings together the individual efforts of players and clubs with game-wide programs to promote cultural awareness, reading programs, healthy lifestyles, women in League programs, regional competitions and elite athlete development.

NRL boss David Gallop ensured all present were aware of the extent of the game's commitment to the future.

"It is important to note that the Reconciliation Action Plan is not simply about game development, he said.

"At the centre of the Reconciliation Action Plan is the game's players – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous – and the role they can play in improving the future lives of Indigenous children in particular.

"The game joins Reconciliation Australia in its commitment to an Australia that provides equal life chances for all, recognising and respecting the special place, culture and contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians.

"In particular, we join the challenge to eliminate the glaring gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children.

"That the life of an Indigenous child is likely to end 17 years earlier than a non-Indigenous child's is not acceptable in an affluent country like ours."

It is important that the very essence of the plan is the hope that it carries to communities.

Player group

It is a hope that is embodied by the actions of my fellow players who will form our inaugural player group.

It is the hope that Sam Thaiday carries as he mentors kids in schools while working on his teacher qualification and as an ambassador for the Indigenous Sports Program.

It is the hope reflected in the smiles of kids on Palm Island and communities like Hopevale, Aurukun and Thursday Island when they are visited by Matt Bowen and his Cowboys' team-mates in the off-season.

It is the hope delivered to communities by Greg Inglis as part of the Federal Government's Healthy Active Ambassador Program.

It is the hope that the 'King of the Kids' Preston Campbell will continue to carry in his role beyond football as a qualified youth worker.

It is the hope that is simply embodied in Johnathan Thurston's emblematic mouth guard that proudly carries the Aboriginal colours.

The game's commitment reaches from Johnathan – recognised as the game's

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206 teams battle it out in the Bush bash one big hit

By ALF WILSON



BLACK Bream XI players celebrated with passion after scoring one of the closest wins at the world's biggest cricket carnival, the Goldfield Ashes held at Charters Towers from 26-28 January.

A record 206 teams battled it out in the A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2 and social grades in the men's divisions and eight in the strongly contested women's category. Two others which had been accepted were late withdrawals.

The carnival began in 1948 with just six teams and has grown to the stage where organisers have to knock some back.

It was estimated that about 500 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander players competed at the 60th Ashes and the Black Bream consisted of mostly Indigenous players and contested the B-2 men's division.

The *Koori Mail* arrived at the Aerodrome field on day one when the Black Bream had just beaten Fruit Pies XI by two runs - 204 to 202.

"We are very excited about this win and Fruit Pies even had their own scoreboard on the sideline," said Scott Kennedy, who top scored for the Breams with a retired 50.

Shaun McLean snared two wickets and was a happy man when we spoke to him.

"Everybody thought we were going to lose but we got up," he said.

Most lower grade teams had a rule that any player who scored a duck or dropped a catch had to wear a woman's dress until a team-mate repeated the performance.

Chris Kennedy failed to score for Black Breams and was attired in the dress when we saw him.

"The captain also pulled out a wig which I had to wear and it was all in fun," he said.

There supporting Black Bream were members of the CDEP Hot Mowers XI which were a team of Murris who also played in the B-2 grade.

Many of the players helped prepare the fields at Charters Towers and they later played a team named Djabringabeeralong on another aerodrome field.

From there *The Koori Mail* went to the Charters Towers State High School where arch rivals Roksoff Sisters and Black Bream were playing the women's grade.

Roksoff Sisters won that encounter by 40 runs, with both sides having a large percentage of Indigenous women.

After that we went to the Charters Towers Golf Club where the West Indigies XI were playing Reg Regan's XI.

Supporting West Indigies was champion North Queensland Cowboys fullback Matty Bowen and star players included Glenn Butler, Sam Reuben, Troy Kennedy, John Doyle and Coco.

On day two we visited the Tropix XI, who were playing at the airport and had a convincing win in B-2 grade.

Then we went to another aerodrome field

where the Black Bream men were up against the Scurvy Dogs.

On a nearby field, CDEP Hot Mowers were playing Jungle Patrol (2) and we saw top-order batsman Leroy Dallachy after he had been dismissed for three. Many considered Dallachy a look-alike of former rugby league star Milton Thaiday when he played for Palm Island at the Daisy Cup late last year.

"It is good to get here with all our mates and we have had a good time," he said.

Hot Mowers captain Bruce Hero said members of his team formed mower gangs before the carnival to cut the fields after the rain.

"It was good to help prepare the fields and then to play in our first carnival and many of us used to be with Black Bream," he said.

Then it was off to Central State School where the Roksoff Sisters had just beaten the Sticklick Horny Heifers in a women's round-two match.

I stopped off at Towers State High where Black Bream ladies were up against favourites Mount Isa. Ladies from the Travelbugs XI were on the sideline eagerly awaiting their afternoon match with the Gilbert River Lady Grunters.

Then it was back to the golf club where West Indigies were playing the Treasury Cricket Club and big Sam Reuben had just been clean bowled.

Brisbane side Powered by Jimmy won the eight-team A-1 grade from Dimbulah Rugby Club and Mackay Walkerston Roosters.

In the 14 team A-2 division, Mount Isa won from Townsville sides Mick Downey's XI and Pacey's Wests.

Gum Flat took out the 26-team B-1 grade from Electric Butchers and Horner's (1).

Gulf side Croydon Carney's won the 120-team B-2 grade from Blue Gropers and Pellet Scones.

Tropix finished a very creditable seventh, winning all three games and scoring 776 runs and taking 29 wickets.

It was amazing that 22 sides did not lose a match in B-2 throughout the Ashes, with only bonus points for runs scored and wickets taken separating them.

Black Bream finished in 89th place on 12.17 points, having scored 537 runs from one win in three games and taking 22 wickets.

In 90th position was West Indigies, with 12.14 points, having scored 637 runs and taking 14 wickets with one win.

CDEP Hot Mowers ended up in 91st place from one win, scoring 394 runs and taking 26 wickets.

The 30-team Social Grade was won by Carl's XI from the Weekenders and Light Brigade.

In the women's grade, Mount Isa won all three games to win with 22.87 points from Hormoans on 22.16, with Roksoff Sisters being the only other undefeated side in third on 21.82 points.

Black Bream ladies finished last with no wins.



● TOP: Roksoff Sisters on day one at Charters Towers State High School against Black Bream ladies.

● ABOVE: The Black Bream ladies team.

● LEFT: Allrounder for Black Breams Chris Kennedy who made a duck and had to wear a woman's dress.

● BELOW: Supporters of the CDEP Hot Mowers XI.

world's biggest cricket carnival



Black Bream bowl against Fruit Pies at Charters Towers Airport.



Tropix XI players and supporters on day two.



CDEP Hot Mowers XI batsman Leroy Dallachy after being dismissed for three against Jungle Patrol 2 on day two.



The CDEP Hot Mowers XI in front of their aptly coloured shade.



Black Bream supporters.



Despite good rain, not all playing fields were lush. CDEP Hot Mowers are pictured fielding against Djabringabeeralong.

'Sachin' makes appearance at Goldfield Ashes carnival

By ALF WILSON

You could have been excused for thinking that Indian Test batsman Sachin Tendulkar and captain Anil Kumble were competing at the three-day Goldfield Ashes carnival in Charters Towers instead of the Fourth Test against Australia at the Adelaide Oval.

When the Weipa Crocs played their day-one match in the B-1 division of the Goldfield Ashes, one of their players, all-rounder Darryl Lewis, was being referred to as Kumble or Tendulkar.

"I am an Indian and work at Weipa," he said. Weipa Crocs won just one of their three games, but were awarded the best-dressed team trophy.

One of Lewis' team-mates explained further why Lewis had been given the titles of two of the best Test cricketers in world cricket.

"When he bats we refer to him as Tendulkar and when he bowls he becomes Kumble," the team-mate said.

The real Kumble took his 600th Test wicket in the Third Test at the WACA in Perth when India won after being underdogs.

Weipa Crocs spokesman Randall O'Neill said that Lewis took six wickets at the Ashes, bowling a mixture of spin and medium pacers.

"Like Kumble, he bowled leg-spinners and then sent down some medium-pacers," O'Neill said.

Tendulkar is one the world's greatest batsmen and many place him second behind Australian legend Sir Donald Bradman.

O'Neill said that Lewis, a Rio Tinto worker at Weipa, didn't make too many runs at the Ashes.

"He didn't go that well with the bat," O'Neill said.

Lewis admitted he was a social bush cricketer, but appreciated the attention he received as an Indian playing at the Ashes.



Indian Darryl Lewis at the Ashes. When he was batting he carried the name Sachin Tendulkar and when he was bowling, he became Anil Kumble.

Century of greatness



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In all the excitement of having five of the six current great Indigenous players named as the game's player advisory group as part of the launch of rugby league's Reconciliation Action Plan, two equally important announcements almost escaped attention.

First, a representative Indigenous team will take part in the World Cup when they will play at least one game against a New Zealand Maori side in a 'Welcome to Country' game as part of the opening ceremony at the Sydney Football Stadium.

Team of the Century

Secondly, in an event that is certain to cause plenty of debate, the role of Indigenous players in the history of the game will be celebrated when an Indigenous Team of the Century is announced in Round eight (2-4 May) with the Rabbitohs versus Cowboys game at ANZ Stadium providing the background to such an event.

These events will be the perfect 'book-ends' to the already announced Reconciliation Cup which will once again be fought out between the Bulldogs and the Cowboys at Suncorp Stadium (Round 22: 8-11 August).

Like many other people involved in Indigenous rugby league, I had been a vocal critic of the League's decision not to support the inclusion of an Indigenous team in the World Cup itself.

But having reluctantly accepted that a final decision had been made, I have been a firm supporter of such a match to not only showcase Indigenous talent, but to also be culturally relevant in having the side welcoming other nations and Indigenous tribes to our land.

To play against an equally proud people as the New Zealand Maoris will only add to the relevance of the game.

Having spoken to the majority of the players – including Dean Widders, Johnathan Thurston, Sam Thaiday, Preston Campbell and Matt Bowen at last week's launch – I know the players are genuinely excited at the prospect of playing together.

Even if the likes of Thurston, Inglis and Hodges – to name a few – are selected in the Australian side, their will be no doubting their support and desire to play for an Indigenous team.

Appropriate

It is appropriate that the game was announced as part of the Reconciliation Action Plan launch and that Preston Campbell was present.

It was Preston who led the public campaign of current players when he came out in the Press in support of an Aboriginal side two years ago.

He put his reputation and popularity on the line when he was interviewed.

"League is already very important to Aborigines," he said at the time.

"The annual Aboriginal knockout is very important and because we've lost touch with parts of our culture, it has in some ways replaced the corroboree as a meeting place.

"A lot of the boys would fight, if they had to, to play in the Aboriginal Knockout because of the pride that goes with it. I can't explain the feelings we'd experience if we got to pull on an Aboriginal representative jumper in the World Cup."

Preston revealed the appeal of such a game when he nominated that he would choose Aboriginal representation over selection in the Australian team.



Preston Campbell. So proud is he of his Aboriginal heritage that he once said, given the option of playing for Australia or playing for Aboriginal Australia: "I believe the individual should be allowed to choose which team he would play for. I doubt whether I would be picked for Australia, but if I had the choice, I would play for the Aborigines."

"I believe the individual should be allowed to choose which team he would play for. I doubt whether I would be picked for Australia, but if I had the choice I would play for the Aborigines," he said.

"If this team does go ahead, the authorities will be inspiring the average Aborigine to get out and achieve things, and not just in sport.

"I'd like to think that Australians of all walks of life would support the idea of an Aboriginal rugby league team and support us."

Crystal ball

It was as if Preston had a crystal ball and he saw both the ARL and NRL coming together in support of his dream two years into the future.

It would only be fitting if Campbell was to be rewarded with selection in the team to take on the Maoris at the end of the year.

Campbell's name will undoubtedly be on the list when the selection panel sits down to nominate the Indigenous Team of

the Century.

What a task!

What a team!

Just imagine the debate around the five-eighth position alone... Laurie Daley, Cliff Lyons, Anthony Mundine...

Details of how the team will be selected are to be announced, but I believe it will be based on the same process applied to the selection of the game's Team of the Century.

One factor that gives me confidence that the final side will have credibility is that the newly-formed Indigenous Rugby League Council under the chairmanship of William 'Smiley' Johnstone will oversee the process.

Support

I will write about the formation of the Council in a coming article, but I believe that this new body will provide the necessary structure and support to Indigenous development in the game.

Ricky Walford will now have the necessary external support to implement a policy that reflects the needs of our communities.

We now have a true opportunity to unite under one banner for the common good of all.

We will also be able to come together to celebrate the common things that unite us rather than argue issues that divide us.

That should be the lasting legacy of this centenary celebration of the greatest game of all.

It will be a celebration of a truly representative Indigenous side taking centre stage in the World Cup.

It will be a celebration of a century of Indigenous talent in the game.

It will be a truly great celebration as there is no other team sport outside of AFL with the history and depth of talent in Indigenous talent to undertake such a process.

Over coming weeks I will be seeking to involve Koori Mail readers in the broader debate of who should be the Team of the Century.

What a debate... Bring it on!

Apology 'is better late than never'

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best player in the last two seasons' Daily M Awards – to the young child in a remote community just beginning to dream of the future.

That young child's dream is our dream – a dream of equal opportunity to be shared by all Australians.

That is why the Prime Minister's apology is such an important symbolic act.

Being invited to this historic event has evoked a range of emotions from myself and the three other rugby league

players invited.

To a man David Peachey, Matt Bowen, Greg Inglis and myself are all honoured to be invited.

'Peach', who has worked tirelessly for Indigenous communities since arriving at the Sharks from Dubbo as a gangly teenager with a special talent, will lead us.

A proud Wiradjuri man, 'Peach' takes the pragmatic view that the apology is 'better late than never'.

"It's a special moment of significance," he said. "It won't heal all the wounds, but it is a step into the future.

"It's all about moving forward."

It is a sentiment I share because in honouring the past, we should also be seeking the positives and looking to the future.

I am certain the event will have a very personal and emotional impact on me as my grandmother was a member of the Stolen Generations.

Aboriginal people need to look at it as a start rather than an end.

We should treat the event with reciprocal respect and as a commencement of big and new improvements in society.

All Australians – Indigenous

and non-Indigenous – need to work hard at achieving the improvements for the common good.

We all need to not only do the right things; we need to do them right.

Greg Inglis saw the new beginning.

"Tomorrow can be for all of us," he said. "It is a new attitude and start."

"Saying sorry gives opportunity."

Finally the normalcy of the day. Matty Bowen revealed a true emotion shared by :

"It is a huge honour for me personally, but I hope I can also represent the people of north Queensland," he said.

"My grandparents were from the Stolen Generations. I haven't told my parents yet but I hope my being there will be special for them too."

As we know, Matty comes from the remote North Queensland community of Hopevale.

Its very name carries the key message for all on Wednesday: Hope for the future.

It will be the culmination of one of the proudest periods of my life.

Cricket in full swing



FORMER Test cricketers Ashley 'Rowdy' Mallett and Colin 'Funky' Miller will be special guests at the Imparja Cup interstate cricket carnival in Alice Springs today. Mallett (South Australia) and Miller (Victoria), who were right-arm off-spinners, will conduct clinics for children today at Traeger Park – the focal point for the week-long Imparja Cup.

Also present today will be former Australian women's Test cricketer Kathryn Fitzpatrick, who was acknowledged as the world's fastest woman bowler.

Grand final replay

The Imparja Cup match at Traeger Park today – Harmony Day – will be the eagerly-awaited replay of last year's grand final between NSW and Queensland.

NSW won that match to break Queensland's domination of the series.

The competition began on Monday with two days of round-robin twenty/20 matches.

Today is the first day of 40-over matches. They will continue tomorrow and on Friday.

Former Test spinners guests at Imparja Cup

The two teams with the most points after five days of twenty/20 and 40-over matches will meet in the final on Saturday. That game will be a 40-over match.

This year's Cup is expected to develop into a three-way battle between NSW, Queensland and Western Australia.

The Sandgropers came so close to edging Queensland out of last year's grand final. Had they scored their final run two balls earlier in the last qualifying game against Queensland, they would have edged Queensland out of the final. It doesn't get any closer than that!

NSW has named a strong side to defend the Imparja Cup.

The team is: Cameron Rosser (captain –

Parkes), Matthew Bradley (Sutherland), Daniel Caldwell (Cobar/Parramatta), Tim Croft (Sydney University), Ryan Donovan (Bankstown), John Duckett (La Perouse), Damien Duroux (Strathfield), Andrew Gordon (Ballina), Kris Halloran (Tamworth), Tyson Jolly (Karuah), Grant Parmenter (South Sydney), Greg Wellington (Bomaderry), Cory Wright (Western Suburbs).

Back again

Rosser, Donovan, Duckett, Duroux, Gordon and Wright were all members of the side which won this tournament last year.

Several members of last season's, including captain Jeff Cook, were

unavailable for this selection, however NSW has been boosted by the inclusion of Matthew Bradley, a former Australian Under-19 player who has also represented the ATSIC XI.

New South Wales is also the first State or Territory to enter a side in the women's division.

The players selected in the NSW side are: Julie Muir (captain – St George-Sutherland), Sam Hinton (vice-captain – Wellington/Universities), Breanna Collier (St George-Sutherland), Jessica Collier (St George-Sutherland), Veronica Gordon (St George-Sutherland), Nicole Honeysett (Bankstown), Wendy Horan (Sydney), Kelly Salis (Campbelltown-Camden), Rheanna Lotter (Bowral).

Vice-captain Sam Hinton is no stranger to representing NSW, having played in a number of under-age teams during her career. In January she was part of the NSW Under-19 team which won the National Championships in Brisbane.

The women's division at the Imparja Cup is a Super 8s competition with matches consisting of seven overs per side. The top two sides then qualify for the final.

South Australian sports writer Peter Argent says SA cricket selectors should:

Give Dizzy a go!



Jason Gillespie is a descendant of the Kamilaroi people of north-western NSW, and is the first acknowledged Aboriginal person to become a Test cricketer.

another Test for his country, he is among the top half a dozen bowlers in Australia cricket history – taking 259 at a good average of 26.14 in 71 appearances in the famous baggy green cap.

His batting has improved markedly since the early days when he was regarded at a true tailender. It has been well documented his brilliant double century, after coming

in as a night-watchman against Bangladesh in his last Test match.

For the South Australian side, his season has been good again in a modest team performance.

While the argument is made that South Australia has improved on last summer's wooden spoons in the Pura Cup and Ford Ranger one-day series, the positives have only been marginal.

In the 2006/07 season (10 games) Gillespie took 30 wickets at 28.40 and in the first seven matches of the current season, he has secured 21 victims at a slightly higher average of 35.62.

While he has been a little more expensive with the ball, he has more than made up for this with the bat.

Last summer he made 181 runs at just over 11 runs an innings, with a top score of 61.

This year, he has already made 309 runs at an average of 44.14. This

included a century and a half century in his 12 trips to the batting crease.

Gillespie is the perfect person to lead the Redbacks at this critical time of their development and should be given the role.

● Footnote: The statistics for the 2007/08 season are up to the round 8 clash against Tasmania which started on 8 February.

Dockers' coach urges reserving place for South African rookies

THE rookie list of every AFL club should eventually be expanded by one to accommodate a playing prospect from South Africa, according to Fremantle coach Mark Harvey.

The Dockers returned from their AFL-sanctioned trip to South Africa on 5 February. It included a morale-boosting exhibition win over Carlton, valuable sponsorships and invaluable team bonding experiences for the younger squad members.

And with the prospect of Fremantle playing an official NAB Cup pre-season game in South Africa next year being mooted, Harvey says the AFL should also consider opening its doors to the best players from the country.

"At some stage I hope the AFL makes an exemption for every club in the competition to get a young player from South Africa and put him on the rookie list," Harvey said.

"Let's add to the rookie list so we get another player, and that is what the AFL should be looking at now if they are fair dinkum about it, which I think they are."

"A lot of AFL people were over there for the game and they promoted it really well, and it was a great venue."

The AFL's commitment to expanding the game into South Africa already has Fremantle (North-West Province), Carlton (Gauteng), Collingwood (Western Cape) and West Coast (Kwa-Zulu Natal) allocated regions.

Harvey said the popularity of coaching clinics run by his club, and the attendance at the game against the Blues proved to him there was ample support to build on.

"We did a couple of clinics and there was one clinic there where we had 600 kids from seven or eight schools," Harvey said.



Des Headland

"And then we trained a group of ages 17 to 25, a few of these kids had played rugby union over there, who had actually pretty good ball skills."

"There was a kid that played in the under 16 game before our game, he actually hitchhiked 400km to come and train with us and then go and play the game."

"So there are a lot of things that have come out of it."

Those benefits also included Harvey getting a better feel for his squad's prospects this year, even without senior players such as Matthew Pavlich, Josh Carr and Dean Solomon.

"To see how they live and survive has been a real wake up for a lot of our guys," Harvey said.

"It has bonded us closer than ever, particularly from a moral point of view taking the younger squad."

"That was the whole idea of it to see which younger players wanted to put their hand up for selection, and (Paul) Hasleby and (Des) Headland and those type of guys also played really well." –AAP



World's biggest cricket carnival proves a big hit

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

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Here's a great Koori Mail giveaway – a personally-signed limited-edition Jason Gillespie cap, courtesy of the man himself.

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New generation

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE disproportionately high level of Indigenous representation in rugby league's

most elite competition is set to rise even further under Australian sport's first reconciliation action plan.

The plan commits to a blueprint for helping Indigenous athletes make the most of their professional careers.

At the same time, it is designed to assist development in local Indigenous communities through involvement in rugby league.

Indigenous people in New South Wales and Queensland are set to benefit the most as these two States are the strongholds of

Rugby league unveils blueprint to assist Indigenous athletes

rugby league.

Indigenous people make up just three per cent of Australia's population.

But they represent 11 per cent of National Rugby League (NRL) athletes.

The Indigenous representation in the Australian Football League (AFL) is about the same as in rugby league.

The rugby league reconciliation action plan (RAP) brings together the NRL, the Australian Rugby League (ARL) and Reconciliation

Australia (RA).

The plan was launched at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on 1 February – the day before rugby league's big centenary gathering at the same venue.

The launch was attended by five of the six Indigenous rugby league stars who will act as an advisory group for the plan. They are Dean Widders (South Sydney Rabbitohs), Matt Bowen and Jonathan Thurston (North Queensland Cowboys), Sam Thaiday (Brisbane Broncos) and

Preston Campbell (Gold Coast Titans). Absent was Melbourne Storm star Greg Inglis.

The plan aims to promote cultural awareness, reading programs, healthy lifestyles, women in league programs, regional competitions and elite athlete development.

Positive messages

Rabbitohs star Dean Widders said few people understood how important rugby league was for many Indigenous communities.

"The game brings communities together and provides a means of sending positive messages to our youth," Widders said.

"Any NRL player – Indigenous or non-Indigenous – who visits a community carries enormous influence over the kids."

"In building an awareness of healthy choices and continuing to promote the importance of education, we can all contribute to bridging the gap in the life expectancy of Indigenous kids."

Widders said the reconciliation action plan brought together a lot of things and it was an important step for all Indigenous rugby league players.

NRL Chief Executive David Gallop said it was significant that the announcement of the plan was one of the first official occasions rugby league's centenary season.

"Rugby league has been lucky to celebrate the talents of some amazing Indigenous athletes and that is most certainly the case today," he said.

"This is a chance to recognise a unique contribution made by Indigenous athletes and to commit to long-term strategies to encourage those athletes and their local communities."

ARL Chief Executive Geoff Carr said the plan was a commitment across all development areas.

"Through (former rugby league star) Ricky Walford, we have been working to co-ordinate a number of Indigenous rugby league groups towards a common set of goals and that is really starting to make a difference," Mr Carr said.

Walford has been appointed by the ARL as an Indigenous Programs Manager to assist in the formation of the first Indigenous Rugby League Council, under the chairmanship of William "Smiley" Johnstone.

The council is developing a common charter to unite a number of Indigenous competitions.

Reconciliation Australia Chief Executive Barbara Livesey said the plan encouraged organisations in all sectors to sign up to specific measurable targets towards closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"As the first sporting code to develop a RAP, the NRL and ARL involvement gives all Australians a sense of how much we can do when we work together to make our communities stronger," she said.



At the launch of the rugby league Reconciliation Action Plan in Sydney are, from left, Preston Campbell (Gold Coast Titans), Johnathan Thurston (North Queensland Cowboys), NRL Chief Executive David Gallop, ARL Chief Executive Geoff Carr, Sam Thaiday (Brisbane Broncos), Dean Widders (South Sydney Rabbitohs) and Matt Bowen (North Queensland Cowboys).