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National Apology

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'I'm not sure what all the fuss is about, fulla, but I like your hat.' Kids from the community of Gingle share style tips with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd during his visit to Walgett in northern NSW on Friday.

Rolling up the sleeves

Now the hard work begins...



PRIME Minister Kevin Rudd has visited his first Aboriginal

community since the National Apology to Australia's Stolen Generations.

Along with Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Mr Rudd travelled

to Walgett in northern New South Wales on Friday, touring schools and meeting local Aboriginal people.

Mr Rudd's apology speech promised action to close the life expectancy, educational and economic gaps between black and white Australians and flagged a new bipartisan joint policy commission to

fix Indigenous housing in remote areas.

The PM said his visit illustrated there was no single solution to addressing the problems in Indigenous housing and would be the first of many to find ways to lift Indigenous living standards.

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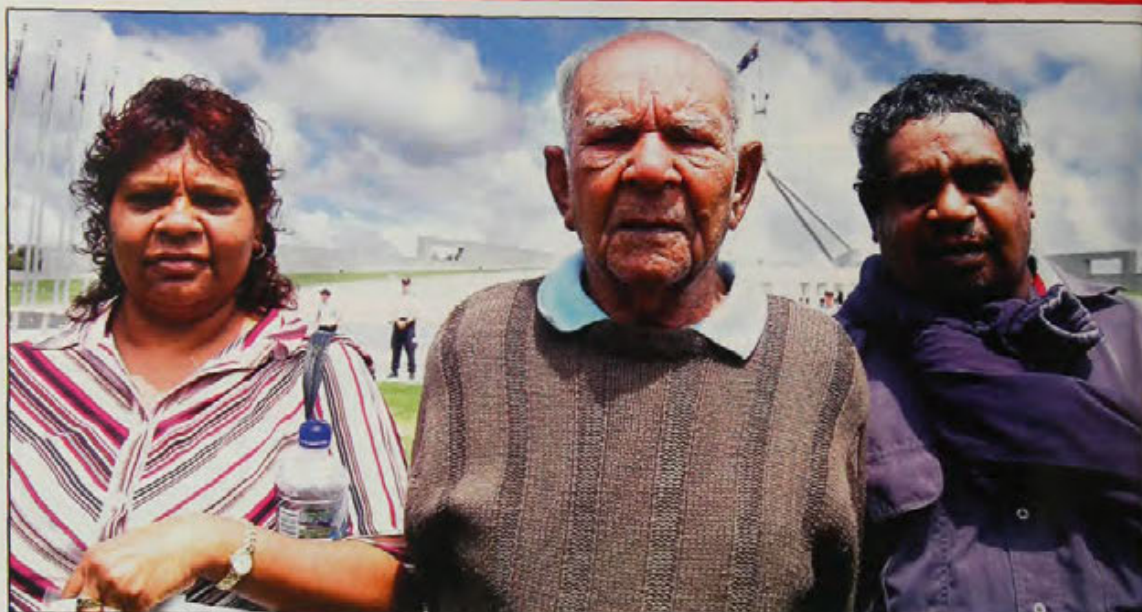
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THIS is a photo of me with one of my brothers, Noel, and my father Alec. My family consists of three brothers, Wayne, Larry and Noel, and two sisters, Lynette and Melly.

I have three children, Aaron, Jordon and Joshua, and a husband, Wayne. And I also have many nieces and nephews, grandchildren and other extended family.

Our family originates from the Alice Springs region.

My late mother Nita Kruger (nee Palmer) was born at Bond Springs, near Alice Springs. She was taken away from her family and country and placed in an institution, St Marys, in Alice Springs, at an early age.

From there she mostly worked as a housemaid until she retired. She was an Arrernte woman who gave us strong family values and ties with the land.

My father was born at Donkey Camp, Katherine, and he, too, was taken away at an early age. He was sent to Kahlin Compound in Darwin, Pine Creek and 'the Bungalow' in Alice Springs.

My father is a leading contributor to the Stolen Generations movement in the Northern Territory. This picture was taken in Canberra outside Parliament House the day before the National Apology for the Stolen Generations.

I travelled to Canberra to support my father, who was an invited guest on the floor of Parliament, and to represent my mother.

Interests

My family has lots of interests, ranging from getting together on a social level to caring for country and representing our family in the community as part of the traditional owners group.

We've achieved a lot, from stopping the dam in Alice Springs because of cultural significance, to being the first claimants to take the Government to court for the Stolen Generations, lobbying to get our country back.

Overall, the most important thing for us is supporting each other and maintaining the family ties our mother gave to us.

● **PICTURED ABOVE:** Anita Kruger and Noel Kruger with their dad Alec Kruger (centre) at Parliament House on the eve of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Photo by SOLUA MIDDLETON

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OUR CHILDREN



Cheering on the Northern Territory team in their Imparja Cup match against Tasmania at Albrecht Oval, Alice Springs, were the Smith children from Alice Springs, from left, Rohan, 3, Renisha, 5, Reggie, 15, and Rechelle, 19.

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'Ask us what we think'

Lex Malezer at the Canberra Convergence rally against the Northern Territory intervention shortly before he returned to New York. Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM



Government expected to tick off on UN Indigenous declaration



ABORIGINAL activist Lex Malezer has welcomed indications that the Rudd Labor

Government is preparing to endorse the United Nations (UN) Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, rejected by the previous Howard government.

The Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) Chairman says such a move would help to restore Australia's former good reputation within the international community, tarnished last year when the then-Howard government refused to sign up to the declaration.

The Howard government had argued the document placed Aboriginal customary law in a 'superior position' to national law, a position widely criticised by Indigenous leaders and law experts.

Australia was one of just

four countries which last year voted against the non-binding declaration of the UN General Assembly that sets out the rights of the world's estimated 370 million Indigenous people.

The declaration was supported by 143 nations, while 11 countries abstained.

ALP policy heading into the federal election in November was to support the declaration and Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith told Channel Ten's *Meet the Press* program on 17 February that the Government was already consulting with stakeholders, including states and territories, about reversing Australia's opposition to the declaration.

"We are of course positively disposed to the declaration," he said. "Once we've finalised those consultations and we've come to a conclusion, we simply let our view be known (in the UN General Assembly)."

Mr Smith said this week's national apology to the Stolen Generations had been good

for Australia domestically and internationally.

"Australia's always wanted to be a good international citizen and I think this has enhanced our credentials and reputation," he said.

Mr Malezer is based in New York where he has been representing Indigenous peoples at the UN Headquarters since 2006.

He told *The Koori Mail* it was crucial that Indigenous people were included in the stakeholder consultations.

He suggested that Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Professor Mick Dodson who is a member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples, himself and Aboriginal law expert Megan Davies could be consulted and then tasked with 'messaging' outcomes back to the broader Indigenous community.

Mr Malezer said Indigenous people wanted the declaration supported as soon as possible.

Compo test cases for WA and NT

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE

The Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA) has joined forces with a major Perth law firm to help mount a test case for compensation for the Stolen Generations in WA and the Northern Territory.

The legal service has more than 1000 case studies registered, but limited resources to research the files and bring them to court.

But its new affiliation with Lavan Legal, announced on Friday, will allow for a comprehensive legal assessment of each case.

In the NT, there are more than 2000 case files being held by the Northern Australian Aboriginal Legal Service and it is thought that up to 10,000 people could qualify for compensation, while the number in WA could be as high as 4000.

ALSWA Chief Executive Officer Dennis Eggington said Lavan Legal would assist with the management, evaluation and prosecution of potentially 1000 compensation cases to be conducted in the Supreme Court of WA.

"The limited resources available to ALSWA and the number of and complexity of the cases had the potential to stretch ALSWA's resources to breaking

point," Mr Eggington said.

"ALSWA raised this issue with Lavan Legal and was delighted to receive from them a first-class innovative and detailed submission outlining how they could assist ALSWA and our clients."

More than 70 of Lavan Legal's 200 staff have volunteered to work outside hours on a pro-bono basis to assist the project.

Mr Eggington said that ALSWA had been investigating Stolen Generation claims in WA for about 13 years.

"We interviewed people for both of our publications, *Telling Our Story* and *After the Removal*, which were precursors to the *Bringing Them Home* report," he said.

"We started those in 1995, so we've had them for a decade plus and it's really only since we've been engaged with Lavan Legal that we've been able to progress the work on those files."

Mr Eggington said the timing of the announcement had nothing to do with the Prime Minister's apology to the Stolen Generations on 13 February, nor were the claims were not linked to the apology.

"I was very concerned that many people were trying to assume that because the Prime Minister said sorry that somehow the ALS then saw that

as a way to instigate all these compensation claims," he said.

"I need to make it very clear that Kevin Rudd saying 'sorry' to the Stolen Generations had no bearing on the fact that we had these cases that were going to be assessed."

Lavan Legal General Counsel Martin Bennett said the firm had already obtained a preliminary legal opinion from two professors of law at Oxford University that was favourable to the prosecution of the claims in WA.

The opinion was sought after the precedent set by successful South Australian Stolen Generations litigant Bruce Trevorrow, who was awarded more than \$600,000 in compensation last year by the SA Supreme Court.

Mr Bennett said the Trevorrow decision had set a precedent on the statute of limitations for such claims, which was set at six years in all legal jurisdictions in Australia.

"We put a proposal to ALSWA in November as to how we could assist," he said.

Lavan Legal has also obtained the services of about 50 volunteers from the three major law schools at Perth universities to manage and research files held by ALSWA.

Mr Bennett said it was hoped that at least three test cases would be ready by mid-year.

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In a spirit of co-operation, with one Minister recognising 'a new level of 'maturity' in the councils, the Government will make funding available for detoxification and rehabilitation strategies, support



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'I didn't think people would be offended...'

By KIRSTIE PARKER

WA

THE reputation of the West Australian Goldfields city of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has taken a nosedive following a racist incident that has angered and offended local Aboriginal people.

Organisers of a fundraising car rally were forced to issue a public apology on Friday after it was revealed they had allowed a group of non-Aboriginal men to enter the rally with a car emblazoned with the words 'foul coons' on the side.

Some of the car's occupants painted themselves black and donned red headbands, which are widely known to be worn by senior and respected initiated Aboriginal men.

The incident sparked a complaint to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) and left the local Aboriginal Land Council and the city's mayor fuming.

The 'Undies 500' car rally was held on the weekend of 16-17 February, just days after the historic national apology to the Stolen Generations took Australian race relations to new heights.

The Goldfields region is still reeling from the death on 27 January of an Aboriginal Elder who collapsed while being transferred from Laverton to Kalgoorlie in the back of a police van. The temperature on the day of the man's death was more than 40 degrees and it has been suggested the police van was not air-conditioned.

The Boulder Promotion and Development Association (BPDA), made up of residents and businesspeople from Boulder which forms one half of the city of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, organised 'Undies 500' to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS).

The Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) last week complained about the 'Foul Coons' rally entry to HREOC's Acting Race Discrimination Commissioner.

"The combination of the words and the headbands were clearly intended to mock and deride Aboriginal culture and Aboriginal people generally, constituting a grossly offensive and racist act," said GLSC CEO Brian Wyatt on Thursday.

A member of the rally car team issued a public apology on Friday but Mr Wyatt was unmoved, saying the incident merely demonstrated that Kalgoorlie-Boulder was one of the most 'blatantly racist places' in the mineral-rich State.

He said he understood that rally organisers – including Anne Petz who, in an unrelated capacity, also sits on the Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Council – were made aware of the car's 'theme' before the event but their failure to 'forcefully reject' such racist behaviour had set back years of the local council's 'good work' in Aboriginal community relations.

"The BPDA can apologise for this now but (the rally car team) went out and did this in a calculated manner and knew exactly what they were doing," he said.

One member of the rally team, a 45-year-old grandfather known as Alex, admitted that he and his friends' actions were stupid, but said they never thought they would cause so much offence.

"I'm already in a lot of shit over it," the self-employed mechanic told *The Koori Mail* on Friday, after declining to give his surname.

"It's Kalgoorlie, people find out names and might get shitty. There's a lot of racial tension here at the moment. I'm hoping that my apology will settle things down."

"I was born in Kalgoorlie and we have always called Falcon cars 'foul coons'. It was stupid but it is just a saying."

"I didn't think people would be offended. I didn't realise it would be so bad." Alex said he had many Aboriginal friends but admitted that he had 'no idea' about the significance of red headbands in the Aboriginal community.

Asked if he could understand why many people would be offended by his actions, he replied 'yes, I can now'.

"My friends are pretty worried about it and I am too because people will think we're

'Fuelling up' for the 'Undies 500' car rally in Kalgoorlie. The team behind this car and get-up have apologised for their actions but the local land council says that's just not good enough.

Photo by Tony Holmes, courtesy of The Kalgoorlie Miner



Rallying against racism

racist. I have Aboriginal friends and I would not want them to be offended. We shouldn't have done it," he said.

Alex's written apology expressed 'sincerest apologies to anyone that may have been offended by our choice of car name or costume'.

"It was never our intention to cause offence or distress," it read.

But Mr Wyatt said it was ridiculous for the rally team to claim they did not realise their actions were offensive, and racism in Kalgoorlie had to be exposed if it was to be

lot of other people this is just normal behaviour. It can't be brushed aside, it is ingrained in people. It has been bred through generations.

"We must continue to say that we are not going to tolerate racism. Where we see it, we are going to expose it, we will shame them into behaving differently and that's the only way it is going to change."

"No apology would make up for this, people just have to stop doing it."

Mr Wyatt said the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder had made commendable

To allow this to go on means she has to seriously consider whether she is fit to hold office.

"We are seeing a resurgence of Aboriginal culture in this town, more people are going through law and other people are being initiated and to be ridiculed in this way is not acceptable."

The Mayor of Kalgoorlie Boulder, Ron Yuryevich, branded the men's actions as 'stupid' and 'downright wrong', but defended Kalgoorlie-Boulder's reputation.

He said the rally had nothing to do with the council, and the men's actions did not reflect the attitudes of most of the region's residents.

"Stupid situations like we have just had here don't help," he said. "I have fielded plenty of phone calls of dismay about what these idiots did."

"We have done a lot of work towards reconciliation; we were the first local government council to have a reconciliation committee, we run training and employment programs and we acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians at every public meeting we have. There's a lot being done, it's just unfortunate that these idiots did what they did."

Cr Yuryevich said he had spoken to Cr Petz.

"This rally had nothing to do with council but in respect of her position, obviously Brian and many others have gotten upset and that is for her (Cr Petz) to consider," he said.

"It was insensitive, downright wrong and there is no place for this in the Goldfields, and I made it very clear to Anne that she must issue a public apology."

That apology, signed by Cr Petz and the Association's Chairperson, John Rees, was circulated on Friday and expressed the 'Undies 500' Committee and the BPDA's 'sincerest apologies to anyone that may have been offended in any way by the choice of name'.

"We are very sorry for any offence caused and we recognise that allowing this particular team name was an oversight, but at no time were there any indications that this name would relate to anything aside from the common slang term for the make of car being driven," the apology read.

"Each Undies 500 team has the discretion of choosing their team name and the theme for their car decorations and costumes ... In hindsight this entry was of questionable taste and for that we apologise for not controlling the situation more effectively."

It is understood the rally raised about \$6500 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service but Mr Wyatt has asked the charity to consider rejecting the donation.

Flying Doctor Service CEO of Western Operations Tim Shackleton told Mr Wyatt that he was concerned over the incident, and would review the charity's role in the event.

'No apology would make up for this. People just have to stop doing it.'

— GLSC Chief Executive Brian Wyatt



addressed.

"They're not very bright in this place. They are unintelligent, uncouth and just boofheads," he said. "They think that beer and naked girls behind the bar serving them a beer is the way of life around here, and saying and doing whatever you like when you like."

"There are people around here who have gotten past that and have grown up but for a

progress under a community reconciliation strategy developed after a 2002 HREOC report on racism in the city, especially in the areas of employment and training of Aboriginal people.

"But this incident shows there are deeply entrenched problems remaining. It brings down a lot of the good work that the council has done over the past two years," he said. "Cr Petz is out of kilter with her colleagues."

PM hits the ground running on housing



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd visits the Aboriginal community of Gingie near the northern NSW town of Walgett on Friday. Mr Rudd said the visit would be the first of many to Indigenous communities.
(AAP Image/POOL/Fairfax/Glen McCurtayne)

Calma calls for new ways to deliver services



Australia has reached a 'crossroads' in Indigenous policy and service delivery, according to Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, who said that modifying the existing system must be an urgent priority for reform.

Delivering his 'Reform' speech at the Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) Queensland's annual general meeting on 20 February, Mr Calma said the new Federal Government had been left with a system limited in its capacity to meet commitments to Indigenous affairs and reconciliation.

"At some point, as a nation we stopped believing that equality of opportunity for Indigenous peoples was a realistic goal. And so we stopped trying to achieve it," Commissioner Calma said.

He said the commitment of the previous Government to make a real difference could not be questioned, but they had made the mistake of not learning from their past, and not appreciating the importance of undertaking action in partnership with Indigenous communities.

"The new Australian Government should harness the urgent desire of the previous Government to reform Indigenous affairs. Reform is necessary to ensure standards of accountability are upheld and that a clear, consistent vision is applied with a guaranteed capacity to deliver," he said.

"There are some essential elements to this reform. First and foremost, Indigenous peoples must fully participate in policy making processes. Secondly, it is not good enough to rely on 'record levels of expenditure' as the measure of progress. We should instead be setting ambitious targets that have bipartisan support and form the basis of inter-governmental co-operation."

Mr Calma said the recently announced Joint Commission on Indigenous Policy provided the vehicle for this to occur.

He said this could be enhanced with support from State and Territory governments, business leaders, academics, community workers and others, to ensure that its work was evidence-based and informed.

"Once goals and targets have been set, government processes must be reformed and re-engineered to ensure that they are capable of meeting these challenges," he said.

"It is also essential for Indigenous policy-making to be based on a commitment to human rights and human dignity.

"This requires a focus on gender equality, the rights of children and a focus on the best interests of the child, as well as providing recognition and protection for cultural diversity."

New approach to tackle disadvantage

By DARREN COYNE



A 'WAR CABINET' to address Aboriginal disadvantage has gotten off to a rocky start with

Opposition leader Brendan Nelson refusing to tour an Aboriginal community with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

And calls for former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough to be included in the joint policy commission were met with outrage by Aboriginal leaders.

Prime Minister Rudd proposed the joint approach to Aboriginal affairs while delivering the national apology to the Stolen Generations on 13 February.

"I said before the election the nation needed a kind of war cabinet on parts of Indigenous policy, to be led by the Leader of the Opposition and myself, with a mandate to develop and implement — to begin with — an effective housing strategy for remote communities over the next five years. It will be consistent with Government's policy framework, a new partnership for closing the gap," Mr Rudd told Parliament.

"If this commission operates well, I then propose that it work on the further task of constitutional recognition of the first Australians.

"As I have said before, the time has come for new approaches to enduring problems. And working



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd speaks to mother of nine Belinda Jones during his visit to Gingie, near Walgett.
AAP Image/Fairfax

constructively together on such defined projects, I believe would meet with the support of the nation."

The following day, Mr Nelson welcomed Mr Rudd's invitation for him to co-chair the joint policy commission.

"Whatever we achieve as a nation, the extent to which we lift the living conditions, health and life expectancy of Aboriginal Australians will be the measure by which we are ultimately judged," Dr Nelson said.

"The responsibility of government ... is to see we do everything we can to address the emotional needs, the housing, the health, all of the other requirements that are so

necessary for these people who have suffered and been removed from their families."

Mal Brough later weighed in, saying Mr Rudd's planned commission 'will not be worth a cupful of cold water' unless the States became more involved.

"We could sit and talk and talk but every day we do a child doesn't get fed, another child starts to suffer from all sorts of things that don't need to happen," he told ABC Radio.

Central Land Council director David Ross reacted angrily to Mr Brough's comments, and a suggestion from Dr Nelson that the former Minister's experience would be helpful to the joint policy commission.

"Asking for Mal Brough's inclusion is just provocative and puts the entire process in jeopardy," he said.

"Brough's approach was punitive, autocratic and arrogant. He deliberately excluded the people who were most affected by his changes, and he completely ignored any evidence which didn't support his views.

"There is no place for him on any committee."

Meanwhile, Dr Nelson rejected an invitation last week to join a tour to inspect housing in the community of Walgett in New South Wales with Mr Rudd and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

The invitation followed an announcement on 21 February that the Government would spend an additional \$20 million upgrading 270 houses in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

After initially agreeing to the joint approach, Dr Nelson later said he would not become involved in media stunts. He chose to stay in Parliament on Friday while members of the Opposition brought a cardboard cut-out into Parliament in protest at Mr Rudd's absence.

Mr Rudd said he and Dr Nelson had met several times to try and nut out details of the commission, but had not yet reached any conclusions.

He remained hopeful, however, that Dr Nelson would join him on future inspections.

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Education package targets teachers

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



DEPUTY Prime Minister and Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard is wasting no time implementing Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's words to close the gap in educational achievements.

The day after the national apology to the Stolen generations, Ms Gillard moved to amend the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*.

Speaking in the House of Representatives on 14 February, she said the Rudd Labor Government was committed to providing funding for an additional 200 teachers in the Northern Territory over the next four years.

"The Government is determined to play its part with practical measures such as this and to work with Indigenous people and NT education providers to ensure that these young people receive the education they need and deserve," Ms Gillard said.

"This Bill amends the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* by appropriating additional funding of \$7.162 million over the 2008 school year for the recruitment of 50 of these 200 additional teachers.

"Additional funding of \$56.8 million will also be provided through subsequent acts for the remaining 150 teachers over the years 2009-2011.

"Funding will be provided to NT education providers to recruit and employ



Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard speaks in the House of Representatives at Parliament House in Canberra on 14 February.

the additional teachers. NT education providers will be responsible for deploying and housing the teachers employed through this initiative."

Ms Gillard said education was the 'foundation upon which every individual builds his or her participation in society, builds their capacity to work and their ability to lead a healthy and active life'.



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin help students with school work at the Walgett Primary School. (AAP Image/POOL/Fairfax/Glen McCurtayne)

"There is much work to be done to close the gap in education," she said. "Despite the fact that all the evidence shows us that if you finish school you improve your chances of getting a further qualification, getting a job and increasing your lifetime earnings, only four in ten Indigenous students stay at school until Year 12.

"This is 35 per cent lower than the 75 per cent of non-Indigenous students who stay at school.

"The most recent national literacy and numeracy benchmark data shows that in all areas across Australia, the percentage of Indigenous students meeting the benchmarks is significantly lower than for non-Indigenous students.

"Most concerning are the results for Indigenous students in Year 7 numeracy. Less than half, only 48 per cent, of Indigenous students met the benchmark in 2006.

"The gap between Indigenous and all students in the 2006 benchmarks ranged from 13 percentage points in Year 3 reading to 32 percentage points in Year Seven numeracy."

The Government will focus strongly on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for Indigenous children and close these unacceptable gaps between the achievement and opportunities of Indigenous children and non-Indigenous children.

"This Bill is a small, but an important, first step," Ms Gillard said. "There are an

estimated 10,000 school aged children in the Indigenous communities that are part of the NT Emergency Response measures.

"Of these, best estimates are that only some 8000 are enrolled at school, leaving up to 2000 school aged children not enrolled at all.

"A further 2500 enrolled students do not attend school regularly enough to benefit from their educational experience.

"If we are to encourage these young Indigenous people to come to school, we need to have enough teachers ready to teach them."

Ms Gillard also announced funding for a number of complementary measures for Indigenous students in the NT, including a quality teaching and accelerated literacy package to ensure that students benefited from a high quality teaching workforce, and additional classrooms to ensure that existing infrastructure meets the demands of anticipated enrolment increases.

"The Government has also promised to build three new boarding colleges for Indigenous secondary students in the NT and to expand intensive literacy and numeracy programmes," she said.

"While the challenges are daunting, this Bill contains the first of many practical measures this Government will bring forward in a renewed spirit of reconciliation and partnership with Indigenous Australia to begin closing the gap in educational outcomes."

Nelson stays in house while PM heads bush

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"The standard of Indigenous housing in some parts is not all good, not good at all, that's why we're here," Mr Rudd said.

The Prime Minister said he would be making many visits to Aboriginal communities to learn how living standards could be improved.

"It may be that in the 300-400 remote Indigenous communities in Australia that we'll end up with lots of different housing models, from full private ownership through to leasehold, through to community ownership, and this whole spectrum of possibilities is what we'll be examining," he said.

Mr Rudd said he was considering bringing together service providers and local, State and Federal government agencies to co-ordinate Indigenous service delivery on a community-by-community basis.

"Maybe it's time for us to look at much more of a whole-of-local-community focus whereby you have around the one table not just all the representatives of organisations and groups but the various levels of government," he said.

Mr Rudd said his proposed Australia 2020

Summit to be held in the middle of April had the future of Indigenous Australia 'front and centre'.

Meanwhile, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council welcomed Mr Rudd's comments following his visit to Walgett and his acknowledgement that there was no single solution to the problems in Aboriginal housing and infrastructure.

Chairperson Bev Manton said statements made by both Kevin Rudd and Jenny Macklin since they were elected foreshadowed a new era of co-operation between Aboriginal people and the Commonwealth.

"We are seeing the beginnings of a productive era of informed consent for Aboriginal people in their dealings with the Commonwealth on policies and programs to improve housing and infrastructure in Aboriginal communities.

"To take such a comprehensive view, as Mr Rudd has demonstrated by acknowledging the need for so many different housing models, clearly indicates he and his government will listen to communities and tailor policy responses and funding according to local and regional needs.

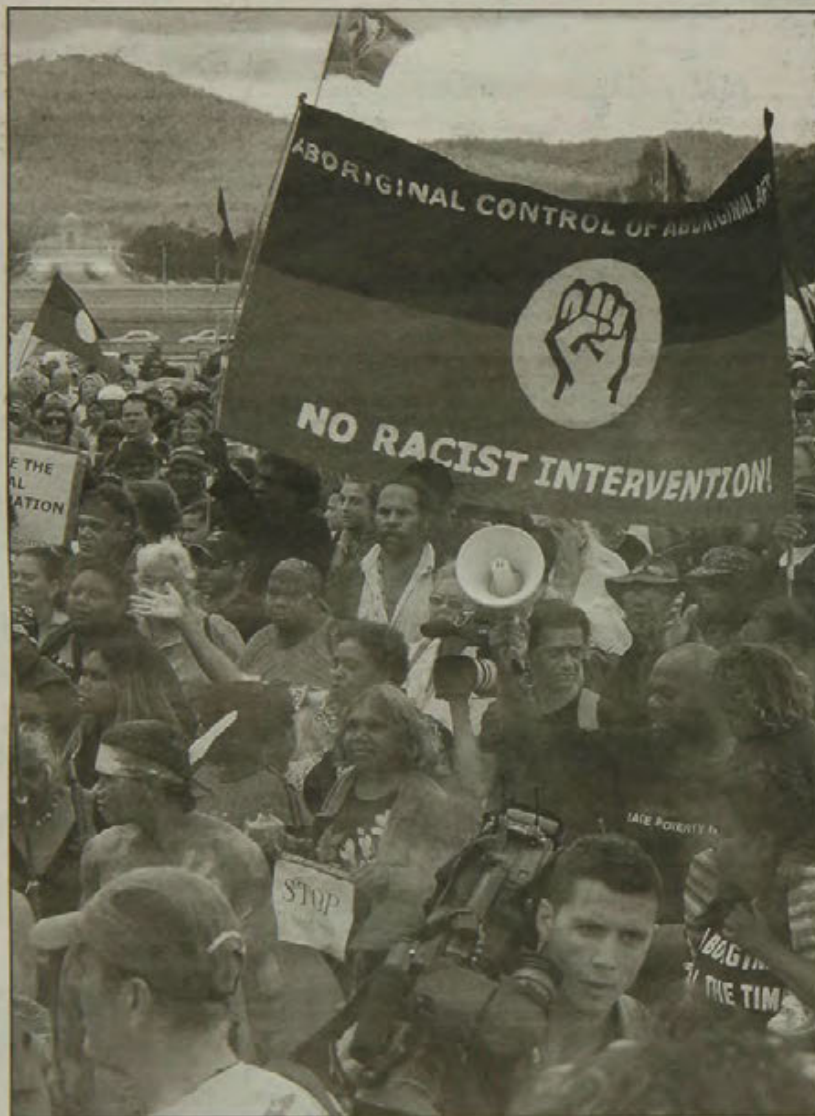
"It is a clear message that consultation with affected communities is a major priority."

— With AAP



A Ten News screen grab of Nationals MP Luke Hartsuyker with a life size cardboard cut-out of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in the House of Representatives at Parliament House on the day PM Rudd was touring Walgett. Mr Hartsuyker was later ordered from the chamber. (AAP Image/Ten)

Rally demands end to 'racist' NT laws



The *Koori Mail* was out in force during the Canberra Convergence. Photographs on this and following pages by WAYNE QUILLIAM, DARREN COYNE and SOLUA MIDDLETON

By DARREN COYNE



ORGANISERS of a Canberra rally calling for an end to the 'racist' Northern Territory intervention have issued an appeal to unions and grassroots members of the Australian Labor Party (ALP).

A proposed motion drafted by the Aboriginal Rights Coalition urges ALP branches and unions to call on the Rudd Government to immediately review the NT intervention, and to ensure that reparations are paid to members of the Stolen Generations.

The motion follows the rally in Canberra on 12 February when more than 1000 people, including Aboriginal people from every State and Territory, marched on Parliament House demanding an end to the intervention, and laws of 'apartheid'.

Angry at the Government's continued use of troops, the blanket quarantining of welfare, attacks on land tenure, and other issues related to the NT intervention, the protesters gathered at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy near Old Parliament House.

Human rights

Chanting 'human rights for all', they waved placards condemning various measures of the intervention, including the use of troops.

Ironically, as the marchers made their way towards new Parliament House, they were met not only with a line of police officers, but artillery – for a 19-gun salute to mark the opening of the Parliament – pointing at them.

The marchers settled peacefully on the lawns out the front of the new Parliament where, inside, politicians had earlier received their first ever welcome to country.

Outside on the lawns, speakers included politicians, activists and Aboriginal people from 'prescribed communities' in the NT.

Newly elected chairman of the National Aboriginal Alliance (NAA), Sol Bellear, drew upon Gough Whitlam for inspiration when he issued a warning.

"Well may they say God save the

Queen because nothing will save this Parliament if they don't pull out of the Northern Territory," he said.

"The NAA is happy to stand behind the mob from Alice Springs. You have to live there. None of these bureaucrats that went from here to there for Centrelink, they don't know what it's like to be in the bush, they don't know what it's like to go without."

Mr Bellear said Aboriginal war veterans were also having their pensions quarantined, and he called on the RSL of Australia to join the fight.

"There's nothing worse than having half your pensions quarantined, that's part of the stolen wages all over again; we want an immediate pullout."

Mr Bellear said what was happening in the NT was bound to spread to other parts of Australia.

"Remember what that great fighter for black women's rights, Angela Davis, said: 'If they come for me tonight, they're coming for you in the morning'."

Walter Shaw, a fourth-generation town camper from Alice Springs, said it was the third time he had been forced to visit Parliament to speak against the laws. He said the NT legislation was passed in a climate of ignorance, and described meeting with politicians who had no clue regarding its content, or consequences.

"A lot of people who passed that Bill, which is now called the Intervention, didn't know the impact and effect on us mob in the prescribed areas, the communities, and also town camps, but we're here months later feeling the impact," he said.

"This intervention is racially vilifying our people and it's demonising all people, both men and women, on our communities. It's saying women neglect their children, men abuse their children, and men and women are chronic alcoholics."

Mr Shaw described the intervention, as 'the last nail in the coffin for the NT'.

"We want to maintain our cultural existence and existence as Aboriginal people but we want to move forward so we can live side by side with all Australians," he said.

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Isobel Coe from the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

**'Well may they say
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– NAA chairman Sol Bellear



National Aboriginal Alliance chairman Sol Bellear speaks at the rally against the Northern Territory intervention.

Canberra Convergence



The Aboriginal Tent Embassy dancers, George Morcom, of Fraser Island, Anthony Coombes, of Barkindji country, near Bourke, and Ray Ferguson, of Wiradjiri country, in central western New South Wales, in front of Parliament House.



Vince Forrester of Mutitjulu carries three-year-old Danae Moore during the rally in Canberra.

Unions, ALP asked to join the fight

That, however, is difficult when those implementing the intervention are struggling with the task, according to another speaker, Aaron from Alice Springs.

"These people they put in don't know jack-shit. We've had to fight red tape to try and get money for these people (on communities)," he said.

"We shouldn't have to beg, borrow or steal. We're not children getting pocket money ... not animals being told what to do. We are people, proud people, First People. And we need to tell this Parliament of today where to stick their intervention policies."

Veronica Lynch, from outside Alice Springs, delivered a message to the gathering on behalf of the tiny community of Mata Mata, in Arnhem Land.

"Before we thought it was safe to allow the new Government to share our canoe. But now we feel they're paddling in the opposite direction," the people of the Burrawanga clan wrote.

They said they were "threatened by the new laws

because we don't know where they're taking us".

Vincent Forrester, from Mutitjulu "where they started picking on us", said: "I'm looking for a fight. Why am I looking for a fight? Because I was sitting down peaceful and then I seen this

idiot came and put a rag in the ground, then you had others, the Racial Discrimination Act, the whole lot," he said.

"Why don't we give these politicians a \$50 card and say go shop in Darwin or Alice Springs? This is racist... this country is

get in trouble when I get back home again because today is the opening of our Parliament as well," he told a chuckling audience.

"But my heart was here. My heart is with Indigenous struggles around the world."

the large NT contingent, raising around \$40,000 to attend the rally in Canberra, called on Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to visit Alice Springs.

"We've all got the same problems. It's not working for us and we want it stopped," she said.

She called on everyone present to further support another rally being organised for 13 March and other measures under way to overturn the NT legislation.

The Aboriginal Rights Coalition's appeal to unionists and Labor people is one such measure.

The artillery was not fired until half an hour after the protesters had left the lawn area and returned to the Aboriginal Tent Embassy out front of Old Parliament House for a feed and a yarn. Someone in the big house must have realised it would be a bad look to be shooting cannons over the heads of protesters.

● More rally photos, pages 10-12

"The _____ branch of the Australian Labor Party/ _____ Union welcomes the apology to the Stolen Generations as an important initial step for Indigenous rights. We call on the Rudd government to immediately review the NT intervention legislation, to end welfare quarantining and the compulsory acquisition of Aboriginal land, to restore the Racial Discrimination Act, and to sign and implement the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Such a move would build on the goodwill already created by the Prime Minister's apology to the Stolen Generation."

— Motion drafted by the Aboriginal Rights Coalition of Sydney

general and his soldiers come and some boothead with strange policies, Mal Brough."

Gurindji man Maurie Ryan, a grandson of the famous Vincent Lingiari, said the intervention was 'one of the most racist legislations by the Howard Government imposed on my people in the NT'.

"There have been a few racist interventions ... 1770 when some

based on lies."

But it was a visiting Maori MP who drew the biggest cheer when he described former Prime Minister John Howard as a 'racist'.

"Last year I got myself in trouble with my Parliament and your Parliament by saying John Howard is a racist bastard," Hone Harawira said.

"And chances are I'm going to

But while Mr Howard may be gone — and indeed was the only living former Prime Minister not to attend the national apology to the Stolen Generations the day after the rally — his legacy remains.

And although the Rudd Government has promised a review within 12 months, protesters are hoping to speed up the process.

Barbara Shaw, who organised



Police took videos of protesters.



About 1000 people took part in the rally against the NT intervention.



Banners and flags were carried by many protesters.

Canberra Convergence



Pamela Young of Sydney was among the action at the rally.



Geoff Wallace of the ACT Maori Performing Arts Association, Bob Weatherall, Vince Forrester, Michael Mansell of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, and Maori MP Hone Harawira.



Judith Gamper of Canberra, Eva-Jo Edwards of Melbourne, and Mary Micallef of Melbourne.



Stan Scurttion of Alice Springs, Valerie Marin of Yuendumu and Ted Currie, originally from Gungari country, around Mitchell, in Queensland.



All the way from Adelaide were, from left, Patricia Waria-Read, Jordan Sumner, Josie Agius, Shelley Sumner and Alitya Rigney.



Mary Terszak, a Nyoongah woman from WA, has written a book, *Orphaned by the Colour of My Skin*.



Rex Japanangka, of Yuendumu, a community located four hours outside Alice Springs, in the NT. Mr Japanangka said it was important that the voices of people living in remote community were heard.



All aboard: Dianne Whittaker and Sheridan Whitton ready to board the bus from Redfern.



Sorry, this bus is full: Some of the many faces of people who made their way to Canberra from Sydney.

Sydney joins the convergence

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



SYDNEYSIDERS – Indigenous and non-Indigenous boarded buses to join hundreds more people from around Australia, for the convergence to Canberra for the parliament's first sitting.

There was a real sense of unity on the Sydney-Canberra bus, which *The Koori Mail* joined – of people coming together, calling for a stop to the Northern Territory intervention, celebrating the apology.

As the bus rolled along, the wording of the Prime Minister's speech and the welcome to country broadcast on radio, was met with applause. All on board expressed praise for the apology.

Lane Cove Resident for Kerry McKenzie told *The Koori Mail* she was on the bus because of the NT intervention.

"It takes us all back to the old mission days ... it's a matter of having Aboriginal control over Aboriginal affairs," she said.

"Again it is putting back mission managers but in the name of business administrators."

Jan Boukabou, a member of the Hornsby Area Residents for Reconciliation, wanted to pay tribute to the Aboriginal people, and said the apology was the most important event to happen since invasion.

Amanda Hall, a Gamilaroi and Worimi woman from Walgett, said her grandfather Harry Hall was on the 1965 Freedom Ride, and most of her family had fought for black rights so it

was in her heart to be a part of this journey to advance her people.

"I'm going to represent my family and my people," she said.

"All issues should be dealt with equally, and they have been ongoing since the ship, they should be dealt with by a new government ASAP."

"I feel the last government did not help with these issues because they were creating employment for themselves."

"Sorry will mean a lot to my family and to my Elders. It is history in the making so I would like to be there."

Suzie Brown, from Cunnamulla, said her mother was a Stolen Generations woman and thought the apology was about time.

Lez Beckett from Redfern Sydney said 'respect has to be created and nurtured, not demanded'.



This group of students pledged their support of Indigenous rights at the Canberra Convergence.

Canberra Convergence



There was no mistaking what the owners of this van, parked at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy for the convergence, wanted to see from government.



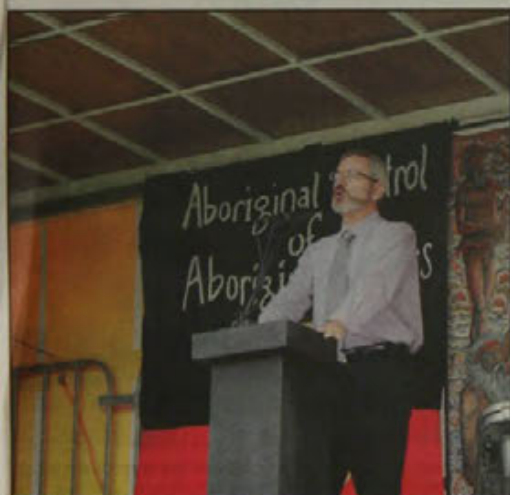
Some of the many faces demanding the intervention to stop now.



This protester at the convergence made his feeling clear.



Pearl Davern of Koori Radio in Sydney.



Democrats leader, Senator Andrew Bartlett.



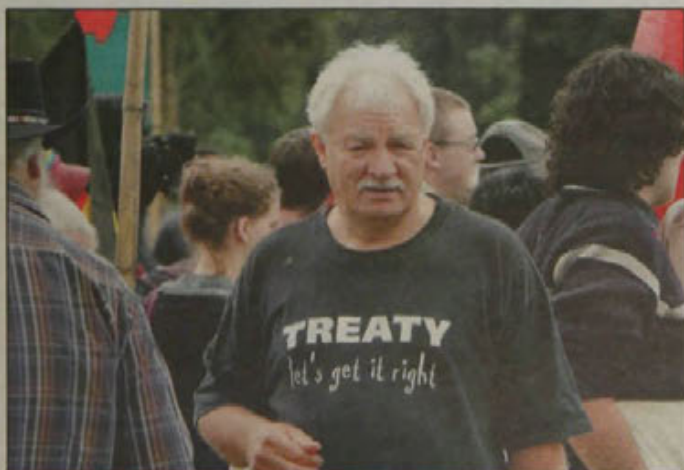
Shane Phillips of Sydney.



These two women had a new message. They were part of the convergence on Canberra.



Jo Willmot from Adelaide



Aboriginal activist Michael Mansell, from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre.



Arthur Ridgeway of Sydney led the marchers in chants against the NT intervention.

Canberra Convergence



Brisbane Aboriginal activist Sam Watson and his daughter lawyer Nicole Watson during the rally.



Valerie Martin of Yuendumu, outside Alice Springs, took part in the rally.



Protesters marched from the Old Parliament House to the new Parliament House, carrying banners and flags.



Those taking part in the rally chanted 'Human rights for all' and carried banners.



Just some of those involved in organising the Canberra Convergence.



Brisbane broadcaster Tiga Bayles from 98.9 FM meets Maori MP Hone Harawira at the rally.



This man's signs said it all.



Michael Connolly and Adrian Burragubba from Brisbane, were dressed in Aboriginal colours.



There was plenty of music and dancing to keep the gathering entertained in between speeches.



Stan Scurttion of Alice Springs, left, and these young fellas joined the rally against the intervention.



Luke Mabb, Dane Langdon, Chris Wright, JD Jackson, Shane Hughes, Ky Simon Brown and Dennis Able, all from Tasmania.

**Indigenous
Australians
make up just
0.6 per cent
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Govt pushes for ADF recruits

No date given for new body

The Federal Government's planned national Indigenous representative body may not be in place for many months, departmental officials have revealed.

Labor chose not to keep the Howard Government's National Indigenous Council (NIC) advisory group when its term expired last year, pledging to establish a new representative body in its place.

But Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA) officials revealed on Friday that they knew of no timetable for the new body's establishment.

"We would expect... it's likely to be this year, but we wouldn't be able to be held to that because the Government hasn't made a commitment to a time frame," department secretary Jeff Harmer told a Senate estimates committee hearing.

Deputy secretary Bernie Yates said work had started on establishing the body.

"There's going to be some considerable consultations around that, that's what the Government's commitment is, because whatever is established has got to be owned by and supported by Indigenous people themselves," Mr Yates said.

Mr Harmer welcomed the new Government's commitment to consulting with Indigenous people on a range of issues, something the previous Government was often criticised for not doing.

The NIC was established after the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission. - AAP



THE Australian community comprises 2.4 per cent Indigenous people but the Australian Defence Force (ADF) has just 0.6 per cent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers and that's not nearly enough.

So the Defence Department is embarking on a campaign to recruit more Indigenous people.

Defence Science and Personnel Minister Warren Snowdon said last week that there was much that Indigenous people could offer the defence force and much they could gain in return.

Mr Snowdon said Indigenous troops were well represented in some units, comprising almost half the members of the Far North Queensland Regiment and North-west Mobile force based at Darwin.

But the similar Pilbara Regiment in Western Australia comprised just four per cent Indigenous Australians.

"Indigenous people make up 2.4 per cent of the Australian population. They make up 1.4 per cent of the Australian workforce," Mr Snowdon said in response to a question from Labor MP Jim Turnour.

"But across the Department of Defence and the Australian Defence Force, they are only 0.6 per cent. There is much that needs to be done."

Mr Snowdon said the ADF faced ongoing problems recruiting sufficient numbers of the right people.

He said the nation needed to make the most of its human resources and that included Indigenous Australians.

"Attracting Indigenous people into the defence force is a huge challenge, but it offers huge potential," he said.

Mr Snowdon said there were many reasons why Indigenous Australians were not attracted to defence jobs, including health, homelessness, lack of education, poor skills, cultural issues and isolation.

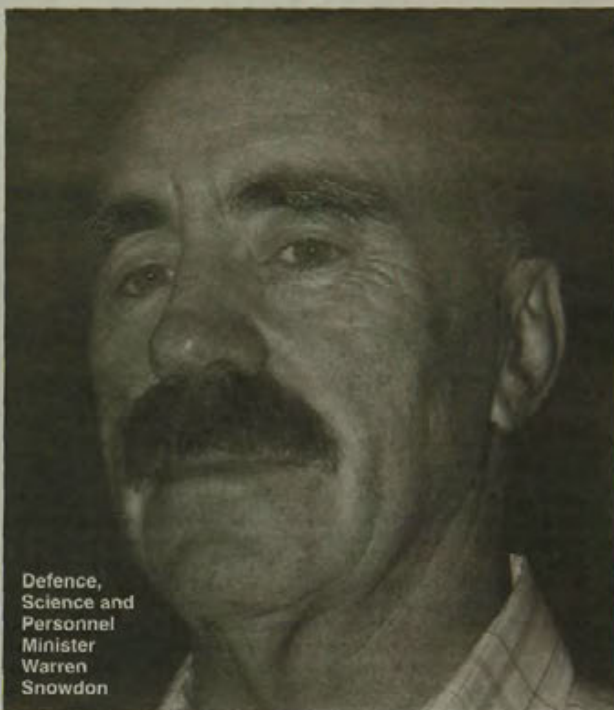
He said Indigenous people could gain education, training and skills as well as income and personal and community pride from defence jobs.

"We have proven this can be done. Now this success needs to be reflected across the ADF," he said.

Mr Snowdon said defence was now finalising its Indigenous recruitment strategy which was part of a larger Aboriginal employment and training initiative.

"What we need to acknowledge is that a one-size-fits-all approach will not work, has not worked," he said.

"If we need additional programs or initiatives such as mentoring, networking, cadetships, traineeships, then so be it. It will be done." - AAP



Defence, Science and Personnel Minister Warren Snowdon

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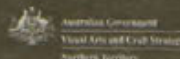
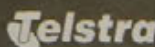
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Govt under pressure to review intervention



Protesters at the Convergence on Canberra on 12 February.

Permit system restored, now activists to target Centrelink

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL rights advocates are planning to step up their campaign against the Northern Territory Intervention as the new Rudd Government begins to modify key elements of the controversial policy.

On 21 February, Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek introduced new laws to reinstate the permit system, which had been scrapped the previous Sunday under the former Government's legislation.

The new laws also prevent pay television broadcasting R-rated material into Aboriginal communities. Unlike the former Government's approach, Mr Rudd's Government will consult with communities that express a desire for the restrictions before they implement the laws.

Ms Plibersek said the Rudd Government believed scrapping the permit system would not contribute to the emergency response and would make it easier for drugs and alcohol to enter communities.

"The government believes that, like other Australians, Indigenous people should be able to decide who can enter their land," she said.

The porn law changes were welcomed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, while the permit changes were blasted by Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Tony Abbott.

Commissioner Calma said restricting pornography was necessary and welcome.

"The Northern Territory intervention has revealed a determined commitment across society to address the horrors of family violence and child abuse in Aboriginal communities in the NT and to create a better future," Mr Calma said.

"Aboriginal children - wherever they live in Australia - deserve a future in which they have the same opportunity as other children to thrive, develop and enjoy life."

"These amendments will further ensure Aboriginal children are protected from the potential for violence and abuse," Mr Calma said.

Mr Abbott was less impressed. "During the election campaign, the Government said it supported the Northern Territory intervention except scrapping the permit system," he said.

"Yesterday's legislation not only restores the permit system but also waters down the pornography ban."

"Contrary to its stated support for all other elements of the intervention, the Government's legislation bans pay TV porn only 'on the request of the community and after consultation with the community'."

"Why does the Government think that consultation is necessary on this matter? What pornography does the Government think Indigenous children can safely be exposed to unless the community objects?"

Mr Abbott said the permit system did not protect Indigenous communities from predators. If it did, the intervention would not have been necessary.

Meanwhile, the Aboriginal Rights Coalition in Sydney is organising further actions against the NT intervention following the convergence on Canberra recently.

ARC spokesman Greg Eatock said calls for an immediate review of the intervention had gone unheeded. As a result there were actions being organised at Centrelink offices throughout the country on 13 March, highlighting the issue of welfare quarantines.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert said Senate Estimates revealed that far more money had been spent on implementing the failing welfare quarantining system than had been put into the priority areas of child protection, health and education.

"The \$72 million spent on the poorly-targeted quarantining of welfare payments, which has indiscriminately caught up pensioners and people already managing their money, is clearly wrong headed," Senator Siewert said.

"By comparison only \$7 million was spent on families and \$14.9 million on child health. Much more of these resources need to be focused on delivering basic health services, protecting children at risk and on fixing existing houses and building safe new homes for the future."

Despite the concerns, the intervention into NT Aboriginal communities rolls on.

A call has gone out to doctors, nurses and dentists from across Australia to sign up to the next phase of the intervention.

Audiologists and primary health carers were also needed to complete child health checks and deliver follow-up treatment. NT Department of Health and Community Services CEO David Ashbridge said last week. They will have another 7500 health checks to complete as well as follow up 4000 referrals from the first phase.

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FORMER Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has angrily hit back at suggestions

his current business dealings with Aboriginal communities could be improper.

Mr Brough, who lost his Queensland seat of Longman at the November federal election, has been working with several partners on business projects in a number of Aboriginal communities across the country, including Nguu in the Tiwi Islands.

Nguu was the only community during Mr Brough's time as minister to relinquish control of their land for 99 years



MAL BROUGH

under a controversial lease scheme.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said there should be more scrutiny of Mr Brough's dealings.

"As minister, Mr Brough, to

be able to get (Nguu) to sign up to a 99-year lease, provided them with a very significant amount of funding," Mr Calma said.

"And as Aboriginal people, they will feel there is a reciprocal obligation and engage him."

"I think the question that I am surprised has not been asked, is this a legitimate way to go forward?"

Asked if he was concerned by Mr Brough's dealings, Mr Calma replied: "I'm concerned with any minister who will try and take advantage of Indigenous people."

Mr Brough said Mr Calma's comments were "disgusting and ill-founded".

Island anger at grog plans

By Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



DESPITE a favourable response from the mayors of Queensland's Aboriginal communities, the State Government's

proposed new alcohol reforms have angered many people living on Palm Island.

Residents of the island, off the coast of Townsville, say proposed prohibition will breach their rights to drink, treating them differently to other Australians.

On 15 February, Premier Anna Bligh announced the State Government would introduce new laws which could make it mandatory for Indigenous communities to relinquish their liquor licences.

Since 2002, sale of alcohol on Palm Island has been restricted to light and mid-strength beer, with no wines or spirits. Residents are allowed possession of only one carton of light or mid-strength beer.

On the Sunferries catamarans that travel regularly to Palm Island, light and mid-strength beer is on sale until 20 minutes before the vessel docks.

Police are often on the Palm Island jetty to check bags for any alcohol brought onto the island. However once the ferry leaves the jetty for the return trip to Townsville, full-strength beer is available for sale.

The Palm Island Community Council-owned canteen near the Esplanade is the only place where alcohol can be sold on the island during restricted hours from 4pm to 9pm.

It would be closed under the new Government no-alcohol management plans.

The *Koori Mail* visited Palm Island the day before Ms Bligh made the announcement and found many people were against the laws.

Robert Blackley said 12 per cent of white Australians didn't drink alcohol, compared with 33 per cent of Aboriginal and Islander adults.

"If three out of 10 Indigenous people don't drink, they won't have it anyway," he said.

"About half the people here on Palm Island don't touch alcohol, but the right to have it is with each individual."

"These new laws mean we are

still being treated differently to others and the focus should be on providing more housing and jobs."

Deputy Mayor Zac Sam was another against the prohibition laws, saying Palm Islanders already faced many restrictions.

"We discussed this at a meeting before the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said 'sorry' over the Stolen Generations and then Premier Bligh wants to take basic human rights away from us," Cr Sam said.

"We want the right to do what everybody else takes for granted. A lot of people here don't drink or smoke anyway."

Palm Island Men's Group spokesman Alf Lacey said that speakers at a meeting on the island were mostly against prohibition.

"The system here only encourages binge drinking," he said.

"We need something like the Hotel Allen or Herbert Hotel in Townsville where families can go and play darts and have a nice feed."

More than 200 islanders unhappy about the prohibition signed a petition which was to be presented by Palm Island Mayor Delena Ooi-Foster to Premier Bligh.

Ms Bligh said the 2002 Alcohol Management Plans had failed, with increases in violence, petrol and paint sniffing, under-age drinking and sly-grogging.

Local Palm Island residents sitting in near the settlement's supermarket told *The Koori Mail* that full-strength beer brought by sly-groggers in private boats from Townsville or nearby Ingham fetched prices of up to \$150 a carton - all on an island which has more

than 90 per cent unemployment and few jobs.

Palm Island CEO Barry Moyle told local media the island was against prohibition, even though the State Government had agreed to replace lost revenue from the canteen.

"It was a basic human right to be able to have a beer, that's part of the old Australian ockerism," Mr Moyle said.

It is feared that the number of Palm Islanders travelling to Townsville and living in public parks will increase when the laws come into place.

● See Page 4 for the outcomes of the Premier Bligh's meeting with the mayors of Old's Indigenous communities.



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Funds concerns for new Island council



MORE money is needed to ensure the merger of 16 Torres Strait Island community councils into one Local Government council is successful.

That's according to chairperson Cr Fred Gela, and other members of Torres Strait Island Regional Council Local Transition Committee (TSIRC LTC), which met for the last time on 14-15 February.

The Committee has been grappling with the Queensland Government's decision to amalgamate councils across the state, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait community councils.

Queensland is due to hold elections on 15 March for all of its newly defined council areas, including the new 'regional council' for the Torres Strait.

But Cr Gela said members of the transition committee remained concerned that the promised benefits of amalgamation were still unclear, and that the whole process was being done against the wishes of members.

"Since day one we knew that there would not be enough funding for the new regional council, formed by amalgamating sixteen councils into one," Cr Gela said.

"It has now been identified there will be a \$6.9 million shortfall in wages, once the CDEP wages component is removed.

"It has further been identified a shortfall of \$800,000 for conducting the committee meetings and general meetings of the council; and estimated that there is in excess of an additional \$2 million to properly



service the residents of the Regional Council along with providing the appropriate governance and accountability sought by the (Queensland) Government."

"Our challenges are the sixteen councils are separated by water covering an area of 42,000 square kilometres; financially it will cost in excess of \$30,000 a month in travel to hold our council meetings.

"The Torres Strait has experienced 23 years of Community Government. Changing this will take many years, and in the mean time, we will need to be mindful not to disrespect while we educate the change."

Cr Gela said all members of the TSIRC LTC placed on record that they had never been in favour of the amalgamation.

"Members have repeatedly stated the injustices involved; the Government's lack of consideration for Ailan Kastom, along with forceful tactics."

But Cr Gela said the members also realised they were powerless to halt the amalgamation process.

"For the benefit of the people outside of the Torres Strait, they must understand the unique situation of the Torres Strait. We have a very high cost of living; a majority of our people are on the minimum wage. A litre of petrol is \$2.60 on some communities and \$4.50 for a loaf of bread as freight increases the costs of goods by a minimum of 25% and timely supply is never guaranteed. Without the

presence of economic and competitive forces, affordability and consistent supply will never be achieved for the Torres Strait."

Cr Gela said unless more money was delivered by the Government, the amalgamation was doomed.

"We fear that without sufficient funding the new Regional Council will inevitably fail, and will appear to be a reflection of the Torres Strait Island peoples' capabilities to self-govern. We as Torres Strait Island people must remind the State Government that we had our own system of government long before the Westminster system was imposed on us.

"It is the eleventh hour and we need a commitment from the

State Government that sufficient new money will be made available to cover shortfalls identified, and to provide for shortfalls in the future.

"History has shown with amalgamations that the cost to deliver the new council is greater than the sum of the amalgamating councils."

Cr Gela said Islanders also wanted an apology from the State Government for the disrespect shown to Ailan Kastom: 'for the lack of consultation, for not visiting every effected community once, to deliver this unsavoury message; instead leaving it to the community leaders to deliver on their behalf, and for the bullying tactics displayed and legislated'.

Author reaches out

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



'ROSALYN'S Journey' is a short, simply written book but that's part of the power of the story of

Betty Jenkinson's childhood spent in missions after her mother was hospitalised with mental illness in the early 1940s

Aunty Betty did not know that her real name was Rosalyn Abraham until she read her Native Welfare files and found out the truth about her childhood and the control that the government had over her and her family.

It's a book with a difference about one Stolen Generations experience and gives simple but stark detail about her descent into alcohol and drug abuse as a young adult suffering from the sexual and physical abuse from life in institutionalised care.

"I wanted to write this book to reach out to the unfortunate, to the young boys and girls who are on drugs or in the prisons, and to say to those people that I know how they feel because I've been in that place," Aunty Betty said.

"I see these young people with a lost look in their eye and I'll go and talk to them and ask them how they're feeling and if I can help in any way.

"I want everyone in the community to read this, but especially those in prison because I've been working in the prisons now for years and



'Rosalyn's Journey' author Betty Jenkinson.

I really want to reach out to the men and women and even the children who in there."

Although Aunty Betty said she had overcome her trauma after she found God in 1992, the official apology from the Prime Minister still moved her very deeply.

"I started crying because I thought about Mum and Dad and how he wanted to take me home from the mission and he wasn't allowed to for such a long time, and I was very angry about that until I realised it was the government's fault and not his.

"The apology touched me very deeply and I praise God

that we have such a Prime Minister who can stand up and say sorry to our people.

"I thought that was the most beautiful thing in the world, and it takes a big man to say 'sorry'.

"It's important for us in the community to hear that word because it gives the people back their dignity and they look up and know that we're all equal."

Aunty Betty is working on a second book about her travels to the Middle East.

'Rosalyn's Journey' is available from Dymocks Bookshop in Mandurah, or through her publicist Leanne Quince on 0409 208 625.

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Queensland Elder bears no grudges

QLD
TWO years after being left for dead at a busy Brisbane bus stop, Aunty Delmae Barton bears no grudges.

The then 62-year-old Bidjara (central Queensland) Elder, who now calls Brisbane home, was left lying in agony for up to five hours on a Griffith University bus stop bench after suffering a suspected stroke.

Hundreds of people walked past or ignored her plight until a group of Japanese students finally came to her aid.

It was an incident that attracted national media attention and widespread condemnation as an example of people's growing indifference to suffering.

Aunty Delmae, a renowned singer sometimes known as the 'Dreamtime opera diva', spent a long time in hospital and at



No grudges ... Aunty Delmae Barton.

life – but it's not the point. In terms of humanity, how could this have happened to anyone?

Aunty Delmae says she is looking for positives from what happened to her.

"I hope people learned from my experience and I hope government did as well, not just here but around the world," she said.

"People – all people – need to care for one another. If someone is down, help them, be it at a personal or a State or national level."

Aunty Delmae is Australia's first – and so far only – Elder-in-Residence at a university.

She has held the position for more than three years at Brisbane-based Griffith University, where she advises on Indigenous matters as well as acts as a mentor for Indigenous students.

"It's satisfying," she said. "I have helped many Indigenous students, worked to promote culture at the university and raise the profile of our people."

"Now I'm hoping other universities will follow suit with Griffith and appoint Elders-in-Residence, too."

"We have a great deal to offer."

Shame on Australia



How one letter-writer to *The Koori Mail* two years ago described what happened to Aunty Delmae Barton.

home recovering from her near-fatal attack. And, she says, she spent even longer dwelling on what had happened to her and the seeming inhumanity of people.

But speaking last week with *The Koori Mail* after attending the national apology to the Stolen Generations, she said she was all but recovered physically, and had come to terms with her experience.

"At my age I take it one day at a time," Aunty Delmae said. "What happened to me should happen to no-one."

"I fear people ignored me because I was Aboriginal – people probably thought I was a drunk or something."

"I wasn't – I've never smoked or been drunk in my

"I hope people learned from my experience and I hope government did as well, not just here but around the world – Aunty Delmae Barton"

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Death rate falls

Self-harm by WA Indigenous prisoners on the way down

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A CONVERTED prison unit designed to cater specifically for Indigenous prisoners detained away from their traditional country is expected to help continue a downward trend in West Australian

prison deaths.

The WA Department of Corrective Services (DoCS) says Unit 1 at Casuarina Maximum Security Prison in Perth, opened last December, is part of an integrated approach designed to reduce prisoner self-harm.

The unit houses displaced Aboriginal prisoners, offering culturally-appropriate programs in art, health, education, 'life skills' programs and manual activities.

The department's Manager of Suicide Prevention, Tina Hankins, recently outlined a number of strategies that have contributed to the 30 per cent reduction of prison deaths over the past five years.

Those strategies include an at-risk management system that differs from the seven-day observation plan used to monitor new prisoners' wellbeing in most states.

Ms Hankins described DoCS' suicide prevention strategy as comprehensive and stretching across various levels to cover the differing needs of inmates at immediate risk and those, such as new young offenders, who are at an increased risk.

"Typically, what is required is a primary strategy to improve the quality of life of all prisoners, such as an anti-bullying policy and the out of country unit - Unit 1, to reduce the chances of someone becoming distressed," she said.

Secondary strategies applied to 'increased risk' inmates, she said, such as new young offenders who were then flagged on the system and closely monitored for the period immediately following incarceration, and given added support and advice.

A 'buddy' system was used as a management strategy whereby prisoner not identified as needing to be in a 'safe cell' or a crisis care unit can opt to share a cell with a friend or relative.

Ms Hankins said she felt the peer support scheme, implemented in response



Traditional cooking pits and art program help create a sense of community for Casuarina prisoners isolated by distance. Some prisoners are seen here cooking 'roo in a pit.

to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, had greatly helped to lower the risk of suicides in WA prisons.

It had also prompted the appointment of an Indigenous support officer at each facility and for select prisoners to in turn support each other, under their guidance.

A DoCS spokesperson said an increase in Aboriginal prisoners overall had been the impetus for opening Unit 1. Aboriginal prisoners make up almost 50 per cent of

muster numbers at Casuarina, with 110 prisoners from remote regions.

Deputy Superintendent of Casuarina Prison, Darryl Lawler, said the unit was already having a positive effect.

"What has proven successful so far is that these prisoners' anxiety associated with their displacement, has been greatly reduced," he said.

He added that traditional cooking pits and prisoners' artworks offered a sense of community for those isolated by distance and aimed to complement Casuarina Prison's existing structured day program.

The unit runs cultural workshops where prisoners can undertake carving, music, dance, art and painting. Other programs include cognitive intervention, men's health, rural horticulture and other vocational skills that are reflective of the needs for remote community living.

DoCS Assistant Commissioner for Aboriginal Justice, Neil Fong, last month told *The Koori Mail* the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS) had also made significant inroads to preventing prison deaths.

The independent scheme operates out of the department's Offender Management and Professional Development division and offers counselling and advocacy to inmates.

Staff and volunteers underwent a new 'mental health first aid course'

last December, to assist them to recognise symptoms, and reduce rates of self-harm.

AVS Manager Laurel Sellers said trauma and illnesses suffered by many Aboriginal people caused significant emotional stress, loss and grief, which in turn disrupted social and emotional wellbeing and could trigger mental illness.

"Visitors currently offer prisoners support that will reduce the likelihood of self-harm, but the new training means prisoners likely to become mentally unwell can hopefully be identified by visitors and referred to professional help before crisis or harm occurs," she said.

Ms Sellers said Aboriginal people in detention were often at risk of developing or exacerbating a mental illness and the new training would help AVS visitors to reduce stigma and shame about mental health issues and allow better support for mentally ill prisoners.

"The training will encourage visitors to organise professional help when it is needed and inform visitors about mental health services that can provide support to prisoners when visitors are not there," she said.



A dancer (not a prisoner) performs at the opening of Casuarina Maximum Security Prison's Unit 1 last December.



Unit 1 offers displaced Aboriginal prisoners workshops in art, health, education, 'life skills' programs and manual activities.

Indigenous remains in Sweden to be returned



INDIGENOUS remains held by a Swedish university will be returned to Australia.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last Tuesday commended Lund University for co-operating with Australia's international repatriation program.

"Australia applauds the Swedish Government for facilitating this return and earlier returns of indigenous remains," Ms Macklin said.

Ms Macklin said the remains were definitely those of Indigenous Australians, but there was insufficient information to link them to a particular community in Australia.

The remains were received by Phil Gordon, an Aboriginal man from Queensland, who was part of the Australian delegation to Sweden. - AAP

Death of 'TJ' remembered

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



IT has been four years since the death of Aboriginal teenager TJ Hickey in Redfern, and although he has gone, he has not been forgotten.

On 14 February, about 100 people marched to 'The Block', in the inner Sydney suburb, calling for the case into Hickey's death to be re-opened and re-investigated.

The 17-year-old came off his pushbike in February 2004, and was impaled on a steel fence, with two police vehicles nearby.

His family and other Aboriginal people have maintained that police chased the teenager to his death, which led to a nine-hour race riot in which 40 police officers were injured.

In August 2004, NSW Coroner John Abernethy found that while one of the police vehicles did follow T J Hickey down a pathway, there was no evidence that he was being pursued.

The Coroner said that while it was regrettable that several police officers were not more candid about the way events unfolded, the death was due to a freak accident and police actions did not contribute to it in any way.

Speaking at the rally on 14 February, Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) President Ray Jackson said they were still seeking eyewitnesses to come forward.

"We know that they are out there, but fear of the police is not allowing people to come forward," he said.

"We are also arguing that the plaque that was made in honour of TJ, which was given to the Hickey family, be allowed to be placed on the fence line."

The rally walked 'The Block' before going to the old and new site of the Redfern Police Station.

Mr Jackson said rally goers sang a song written about TJ Hickey and an officer came out of the police station to listen to it, locking the door behind him.

"He just listened, he was polite and professional, there was no doubt about that and we weren't ordered away or screamed at," Mr Jackson said of the officer. "We moved back when asked."

Mr Jackson said people who attended the rally called for police to stop harassing their children and the community. The rally also highlighted two other deaths in custody, of Carl Woods in Perth in 2006, and of Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island in 2004.

Mr Jackson still felt that there had been no recent advances in social justice for



A placard at last year's TJ Hickey rally.

Photo by Ruth Ratcliffe, Green Left Weekly

Aboriginal people.

"Nothing will ever come out of death in custody cases until we get an investigative team, and that must include Aboriginal representation."

Mr Jackson said he wanted States and Territories to update and enforce the 339 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

He was also concerned about the recent news of taser guns being introduced into the Northern Territory.

"I would not recommend their introduction to anywhere," he said. "Research has been done that shows people have died as a result of being tasered."

"Just recently I got a report from north Queensland that an officer tasered a man locked up, cuffed up, three times because he was swearing."

"Tasers are so easily used and abused, and I would be against their introduction anywhere."

Choreographer's dream debut



"YOUNG Adelaide choreographer Damien Ralphs will explore individuals' ability to inspire

family, friends or peers in a new contemporary dance show premiering during the 2008 Adelaide Fringe Festival next month.

And the impressive 22-year-old, who is Associate Artistic Director at Kurruru Indigenous Youth Performing Arts in Port Adelaide, will be able to draw on his own experiences to encourage audiences to 'dream big'.

Five young Indigenous dancers will perform Ralphs' ambitious first production of the future, which presents an insight into the 'push and pull



DAMIEN RALPHS

of families and culture and one individual's desire to inspire and be inspired."

The young Kurnai man, whose family hails originally from Victoria, has been supported by some of Adelaide's best dance artists.

Choreographic mentor Aidan Kane Munn along with

Indigenous choreographers Deon Hastie (Leigh Warren and Dancers) and Nikki Ashby (Hip Hop Movement Crew) are helping to guide Damien's creative vision. And Adelaide DJ TRIP has composed a low-fi electro landscape to capture the essence of the work.

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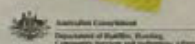
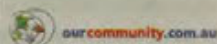
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Quote



'We must continue to say that we are not going to tolerate racism. Where we see it, we are going to expose it, we will shame them into behaving differently and that's the only way it is going to change.'

— Goldfields Land and Sea Council CEO Brian Wyatt (see report Page 5)

Unquote

The highs and the lows

Ah, the high and lows and everything in between. By anyone's measure, the past couple of weeks have been a real emotional roller coaster for Indigenous Australia and the rest of the country too.

Veering from nerves, to joy and excitement, to relief, to disappointment, to calm and resolve, they have placed a very big exclamation mark at the end of a decades-long campaign for recognition of the impacts of removal policies on our people.

Even the most hardened cynic — and there are a few amongst us — could not fail to have been moved by the national apology.

Certainly, it is rare for this newspaper to receive so many glowing comments from our community about a government leader. But receive them we did, by the metaphorical truckload.

And in those circumstances, we'll pay what we believe to be the government's integrity on this issue. We'll acknowledge a good fella.

It is not true to say that nothing changed as a result of the apology. The shift in relations between our people and the Australian Government has been nothing short of seismic.

Willingness, as we enter a new phase of action, to sit at the same table as government policy makers and service providers is a big change.

It comes from believing that we are more than welcome but are also that we



are needed at that table.

The lows we referred to earlier include reminders that racism and ignorance are alive and well in this country, as shown by the blokes from Kalgoorlie-Boulder who 'didn't realise' it was offensive to drive a car painted with racial slurs in a fundraising rally, with their skin painted black and wearing the red headbands that denote importance and wisdom in our communities. Where do we begin?

To their credit, the rally team and the organisers of the event have apologised. And the local Mayor has, appropriately, expressed disappointment at their actions.

But when racism rears its ugly head, it must be exposed. People need to understand not just that something they might think is all in good fun is actually highly offensive but also why that is so.

While our immediate reaction might be one of anger, a more constructive one would be resolve to educate such people and to stay as strong and dignified as the Elders and ancestors who we all honoured on 13 February.

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Football.

Favourite read?
None.

Favourite holiday destination?
United States.

What are you watching on TV?
Cricket.

What do you like in life?
To get a job and stick with it.

What don't you like in life?
Not much.

What is your favourite memory?
When my sister had kids.

Which black or Indigenous person, here or overseas would you like most to meet?
Cathy Freeman.

Which three people would you invite around a campfire?
Uncle Herb, my Nan and family.

Who/what inspires you?
My Nan.

What is your philosophy in life?
I don't really have one.

What would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Talk to them and help them.

Rudd has got what it takes

KEVIN Michael Rudd, MP (born 21 September 1957), 26th Prime Minister of Australia, said on February 13: *Until we fully confront that truth, there will always be a shadow hanging over us and our future as a fully united and fully reconciled people.*

Mr Rudd has demonstrated beyond any reasonable doubt that he has what it takes to lead this country well into the second decade of the new millennium after his memorable performance on the floor of the House of Representatives on 13 February.

Don't just take my word for it, as it would appear our new Prime Minister has created a tsunami-style wave of unparalleled support that literally swept the nation up in its path for audaciously saying 'sorry' to the Stolen Generations in Federal Parliament.

Shamefully, his predecessor, John Howard, just couldn't bring himself to say that five-letter word during his 11-year reign in the top job.

Sorry, a word finite in dimension but a colossus in new-found popular appeal, will remain in the conscience of Australians as the single phrase that exposed Howard for the bigoted person he was, and the dogmatic, insignificant person he has become. He will not be recorded favourably in the cultural pages of Australian history.

The fact that Howard was the only living Prime Minister who didn't accept an official invitation to attend the historic occasion in the nation's capital speaks volumes on how out of touch he really is on this issue in particular, and Indigenous issues broadly.

Voter satisfaction rating published in *The Australian* newspaper just six days after the address gave the visionary Member for Griffith a new high of 68 per cent, allowing him to open the biggest lead over an Opposition Leader (Brendan Nelson at 9 per cent) in the history of Newspoll.

Another poll conducted by Galaxy and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 18 February asked 1100 people aged 16 and over whether they agreed or disagreed with the Government decision 'to say sorry' also confirmed the growing trend of support in favour of the Prime Minister.

The poll showed the shift in views was stronger among men than women. In early February, only 51 per cent of men agreed with the apology, but that rose to 66 per cent at the weekend. The change among women was 59 per cent to 70 per cent.

The increased support was across all States and the numbers of those who 'strongly agreed' with the apology rose from 31 per cent to 41 per cent.

I believe the Sorry address will go down in history as one of the most influential and authoritative parliamentary orations of all times.

In constructing an analogy to Kevin Rudd's Sorry address, I am inexplicably drawn to Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech, delivered at Washington's Lincoln Memorial on 28 August 1963 that continues to send shivers up my spine whenever I hear it played.

Other devotees of celebrated speeches might credit Paul Keating's unforgettable Redfern Address delivered at Sydney's Redfern Park on 10 December 1992 as deserving of the premier spot on Australia's famous-speech

list for his articulation of the enormity of colonisation and its contemporary consequences on Indigenous Australians. This is what he said...

It was we who did the dispossessing. We took the traditional lands and smashed the traditional way of life. We brought the diseases. The alcohol. We committed the murders. We took the children from their mothers. We practised discrimination and exclusion. It was our ignorance and our prejudice. And our failure to imagine these things being done to us. With some noble exceptions, we failed to make the most basic human response and enter into their hearts and minds. We failed to ask – how would I feel if this were done to me?

Today, however, Rudd's Sorry address gets my tick narrowly ahead of Keating's choice words as the most noteworthy speech I've heard to date.

Rudd not only raised awareness of the plight of victims of the Stolen Generations era, but in doing so set a sublime yet unambiguous precedence on how he – as Head of State – believes his parliamentary colleagues, and in fact all Australians, ought to engage with Indigenous Australians.

Sitting with other academics in a staff lounge at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba, thousands of kilometres from where the real action was taking place, I felt decidedly relaxed as I patiently waited for formal proceedings to unfold on our television set.

On the start of the historic speech, I felt an indescribable array of emotions consume me and it wasn't long into the telecast that those emotions transpired into a

steady stream of tears that I felt cascade down my face.

I knew I was in a joyous mood as I relaxed among familiar faces, and felt relieved that such a public announcement was taking place in my lifetime, but try as I may I just couldn't control the tears that welled up in my eyes.

In hindsight, I guess the moment that precipitated the tears for me was when the television lens spanned the public gallery and



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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captured the myriad of emotions etched on the faces of row upon row of elderly people.

The elderly invited guests, some wearing cowboy hats with their rural

well-scripted speech, that saying sorry by the nation's leader will start the healing journey for the victims present in Canberra and those watching the TV coverage in urban, rural and remote areas of the country.

In the Sorry address, Rudd affirmed he wanted to ensure every Indigenous four-year-old was attending early childhood education, and that he would halve the deficits in literacy and numeracy, employment outcomes and infant-mortality rates between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations over the next decade.

And the big call – which reminded me of the tarnished claim by Bob Hawke that 'by 1990 no Australian child will be living in poverty'. Rudd declared that over the next generation, the 17-year gap in life expectancy between black and white Australia would be closed.

Only time will tell about the latter statement – and, sadly, that is not a luxury many of our mob have.

Despite the overwhelming success of this momentous day, it was sadly rained upon by intransigent politicians who were obviously hell-bent on creating mischief.

The leader of this renegade pack of losers who chose to strategically boycott official proceedings was predictably Wilson Tuckey, MP for O'Connor in regional Western Australia, whose infamous remarks on the day received as much coverage in some sections of the media as the fated speech of the Prime Minister.

"I'm there to say hallelujah. Tomorrow there will be no petrol sniffing. Tomorrow little girls can sleep in their beds without any concern. It's all fixed," Tuckey

pronouncement in court, he was convicted and fined \$50. It appears that these self-centred politicians who continue to live in denial of past injustices would only be content when the days of their forebears was back in vogue when Indigenous people had no rights and were generally viewed with contempt.

Regrettably also, the Sorry address was the limp reason for unsavoury conduct to emerge from disgruntled elements of mainstream society to further sully the waters on this nationally significant occasion.

Reports I've heard from family and friends on some hostility in the streets after the Sorry address was that it was reminiscent of the angst displayed by some non-Indigenous Australians to boxer Anthony Mundine's victory over Danny Green on 19 April 2006 at Sydney's Aussie Stadium.

Two of my family members were directly involved in an altercation at a local nightclub a couple of days after the Canberra announcement, when they took exception to some loud-mouth cowboys who said they would never say sorry to 'boongs' for actions of the past.

Immediately on engaging with the principal stirrer, the younger of my relatives was king-hit by another cowardly hoon. Unfortunately for the offender, the blow was negligible and as a recipient of several faster and harder blows to the head he was rendered horizontal on the bar-room floor.

By now the mob, numbering ten or more all baying for blood, moved menacingly – but cautiously – towards my relatives, confident that strength in numbers would win the day.

On being informed of the commotion in the adjacent bar, two other larger and more intimidating relatives hastily departed the dance floor in eagerness to come to the aid of family in a grossly outnumbered fight.

The bravado displayed by the inebriated thugs soon crumbled into a farcical stand-off typically seen when cowards are confronted with increased numbers on the opposing side. I was informed by my mob that they noticed relief on the faces of the hoons as hotel security came to their rescue and ushered them away from what could have been an embarrassing defeat from a much smaller number of men.

As I reflect on this regrettable story shared with me by my relatives, I reflect on Kevin Rudd's prophetic words in his Sorry address: *Until we fully confront that truth, there will always be a shadow hanging over us and our future as a fully united and fully reconciled people.*

'Until we fully confront that truth, there will always be a shadow hanging over us and our future as a fully united and fully reconciled people'. – Prime Minister Kevin Rudd



attire, sat in dignified silence, staring intently in the direction of the holder of the highest elected office in the land.

Kevin Rudd's eloquent and culturally sensitive words undoubtedly facilitated the lifting of the heavy emotional load from the frail shoulders of those beautiful, resilient Stolen Generations victims.

I'm of the opinion, despite the conspicuous absence of a compensation package in the

indignantly announced to the gathered throng of media at the doorstep of Parliament House before the national address.

To understand the state of mind of this individual, one would need to go back to the year 1967 when he bashed an Aboriginal man in a pub he once owned, reportedly with an iron bar, although he claimed – presumably in mitigation – that it was only 'a piece of 100-amp cable'. Irrespective of his

Community Grants and Facility Hire Subsidy Scheme Funding Round 2008 - 2009

Grants applications for the City of Darebin 2008/09 Community Grants and Facility Hire Subsidy Scheme are now open to not-for-profit community groups and organizations.

Applications can be submitted for activities/projects and programs focusing on issues such as social justice, health, education, sport & recreation, environment and art & culture.

Community groups and organisations will also be assisted with hiring costs of a number of Council's nominated facilities to conduct meetings and activities.

Information Kits with guidelines, selection criteria and application forms are available from www.darebin.vic.gov.au/communitygrants or from all City of Darebin Customer Service Offices and Libraries.

Two community information sessions will be held to assist community groups with their applications on:

- **Thursday 6th March, 1030am-12.00pm, Council Chamber**
350 High Street, Preston.
- **Thursday 20th March, 7.00pm-8.30pm, Shire Hall**
286 Gower Street, Preston

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 11th APRIL, 2008 AT 4.00 PM.

For information on the Community Grants Scheme and assistance, please call the Community Grants Officer on 8470 8504.

Grants and Sponsorships Program 2008/2009

CITY OF SYDNEY

Calling on all local, non-profit organisations whose activities and initiatives help bring life to the city of villages.

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- Business Support Program (for non-profit business organisations) (over \$5,000)
- Environmental Grants Program (over \$5,000)
- Heritage Grants Program (up to \$10,000)

These programs provide one-off grants/sponsorships to organisations based in or providing community services or cultural projects in the City of Sydney Local Government Area, for the period 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009. The Heritage Grants Program is also open to individuals.

The closing date for applications is 6pm, Monday 21 April 2008.

Information kits for each Program (guidelines and application form) are available from the City's One Stop Shop at Town Hall and Neighbourhood Service Centres at Kings Cross, Glebe, Redfern, Erskineville, and Community Centres at Ultimo, Pyrmont and Woolloomooloo.

All information is also available from the City's website www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/grantsandawards or via e-mail communitygrants@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Community Information Sessions will be held to provide more detailed information about the Programs. See the City's website or call the City on 9265 9333 for more information or to request an application form.

city of villages

Black Santa wasn't kind

HELLO and welcome to 2008. I know it's a bit late to be saying 'Happy New Year', but better late than never eh!

How are your New Year resolutions going? I've heard that almost everyone has given up on them by the end of February.

I hope you are sticking to them. I only have one resolution this time around, and that is to get out more so I can meet more fullas.

I looked up my horoscope for 2008 ('cos I need all the guidance I can get!) and it also said that I have to get out more. So with the backing of my resolutions and the stars on my side, I stepped out to my first event.

My first event this year was Yabun. What a great day! Heaps of families were



Ms KOORI LOVE

mkskoorilove@koorimail.com

there under the trees. It really was lovely.

Heaps of fullas there, too, but they were too young, too old or married up. In the end I just tried to be satisfied with

my sausage sandwich and bags of freebies.

The next big event was, of course, Valentine's Day. I didn't do anything special this year as I had to do family business. I can feel you cryin' around for me, but you know what it's like - a frantic phone call and you've gotta drop everything.

But I was thinking about you! Now that the family is back to normality, I'm back on the lurve quest.

The worst thing about Valentine's Day was seeing all the girls around town with roses and teddy bears. I know they were school kids but damn, I wanted to snatch myself a rose! There's nothing like Valentine's Day to remind you that you're a single 'Nigel No Friends'. I should have gotten some

delivered to myself. Hmm. Next year....

But I won't be evil to the little kiddies. Ms Love's got a New Year resolution and the stars behind her these days! And when I'm married up, every day will be Valentine's Day (especially if he is a florist!). So if you know of any events that are Sydney-based and don't cost too much (I am cheap y'know) email me the details. Family emergencies notwithstanding, I will get my frame there!

PS: That Black Santa has got a lot of explaining to do. No Aaron Pedersen under my tree Christmas morning! And you know I was good. So rotten.

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

Co-operation leads to deal

Native Title and You



By National Native Title Tribunal Member **NEVILLE MacPHERSON**

THROUGH goodwill, good planning and co-operation, groups can achieve successful native title outcomes in local government areas that respect everyone's rights and interests.

The Jagara, Yuggera and Ugarapul people and the Ipswich City Council demonstrated this on 30 January when they signed an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) over the whole of the Ipswich City Council region, which is covered by the group's native title claim in south-east Queensland.

The ILUA is the result of two years of negotiations triggered by the native title claim lodged in 2003.

The groups had to work out how the Ipswich region could move forward and develop while ensuring the native title claimants' rights and interests were respected and protected.

Faced with sorting out native title, cultural heritage, future infrastructure and community relations, they chose to take a staged and measured approach to the negotiations.

During initial negotiations, mediated by the National Native Title Tribunal, the groups reached a memorandum of understanding, which established the framework for the development of the ILUA.

Just over a year later the parties signed the ILUA, establishing how they would manage land in the city council



The Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dancers performed a cultural dance at the agreement signing ceremony.

region that is affected by native title.

As a result, the entire community will benefit from better planning and better protection and management of the land as well as from the stronger community relations that developed during the negotiation process.

The agreement is a milestone for the Jagara, Yuggera and Ugarapul people as they work towards attaining legal recognition of their native title rights in south-east Queensland.

Under the ILUA, the group will also have involvement in a consultative committee and some employment opportunities with the Ipswich City Council.

The council now has certainty about how they will proceed with future planning and infrastructure. It is one of many local governments around Australia that has

worked through land-management issues with the traditional owners in their area to reach an agreed outcome.

The Tribunal has registered 312 ILUAs around Australia and of these about 30 have involved a local government authority as an applicant or a party. The majority of these agreements have been reached in Queensland.

By taking a co-operative approach to native title, development and land-management issues, traditional owners and local governments across Australia are achieving outcomes that benefit everyone in their local government areas and build stronger communities.

The ILUA between the Jagara, Yuggera and Ugarapul people and the Ipswich City Council is a shining example of what can be achieved through mutual respect and co-operation.

The greatest day of all

THE apology for the Stolen Generations is an issue that has been called for over a very long period.

Well, at last it happened last Wednesday 13 February 2008 and I was one of the many hundreds, perhaps thousands, who gathered on the lawns across the road from 'the big house' in Canberra.

There was an overall feeling of excitement and positive expectations among the crowd, some who had been camped there for days.

I was then privileged to sit in the Great Hall and experience first-hand the emotional atmosphere of that crowded place.

As we are all aware, the apology was to more than those families who were broken up by the separation of children from their parents, but also for the humiliation suffered by people like myself having to have an exemption certificate to enter hotels or to have a business.

My mother, Mrs May Hunt, had to get one to open the boarding house in Bourke, providing a service to the town.

Then we suffered the humility of seeing people from other countries being invited to take out citizenship and become Australians and we weren't allowed to until the Referendum in 1967.

We were put out on back verandas and laundries to eat our meals, and not allowed into hotels and certain parts of picture theatres.

We were denied the right and joy of speaking our own native language.

The exemption certificate, or as we called it a 'dog licence',

made us eligible to be conscripted for military service, and we could be prosecuted for failing to vote and for hunting or fishing out of season, but still we were not Australian citizens.

Also, the police or a report from an unhappy employer could have that certificate taken away, and we were not entitled to any Aboriginal benefits.

It made us nothings.

This apology might make more people aware of what so many of us went through. Today we must

be proud of who and what we are.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is to be praised for having the guts and decency to take that great step as a true human being.

The content and presentation of the apology is evidence of great research, consultation, effort and diligence applied in the preparation of it.

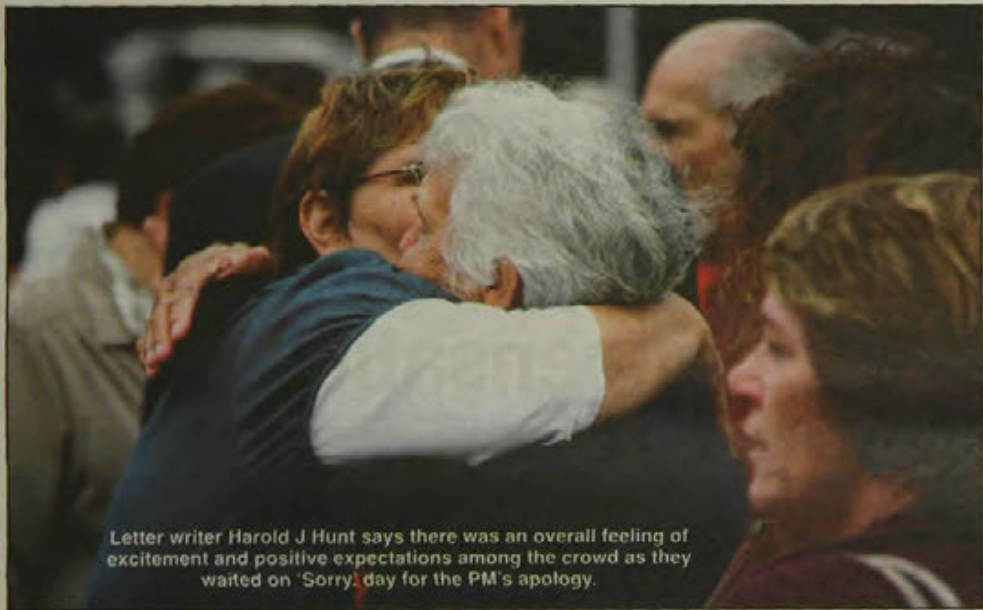
I and most people I know see what happened on that day as one of the most important events in the parliamentary history of this great country.

I know I speak for many people who want to say thank you to Minister Jenny Macklin, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and their staff.

At last, Indigenous and non-Indigenous people can all move on with much confidence and hope for the future.

I am an OBE (over bloody eighty) so I've seen many changes, but this is the greatest.

HAROLD J HUNT
St Marys, NSW



Letter writer Harold J Hunt says there was an overall feeling of excitement and positive expectations among the crowd as they waited on 'Sorry' day for the PM's apology.

YOUR POETRY

I flew the flag on Sorry Day

I flew the flag on Sorry Day to show that I was proud,
Of being one of many Kooris who would hear the words out loud.

I flew the flag on Sorry Day, my way of hearing what was spoken
To finally hear respect for the Elders who had been taken.

And yes, they had been stolen, let's not be mistaken
They were not borrowed or replaced or put in better homes.

The girls then became black slaves for the woman of the house
To learn of etiquette and where to put the salad fork.

While the young boy had to ride a horse through his tribal ground
To get the boss' cattle home so white man got fatter off the land.

They were stolen by white thieves who were cowards of their time
White people stole them, but the Government did the crime

They tried to stop generations passing on their ways of tribal lore and
They tried to stop the colour being brought out in us all.

They took the language from us and said 'don't speak or you'll get a slap'
But we all know that we are all getting our words back.

It's a shame it had to happen to the Elders of our past
But hopefully today those sorry words will forever last.

So now I say, thank you, Mr Kevin Rudd, for speaking words of truth
And recognising Australia's genocide to the Elders of our past.

GEOFF ANDERSON
Parkes, NSW

Sorry

(Dedicated to the Stolen Generations)

Sorry is from the heart
We offer you the word 'sorry'
We hope this word can impart
What we mean to say
Is from our soul, our hearts.

We know the word sorry
Cannot make the pain go away
But please accept our deep apology
On this special day.

We give no excuse other than we did not understand
We did not know your people, your culture
Or the ways of your land.

So please take our hand
As we weep for our folly
Know that we say to you from the heart, 'sorry'.

LORRAINE BRIGGS
Canberra, ACT

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;

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Toowoomba agreement to be signed off on today

A CEREMONY is due to be held today to mark the signing of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples and Toowoomba City Council.

The native title agreement relates to co-existence of various interests in the land, including native title rights, local government interests and the rights and interests of the community.

Talks between the parties began in September last year. The National Native Title Tribunal said the negotiations took place as part of a Federal Court ordered

mediation of the Jagera People #2 native title claim filed in court in 2003, with an objective of avoiding litigation and negotiating practical land use outcomes, which could be registered in an ILUA. A part of Table Top Bushland reserve was included in the proposal, forming the western tip of the Jagera People's 6100km native title claim.

Today's ceremony is scheduled for 11am at the Tobruk Memorial Drive Picnic Point. Attending will be Toowoomba's Mayor Dianne Thorley and Aboriginal community representatives.

Hope for a sad world

I'D like to say that even though I am only a permanent resident of Australia, I felt extremely proud and honoured to stand in the rain at Martin Place in Sydney and listen to the apology to the Indigenous people of Australia delivered so respectfully and eloquently by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

His sincere and open words were so moving; it felt as if the rain on the land were tears of joy, gratitude, and relief for that moment.

I don't know how many other nations have ever made such an historic gesture to the people whose land they probably took by force, but I hope this apology will stand as a great example for others to consider apologising for all the injustices committed to Indigenous people world-wide.

This may not seem like much to some, but I profoundly believe it is a monumental step forward in healing the world.

Unfortunately, the apology did not end with Mr Rudd's beautiful words. Opposition Leader

Brendan Nelson stood to deliver a speech of support, but his words felt very calculated and insincere.

It saddened me to listen to him try and downplay past injustices with old methods. Stating past actions were done 'with the best of intentions' as so many have done, and continue to do. Dr Nelson's words were a disgrace to all Australians, and humanity as a whole.

I know he is the Opposition Leader, but does this really mean he must stand in opposition to everything, no matter how harmonious and altruistic it may be?

I hope Dr Nelson is reprimanded for his poor performance and that the electorate lets him know their disapproval of him.

Thank you Australia and thank you Mr Rudd for bringing hope to a sad world.

JOHN PAUL POSADA
Bondi, NSW

YOUR POETRY

The Big Picture

I feel a part of it all, in my feet.
The softness of the gums in the winds.
The fullness of clouds above.
The waters flow down the rivers.

Rocks sit peaceful glowing after rain.
Ants working to rebuild homes.
Oceans dreaming like eagles above.

Animals speak of humans taking the lands for nothing!
Only to be driven away farther.
Into the grasses which Dreamtime lives, forever grass roots.
Dreamtime is strong!
Thank you Elders.

DANZA
Via email

Apology the first step; compensation next

13 February 2008 – the date the nation said 'sorry' – is a date that will be etched in the minds of all Australians for a long time to come, perhaps even for generations.

From remote communities and towns of the outback to the busy streets of our capital cities; we were a nation that was united like never before. We accepted the truth, rejected the denial and we said 'sorry'.

Prime Minister Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations forever officially recognises the gross violation of human rights that were the assimilation policies that forcibly removed many thousands of Aboriginal children from their families and from their communities.

Let's not forget that the Stolen Generations and their families were innocent victims. None of the hurt, or the pain, was of their own making.

The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement believes that a compensation fund – not unlike that already set up in Canada, New Zealand and in Tasmania – is a practical commitment to redressing the wrongs. To do so would be to ensure the gesture was not just symbolic.

A compensation fund that directly assists members of the Stolen Generations to continue the healing is important. The apology was but one step, though a fundamental one.



NEIL GILLESPIE

Compensation is the next.

In South Australia, Bruce Trevor was the first person from the Stolen Generations to secure compensation after a long and hard struggle through the courts. It would be sad and it would not assist in healing if Aboriginal people had to keep going to the courts to be compensated for the wrongs that were done to them.

For our Parliament, the hard work now begins to put those fine words into actions and to not just make the fundamental policy changes and actions that are so needed to close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians, but to also monitor their impact.

For those who stood in solidarity with Aboriginal people, their part, too, is far from over. They now have the job of making sure the

promises made to the Stolen Generations and to Aboriginal people are honoured. They must not let up in holding political parties responsible for righting the wrongs.

I was in Canberra to see such an historic event and I witnessed Australia take a big step in saying 'sorry'.

The overwhelming support for the apology proved to me that Australia is also mature enough to take another step.

Australia now has a world leader in Prime Minister Rudd. From what I saw, I was inspired. We as a nation have a real leader... a true statesman.

This Prime Minister encourages me. He must now, however, follow through and lead all of us as a nation to improve the quality of life and minimise the marginalisation of Aboriginal Australia.

I wish our Prime Minister and his Government well in their endeavours. Australia cannot afford to wait any longer in addressing the wrongs of the past to cure the pains of today.

I am confident Mr Rudd will ensure Aboriginal Australia will join in the future prosperity of our nation and address the ills and sorrow that afflict many of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

NEIL GILLESPIE
CEO, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
Adelaide, SA

Untitled

In the spirit of Pemulwuy, Yagan and Windradyne, And all the Aboriginal heroes
This land has seen, Many gathered to say no To this new intervention That has the old methods Of discrimination.

These heroes spoke out On behalf of their children With a pride that the Great Spirit Had indeed filled in them.

Yet it was not the first time That they had been fighting Their speeches of equality Have for so long been in writing They've been standing up strong For so many years But media don't report it Because of white fears.

Scared of the blackfellas In bush and in towns Thinking only of their own Backyards and surrounds.

A spirit of apathy Runs through their veins And perpetual injustice Where ignorance reigns.

Yet today there was ceremony In house of Parliament And tomorrow an apology From the new Government Maybe from now The tide will turn And of these ancient cultures Whitefellas will learn.

RACHEL DAVIDGE
Old Errol Bay, NSW



NSW Government
Department of Water & Energy

REQUEST FOR TENDER CONSTRUCTION OF STOCK PROOF FENCE

The NSW Department of Water and Energy invites tenders for the construction of a stock proof fence at Noolia Station, near Lake Victoria NSW.

The Department requires a suitable contractor to erect 18 Km of stock proof fence on Noolia station.

Preference will be given to contractors who utilise and train Aboriginal workers on this project, and who can complete the project by the end of June 2008.

Tenders enclosed in a sealed envelope endorsed with the project name and reference number are to be lodged by 4:00 pm, 14th of March in the departments Tender Box which is located at the:

Front Foyer, NSW Government Offices
32 Enterprise Way Buronga NSW 2739

or be posted for lodgement in the Tender Box by the time and date stated, to:

Secretary, Tender Board
NSW Department of Water and Energy
PO Box 363, Buronga 2739

Tender documents and more information can be obtained by contacting Lyn Barnes at NSW Department of Water and Energy on (03) 5051 6225.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Registration of Interest - Aboriginal Stakeholders

Precinct Planning Assessment for the Riverstone West Precinct Within the Northwest Growth Centre, which includes the Riverstone Meatworks Site, Riverstone, NSW

A development proposal for the former Riverstone Meatworks site at Riverstone, NSW (81 Riverstone Parade, Riverstone, NSW 2171) on DP 830505, is currently being prepared to guide future plans for the use of the site for a mix of predominantly industrial and retail purposes that will incorporate a sizeable green corridor on the western side of the site, capturing a section of Eastern Creek.

To ensure matters of Aboriginal cultural heritage are appropriately addressed in accordance with the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change's Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applicants (2005), individuals or groups are invited to register their interest in writing to the development proponents with respect to the forthcoming Aboriginal Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Assessment Project.

Registrations are being sought in relation to this assessment and any resulting approvals under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (s87 or s90 permits) that may be required. Any Aboriginal stakeholder group or person wishing to register their interest is invited to do so in writing. The registration period closes on 10th March. It is intended that a site visit and on-site consultation will take place 21 days from the close of the registration period.

Contact details are:

Mr Andrew Shedd, Senior Consultant, Godden Mackay Logan, 78 George Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016.

Separate summit for Indigenous issues

An Open Letter to the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd

AS a person who has worked with Aboriginal people for many years, I watched your apology to the Stolen Generations with great interest.

I congratulate you on specifying the pain and suffering experienced by the First Peoples and your recognition of the links and ties to country for at least the past 60,000 years.

However, was it a conscious decision on your part not to recognise or name any Aboriginal group west of South Australia?

Could that be because even as you were giving your apology, your Government, along with the West Australian State Government and WA local governments and their agencies are continuing the appeal against Justice Wilcox's decision which found for the Nyoongar People as the holders of native title in the south-west of WA?

I also note that you have outlined an outcome for Aboriginal people that still

smacks of assimilation. While giving lip service to consultation with the First Peoples, you have outlined plans for a 'war cabinet' to attack the perceived problems. This is not culturally appropriate and just seems to be the same old non-Indigenous mindset of knowing what is best.

I think one of the first steps to take in setting things right would be to not include Indigenous issues on the 20/20 Summit discussion that you are planning. Instead, there should be another summit on Indigenous issues of at least 1000 named and recognised, properly-selected Indigenous people (selected by the grassroots cultural clans/tribes/etc in culturally-appropriate ways) from all over Australia and the Torres Strait at a later date (or at the same time).

The Federal Government should pay for their travel and accommodation (preferably in the heart of Australia at Uluru) where there would be a truly representational black summit with no outside interference.

Aboriginal people know what they want

and what they need. If given the space for self-determination, they also know how to succeed.

They need to be given the room and support to rectify the wrongs done to them by governments and their agencies. They do not need prescriptive 'solutions' - this has been proved not to work.

If you and your Government want to give more than lip service to Indigenous culture and religion, it is time to do it. This would be the first step towards full and proper consultation.

It would also destroy the paternalistic mindset of non-Indigenous people who have proved they don't have a clue what they are doing.

It would also be a first step towards understanding that the Indigenous people have been dispossessed through many avenues - all cultural peoples have had everything stolen from them.

It is time to make a genuine effort towards reconciliation.

S L DAVIES
Mt Helena, WA



CHICKA DIXON

What's in a name?

ON the *Lateline* program on ABC Television (Thursday, 7 February), an interview was conducted with the Deputy Liberal Leader, Julie Bishop, where she referred to Aboriginal people as half-castes.

On Wednesday, 13 February when replying to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology and address in the Federal Parliament, Liberal Party Leader Brendan Nelson also referred to Aboriginal people as half-castes.

The next day on *Lateline*, the interviewer also referred to Aboriginal people as half-castes.

I wonder if these three insulting white Australians would, when talking about a Greek person, refer to the Greek person as a half-caste Greek, to Germans as half-caste Germans, to Chinese as half-caste Chinese, or any other nationals as half-caste people.

Is it difficult to say Aboriginal for these white Australians, or is it a half-baked cunning plot to divide our race of people?

Stop insulting Aboriginal people or we may have to consider calling white Australians half-caste convicts or DoCs (meaning descendants of convicts). Stop insulting and hurting us as we have been hurt enough.

CHICKA DIXON
La Perouse, NSW
79-year-old Activist

● Copied to the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch.

Thank you, Kevin Rudd, for saying sorry

AS I watched the coverage today on Channel Seven's *Sunrise* program of our new PM Kevin Rudd saying 'sorry' to the Stolen Generations, I must say it brought me to tears of sadness that, like others, my Nan was removed.

She found her birth mother when she was dying. Some people don't understand how the pain is shifted from generation to generation.

Today, I'm sure so many of us were crying, and through our tears laughing, smiling with joy for the long awaited 'sorry' from an Australian government.

Thank you Kevin Rudd. Hopefully this day will go down in history.

Today, hopefully, we can move on and heal.

NAJELLA GREEN
Palm Beach, Qld

Abhorrent comments

I AM writing in relation to comments made by (former Methodist missionary) Margaret Somerville on the 7.30 Report on ABC Television on 14 February, specifically about Aboriginal children not being 'home-sick or asking for their families'.

I reject this statement because by the time our Aboriginal children had been transported, more often than not thousands of miles, to be institutionalised away from their families, they had been traumatised. They were told their parents had passed away or their parents didn't want them any more.

The poor little darlings had been cowed into submission.

So, of course, Margaret Somerville, our Aboriginal children were too terrified to say anything.

How do I know this? Because my mother, uncle and adopted uncle plus many more other

people I know in Darwin were with you on Croker Island.

I am a proud Aboriginal Australian woman and I am extremely excited because after all these years through Link-Up, finally I am going to meet my dear mother's family.

All these years that have gone by, I really haven't had any animosity for the tragedy of the Stolen Generations.

To think I once admired this woman, being a missionary. I thought she was one of the good ones.

However, I find Margaret's comments regarding our stolen Aboriginal children absolutely abhorrent.

The people of Australia need to be made aware of the true facts. How can we unite as a nation when these sort of discrepancies are still being told.

JUDY BRIDGES
Wyoming, NSW



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Poet says 'thanks'

NOW that the Federal Parliament has formally said 'sorry' to Indigenous Australians, perhaps we should also consider saying 'thank you.'

All my forebears came to Australia in the early days of settlement. Those who settled outback received enormous help, for which they were very appreciative, from the Aboriginal people, about a number of things such as information about sources of drinking water, predictions about weather, the vicinity of good grazing land for stock, good fishing areas in outback rivers, how to efficiently back-burn and so on. They were also warned what to be wary about such as poisonous berries and fruits, dangerous snakes and insects... the list goes on.

My paternal grandfather, Sir George Houston Reid, a founding father of this country, always expressed his profound admiration for Indigenous culture.

My father, Clive, his youngest son, always said that 'thanks' as well as 'sorry' was owed to Indigenous Australians. This was why I worked so hard to write *Shadows of Our Dreaming* (Angus and Robertson, 1983).

My maternal grandmother, Mary Ross Munro (nee Cameron) who lived with the family on their outback property, Boombah, near St George, in western Queensland, took an Aboriginal girl, Nelly, to Paris many years ago, to help with the family's

domestic requirements. Nelly learned to speak French fluently in two months. When they returned to the property, Nelly said to my grandmother, 'Forgive me but I don't really like your civilisation, I am going walkabout.' She was not seen again.

My mother, the youngest of the family, always said that Nelly had been her best friend when they were young children, so she missed her very much.

Nelly had taught her how to make dampers by moistening certain seeds and then pounding them with stones into flour, which was mixed with water and shaped into flat loaves and baked on hot sand beneath the campfire; how to carve drawings on bark and rocks and how to dot her limbs with clay when she joined Nelly and her Aboriginal friends dancing around the campfire.

Mary's husband, my maternal grandfather, William Ross Munro, had an Aboriginal friend, Chum, when he was a child living on the family property, Tariaro, near the Namoi River in north-western NSW.

He would go hunting or fishing with Chum; they were great mates. Chum taught him to make boomerangs, including those that would return.

He always said it was Chum who gave him his deep understanding of the bush, which helped him to later acquire and successfully manage his many outback properties.

His brother, Hugh Munro, who lived at Keera, a property near Moree, also had great respect for the Indigenous people, as did his wife Grace, who set up the Country Women's Association.

In *Shadows of Our Dreaming*, I attempted to give a personal insight into the immensely creative spirit of the Aboriginal people and how they lived in harmony with nature for many thousands of years. This book was my way of saying 'thank you'.

We should certainly also be saying 'thanks' for the superb contemporary works of art by Indigenous artists which are today being deeply appreciated world-wide.

Were the Indigenous people and also this great island-continent in better condition before Europeans settled here? We brought diseases, alcohol, drugs and many other things for which, indeed, we should also make clear we deeply regret.

It seems ironic that the Aborigines are believed to have called out 'Kui' (welcome) at what is now Camp Cove, when Captain Arthur Phillip landed there in 1788 with the First Fleet. They were reported to be filled with joy because they believed that these pale-skinned people were the spirits of their dead ancestors who were coming to enrich them spiritually.

ANNE FAIRBAIRN, AM
Via email

YOUR POETRY

Power

Today is a day of awakening emotions

A chance to begin anew
Now the guilt will heal
All wrongs should be forgiven
But not forgotten.

An ancient culture has been respected

The shame wrongfully placed has been taken back
A chance to begin anew
Now the guilt will heal
Culture has been respected.

The spoken word
The word

Culture has been respected
The word is a gift hard-won
It is for everybody
The power of the word is!

SHANE HENDRY
Ballina, NSW

Development at Little Bay

Roaming the country
For new work sites,
Wearing the devil's disguise
Thinking it's your right.

Upon lavish billboards
Proclaiming your creation,
"Luxurious living leads
To ultimate salvation."

Development begins
Toxins leak into the earth,
The ancient spirit poisoned
Beneath the displaced dirt.

The profits rise and rise
Making millions must be fun,
But what about the land
What will it become?

A wasteland for your wealth?
A paradise for fools?
A desert void of life?
A tear falls from the Moon.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

Listen Up

Extermination didn't work.
Integration never trialled.
Assimilation your solution -
"Let's steal a newborn child."

With a crucifix around your neck
and a shotgun in your hand,
you expect us to blindly
submit to your demands.

But there's so many other solutions
floating in the air,
put yourself into our skin
and feel what's truly fair.

We all rose from the Dreaming
and in death we shall return,
it's time for you to listen up
there's much you have to learn.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

Seats proposal has no merit

I WRITE in response to an article that appeared in the *Hobart Mercury* on 17 February regarding an apology to the Stolen Generations.

The article quoted Michael Mansell calling for seats to be set aside in all Australian parliaments for Indigenous representatives.

We live in a democratic society where every individual over the age of 18 years has the right to vote. Any individual can also run for Parliament whether local, state, or national.

The Indigenous Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation (ITAC) as an organisation does not believe a number of seats in any parliament should be set aside for Indigenous people, especially when the likes of Mr Mansell and his one-eyed views would do more harm than good for all Australians and the reconciliation process if he were to gain one of

these seats.

ITAC agrees with the \$500 million for health, providing that all Indigenous Australians can access these funds and programs funded by this money - not just the few Indigenous people the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre accepts.

As to the compensation of \$1 billion for the Stolen Generations, this would be better spent on health, education, housing and linking up those families that have been separated.

The Government of Australia has said sorry for the past, let's now move forward with the reconciliation process.

ANN BLEATHMAN
Chairperson
Indigenous Tasmanian
Aboriginal Corporation (ITAC)
Hobart, Tasmania



Part of the 'Sorry' Day celebrations in Canberra on 13 February.

The Government must not forget

I WANT to say that I am sorry for the pain the Government caused to the owners of the land, to all the families.

I did travel from the Hunter Valley to Canberra on 12 February and I was so blessed to be there sharing with my sisters and brothers on 13

February.

It was emotional, spiritual and it was so much good energy.

I hope for the Government to have a clear mind and do not forget that they said. God bless everyone.

NILDA MANE
Hunter Valley, NSW



MICHAEL MANSELL

Castlemaine's big day

MORE than 600 people crammed the forecourt of the Castlemaine Market Building in Melbourne to celebrate Australia saying 'sorry' to the Stolen Generations.

Mostyn Street had to be closed off as people came from around the region to be part of this historic occasion.

A traditional welcome ceremony with Jaara Elders Carmel Barry, who gave her Welcome to Country, and Brian Nelson, who performed with Leigh a rare smoking ceremony.

Acknowledgement of Country by Wamba Wamba man Ron Murray followed, with Kane Nelson and Ron making a very strong and stirring statement on didgeridoo.

A highlight was when Stolen Generations member Leigh told his shocking story of being taken and how he has difficulty, still, in his daily life. Leigh was too emotional to finish reading

the story he had written and was assisted by Ron Murray.

Another major highlight was the active participation by scores of local schoolchildren. Aboriginal teacher Julie McHale's group from Winters Flat Primary School sang a song and then in unison spoke their personal sorry words.

In introducing his groups of students, Castlemaine Secondary English teacher Andrew Kohane talked of the emotional morning at school where as many as possible of the school community were able to watch on TVs and computer screens the direct broadcast from Parliament House in Canberra.

Ella Cowie and Kirra Brouwer, of Year 9, read a statement of apology to the Aboriginal population.

The actual celebration began with Kinja. Ron Murray began on didgeridoo and Sarah James on violin and singing

Fields of Murrumbidgee, Mama Mam Warrino and the beautiful Wild Mountain Thyme.

Jan Wositsky and James Rigby sang, appropriately, Jan's own song *Thank You For the Welcome*.

Blackwood with James and Andy Rigby and Jane Thompson played and sang *Land of Broken Dreams* and Bruce Watson's *Sorry Song*. The Acafellas joined in to add their inimitable style to the event.

There was more. The Chat Warblers, led by Jane Thompson, sang their own amazing Sorry song, which they began to rehearse just two weeks previously.

Black, red and yellow colours were everywhere. Dozens of colourful posters, some very large, added the spectacle, mostly saying 'sorry', one read 'at last'. These posters were made in Eva Haaburger's garage by

members of the Castlemaine U3A Aboriginal class led by Felicity Say, who also spoke.

Vic Say talked about the history of saying 'sorry' in this region and how increasingly aware this community had become. A huge picnic continued in Victory Park until 8pm.

Organisers Marilyn Warne-Smith, Eva Harburger and myself were

delighted with the response considering that organisation began only two weeks ago. Marilyn and Eva were interviewed live during the celebrations for Drive Time on ABC.

It was truly an historic day in Australian history and in Castlemaine.

GRACE MCCAUGHEY
Castlemaine, Vic



YOUR POETRY

Stolen Generations

Our children, tho' some now mostly grown
Are they still out there somewhere
Still missing, shattered lives of their own?
Just because they are out of our sight
Out of our hearts is never an option
Or from our troubled minds
Still a past government's blight
Repercussions still ringing and crying in the still night.

How many more Deaths in Custody must we bear, and injustice across all Australian communities in perilous disrepair
Before we all join in the united plight

And learn together, how to live in harmony
The way it all began,
With a crying voice in the wilderness
220 years ago in the middle of a quite night.

LEETY KRANZ
Bundjalung Nation
Mummulgum, NSW

Untitled

In my heart I can feel the tears,
That thousands have cried throughout the years,
I can feel their pain,
For their loved ones slain,
And families lost in time.

Many years of built-up shame,
Another brown face without a name,
Another language that won't be learned,

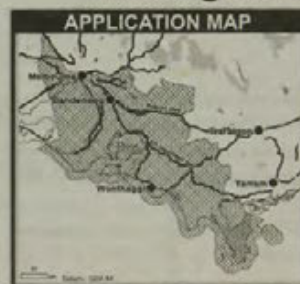
Another history charred and burned,
And legends lost in time.

It's not hard to imagine the hurt they feel,
The pain inside would be so real,
The heavy burden and the emotional cost,
Longing for generations lost,
And cultures lost in time,
To all I'll offer hand and heart,
And hope together we can start,
To build a future and rise above,
And treasure it with unbiased love,
For the families, legends and cultures gone,
Together we can all move on,
A nation healed in time.

JUSTINE J RUSK
Via email

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Boon Wurrung Foundation Ltd
Date received: 16 January 2008 (revised application)
Public comments due: 12 March 2008

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received a revised application by the Boon Wurrung Foundation Ltd 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.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation
Date received: 8 February 2008
Public comments due: 12 March 2008

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by the Taungurung Clans 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.

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Is your business listed in the Victorian Indigenous Business Directory?

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

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

To submit your business details or for more information contact KBN:
Telephone: 1300 799 526
email: kbn@iird.vic.gov.au or
visit: www.business.vic.gov.au/kbn

Closing date for entries is FRIDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2008.



Department of
Sustainability and
Environment

Request for Tender

Operational Review of the Yorta Yorta Joint Body
Tender No: 305431

A consultancy to review operations of the Yorta Yorta Joint Body is required. Terms of Reference for the review include examining the Joint Body's Constitution, Administration and Business activities.

A Request for Tender (RFT) is available for download from the Victorian Government Tender website located at: www.tenders.vic.gov.au or by contacting Carolyn Cameron by phone on (03) 5761 1657 or via email at: carolyn.w.cameron@dse.vic.gov.au.

Hardcopy Tenders quoting **Tender No 305431** must be placed in a sealed envelope and lodged in the Tender Box located at the DSE Office, 89 Sydney Road Benalla.

Tenders close 2:00pm Thursday, 6 March 2008.

Facsimile, e-mail or late tenders will not be accepted.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Find information about DSE on the Internet at www.dse.vic.gov.au

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Customer Service Centre 136 186



Make a difference in the lives of Indigenous Queenslanders

The Aurukun Local Partnership Project

The Department of Communities is offering the opportunity to be part of a new and exciting Queensland Government initiative.

Through the Aurukun Local Partnerships Project, the Queensland Government is working alongside mining developers and the Aurukun community to implement welfare reform initiatives and build job skills in the Aurukun community.

A number of project positions are now available in Aurukun.

- **Community Services Manager (AO8)**
\$86,442 – \$91,425 per annum
- **Employment & Training Officer (AO7)**
\$78,020 – \$83,658 per annum
- **Youth Engagement Officer (AO6)**
\$69,726 – \$74,600 per annum
- **Administration Officer (AO3)**
\$44,347 – \$50,571 per annum

Accommodation and remote locality allowance provided.

Successful applicants will be appointed until 30 June 2009.

Position descriptions: available at www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Phone: Erinn Wanna (07) 4083 4000

Email: vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Applications close: 5 pm Monday 10 March 2008.

To find out more visit www.communities.qld.gov.au



safe, valued and empowered communities

Opinion

Rudd's road to reconciliation

By CLAIRE SMITH

THE opening of the new Federal Parliament indicated the manner in which Prime Minister Kevin Rudd intends to make reconciliation happen.

That is, through bipartisan endorsement, however reluctantly garnered, and by obtaining the support of the wider Australian public.

This is part of an even more ambitious program – that of restoring the moral basis of Australian Government policy-making.

Indications of how this important implementation of a Rudd Labor Government agenda would be achieved were in place well in advance of the new Parliament.

The groundwork was laid when Rudd obtained the Opposition's support for an apology, even though this involved a major policy reversal.

The second time he successfully wedged the Opposition into acquiescence was with the first opening of Federal Parliament by an Indigenous Welcome to Country (which followed on from an historic first welcome to country when Rudd held a private function for his staff at the Lodge in December).

Brendan Nelson responded by promising that future openings of Parliament by a Liberal Coalition government would also include a Welcome to Country. The third instance was Rudd's invitation for a bipartisan 'war cabinet' on Indigenous Affairs, issued as part of his Government's apology to the Stolen Generations, support for which was ensured through framing its priorities in terms of those of the previous Government.

Rudd wrote the Government's apology, which he linked to redressing Indigenous disadvantage, especially in the areas of health, education and economic opportunity.

Support base

He sought to broaden his support base for the apology by explaining to Australians why it was necessary to say 'sorry'.

He asked us to place ourselves in the position of those whose children were taken away, seeking to instil empathy in those whose lives had not met with such calamity.

While he did not link the apology to compensation for the Stolen Generations, neither did he say he would not support compensation. The overall presentation was consciously shaped to help ordinary Australians along a journey to the word 'sorry'.

Rudd's speech brought tears to people around the country.

Lorraine Siwes, from Adelaide, said 'I was thinking of my mother when Kevin Rudd said sorry. My mind went straight to my mother who I hadn't seen since I was seven'.

In contrast, Nelson's speech appeared to have been written by committee. While he stated that he was giving 'strong support' to the apology, this support appeared equivocal. His mention of 'necessary' removals contradicted the purpose of the event, and took from the dignity that the Stolen Generations were seeking on this day.

His references to child sexual abuse and rapes, in particular, were inappropriate given that schools around the country were showing the broadcast of the apology (quite apart from the fact that they confused the criminal acts of individuals with the ill-advised actions of governments).

After some initial confusion, the crowds at



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in Canberra on 13 February.

Federation Square and in the Great Hall turned their backs to the screens displaying Nelson presenting his speech.

"We really enjoyed what Kevin Rudd said. At long last we got an apology and we were on top of the world. When Dr Nelson spoke, we were disappointed," said Lorraine Siwes.

"He talked about the war, and the intervention, and rape and alcoholism. They had all been talked about before. Why did he have to talk about those things on that special day?"

Many others had critical roles on this Day of National Reconciliation.

Tom Calma, the Social Justice and Human Rights Commissioner, presented a response outside the chamber, accepting the apology as a 'first step in a partnership', in the process admonishing the Stolen Generations 'deniers and reuffers' (such as Keith Windshuttle) who had made their reputations through denying these aspects of Australian history.

The irony of former Prime Minister John Howard's non-attendance is not lost on those who remember his statement in the run-up to the 2007 election, that only he could lead Australia to reconciliation since he was the only one who could bring conservatives and progressives together (quite forgetting that the conservatives and progressives needed someone to reconcile with, other than each other).

Enigma

Our current Prime Minister came into power as an enigma.

The events surrounding the apology to the Stolen Generations allow some insight into both the man and his vision.

Since taking government he has shown that his style is consensual, rather than punitive (there was no night of the long knives), consultative rather than dictatorial.

He has a ten-year plan to reduce Indigenous disadvantage, and it is clear that he plans to be leading the country for these years. Using both practical and symbolic measures, he is making historic changes, moving forward his vision of a reconciled Australia.

"Overall, a big load has shifted off our shoulders. The main thing is we got our apology and we can try and put things behind us now," Lorraine Siwes said.

● **Professor Claire Smith is a social scientist with the Institute of Advanced Study for Humanity, University of Newcastle.**

Now we can walk forward together

I AM writing in response to the national apology to the Stolen Generations delivered by the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on 13 February.

After what I can only describe as an emotional, yet momentous occasion, I was personally very overwhelmed by the show of support from the wider community of the City of Newcastle.

The gathering of Novocastrians in the City Hall showed a true and honest feeling and demonstration of community spirit – that spirit of reconciliation.

The apology was received with open arms by members of the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal people. We are in awe of the display of respect that the Prime Minister and the Parliament have paid to the First Peoples of Australia, the true custodians and traditional owners of this great land.

Kevin Rudd gave the apology with utmost reverence, sincerity and what can only be described as genuine humility.

Of the leader of the Opposition, Dr Brendan Nelson, we say this: Some people were quite astonished by the content of your response to the Apology in your address to Parliament. Some people were

certainly not amused by your personal reflections.

It would have been more courageous of you to speak on the true spirit of the apology, and leave the political representations (NT Intervention) of your former Government out of the occasion.

Yet, we will accept your move to supporting the progress of new government policy.

I was pleased to contact Sharon Grierson, the Member for Newcastle, in Canberra, shortly after the event at City Hall, and she spoke to me with a sense of accomplishment, not only for herself, but also for her community here in Newcastle.

Sharon was very genuine in her personal message, which I read, with high emotion, to the gathering in the City Hall. She told me that she has also shared the emotion of all the events in Canberra over the past few days, including the Welcome to Country address at the opening of the new Parliament.

She and her colleague Greg Combet were pleased to receive a delegation of the Aboriginal community from Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, including those of our community here who are members of the Stolen Generations.

I acknowledge the contribution of many of our Indigenous organisations, particularly Awabakal Co-operative, Awabakal Land Council, Yarnleen and Youlooe-Ta, in sending our representation of community to Canberra.

This can only be described as a great addition to the living history of this country.

It is a wonderful sense of achievement, and for those who live with us in memory and in spirit, a real tribute to the suffering and loss experienced long ago.

I commend the work of the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, and the Parliament of Australia in moving towards a stronger future for Aboriginal Australia.

I further commend the commitment and show of support of the City of Newcastle, and sincerely appreciate the demonstration of understanding of the wider community.

Let us walk together from here, and take this new journey – from our present, remembering the past, to our future.

RICHARD MCGUINNESS
Chairperson, Awabakal Co-operative
Newcastle, NSW

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 Tunimetta 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Name Change Proposal for the Simpson Desert National Park

The Environmental Protection Agency invites interested groups and persons to comment on the proposal to change the name of the Simpson Desert National Park to Munga-Thirri National Park.

Munga-Thirri is a name from the traditional Wangkangurru language meaning 'Big Sandhill Country'.

The Desert will continue to be known as the Simpson Desert whilst the National Park will undergo the name change.

Written comments should be sent to the following address by no later than Thursday 1 May 2008:

District Manager
Queensland Parks and Wildlife
PO Box 202
Longreach 4730

For further information contact Alicia Whittington on (07) 4652 7308 during business hours.



Queensland Government
Environmental Protection Agency

Visit us online www.epa.qld.gov.au

Link-Up searches for Roberta Smythe

THE South Australian Link-Up Program of Nunkuwarrin Yunti in Adelaide is seeking to contact Ms Roberta Smythe (date of birth: 10 September 1968, mother's name: Margaret Smythe) regarding a family matter.

The SA Link-Up Program began at Nunkuwarrin Yunti in 2000 to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who have been separated under the past policies and practices of Australia's governments.

It seeks information, files and records relevant to the varied clients requests to assist with family tracing and reunions.

If anyone knows of Ms Smythe or her whereabouts, please contact John Webb, Caseworker, SA Link-Up Program, Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc, PO Box 7202, Hutt St SA 5000. Contact can also be made via phone on (08) 8223 5217, fax (08) 8223 6086 or email: nunku@nunku.org.au

JOHN WEBB
SA Link-Up

Time to get rid of the States

SO the Queensland State Government's agenda is to diminish local representation and install regional councils – and the Federal Government's agenda (the steps towards which we are seeing played out nearly every day) is to seize more and more of the states' responsibilities in water (and by proxy, the environment) health and education.

Now the capital city mayors are asking for direct funding from the Federal Government, bypassing the States. And we, the people who do all the hard work in actually running the country, get no say in it whatsoever.

The States are an outdated and unnecessary duplicate bureaucracy, soon to be redundant

anyway. It's time for them to be consigned to history.

Billions of dollars are wasted every year due to the incompetence and corruption in those bureaucracies – imagine all that money going directly to shires.

The Commonwealth will naturally take on the national issues of health, education, environment and law, and shires would have their own by-laws and be responsible for local issues, including land management. Who better knows their country and its ecology?

In this respect, Indigenous people will play an increasingly important part in advisory positions, when their unique depth of knowledge in ecological sustainability is at last recognised.

Who wants a Bombers footy jumper?

I HAVE a new Essendon football jumper that was given to me as a gift because the Bombers are my team. As I already have one, if someone out there is a size 10 and would like it, please write to me at PO Box 337, Palm Beach

Queensland 4221.

A belated Happy New Year to all staff at Koori Mail and readers.

NAJELLA GREEN
Palm Beach, Qld

For the record, I believe the shires should all stay the same – there is simply no need to change, especially considering the massive costs involved.

The shire boundaries need only to be re-drawn along mountain ridges and all those shires that fall within the water catchments of our major rivers should form an alliance to work together and share resources to ensure the health of the entire river, as in New Zealand.

All that is needed to make this truly representative system of local autonomy a reality is a moratorium.

Where the people lead, the leaders follow.

MAUREEN BRANNAN
Murgon, Qld

Aboriginal Community Funeral Plan

Following is a testimonial from one of our many clients

Dear ACBF

I've chosen to become a member with ACBF because it is cheap and convenient to have money taken out to pay for funerals.

It does come in handy to be covered and the reason I joined as when someone passed on they did not have no money and they could not bury their loved one for weeks after.

Most of my family are in this fund and you can't afford to not have it.

I give permission to have this shown to anybody.

I would prefer to have Centrelink deductions that way there are no bank fees or charges.

Rhonda Pitts
Walgett, NSW



44A Griffith Street, P.O. Box 1188
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FREECALL: 1800 622 924

Bush tucker takes off

By DARREN COYNE



AN Aboriginal woman from Melbourne is selling the flavours of Indigenous Australia to

shoppers across the country. Malan Dimopoulos and her Greek husband Greg are tasting success with their home-based company, Native Oz Cuisine.

Their products are now being stocked in Woolworths/Safeway supermarkets in all states and territories, except Queensland and South Australia, which are due to stock them in April.

Mrs Dimopoulos, the director of Native Oz Cuisine, is a proud Aboriginal woman whose heritage is Gunditjmarra and Wemba Wemba.

She and her husband started the company about three years ago.

"I was working in government and my husband is a chef, and we have a beautiful baby boy, Steven, and wanted to spend more time at home, she said.

"We did extensive research on the native food industry and we believe we found a gap in the market.

"Consumers love to try bush foods, but are often not sure how. So we thought we'd make ready-made sauces and frozen meals.

"From our range of six sauces, we have three that are pasta sauces and three that are stir-fry. All of our sauces come in stand-up pouches and are shelf stable with a 12-month shelf life.

Mrs Dimopoulos said the frozen meals included kangaroo lasagna, and saltbush and ricotta cannelloni, while the sauces had traditional Indigenous ingredients such as wild limes, lemon myrtle, native plums, macadamias and

river mint.

The ingredients are sourced from throughout Australia, and are manufactured in Victoria using the latest packaging technologies.

And although Mrs Dimopoulos said the initial plan was to have more time, she said the business was going very well and keeping the family quite busy.

When she spoke to *The Koori Mail*, they had just returned from a sustainability festival in St Kilda, where they were plugging the product.

"Any opportunity we can find to promote our products and we're they are available, we take," she said.

"We also get a lot of valuable feedback from the public."

"Now that we have them on the shelves the next step is to get the sales. So this is where we need the support of all the communities right across Australia to go out and try each of the sauces for your lunch or dinner.

"These products can be found in your pasta sauce

aisle in all Woolworths/ Safeway stores."

Mrs Dimopoulos said the company also was getting closer to launching a new range of

microwave food products.

She said they were also constantly experimenting with new recipes, drawn from Indigenous Australia.



Indigenous woman Malan Dimopoulos in her local supermarket where products made by herself and her husband are available. The bush food products soon will be available Australia-wide.



What do you think about your council's local laws?

The Queensland Government is currently reviewing model local laws, to identify what should be included in these laws and how they can be improved. The model local laws are developed by the State for use by councils.

Local laws cover areas such as parking, roads, animal permits, administration and management of the environment.

Six draft model local laws have been developed by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation and are now open for public consultation.

Queenslanders are invited to comment on the draft model local laws, available from www.lgp.qld.gov.au or by contacting 3225 8661.

Submissions close 12pm Monday 12 May 2008.

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Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Request for Expression of Interest

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250 NEW DISABILITY SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PLACES

The Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA) provides funding for the employment of people with disability in disability business services. The Department invites eligible organisations to submit their Expressions of Interest to establish new disability supported employment business services in areas where there is demonstrated high demand. There are 250 supported employment places available across Australia.

Priority target groups for service delivery include:

- people with disability in rural and remote locations;
- people with psychiatric disability;
- Indigenous people with disability; and
- younger people with disability.

Following the evaluation of the Expressions of Interest, short listed applicants will be invited to participate in a Competitive Selection Process for final selection.

For further information, eligibility requirements and the Expression of Interest Application Form, visit www.fahcsia.gov.au/funding or phone Mark Heywood on (Toll Free) 1800 108 196. Enquiries and responses to questions received from potential applicants will be posted on www.fahcsia.gov.au/funding for the benefit of applicants.

Expressions of Interest close at 10.00 am Canberra local time on 20 March 2008.

Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

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Yorke Peninsula couple on phone directory front page



A VICTORIAN Aboriginal couple with a passion for native foods have been chosen to feature on the cover of this year's Yorke Peninsula telephone directory.

Ron and Elizabeth Newchurch were chosen by Sensis, which produces the Yellow and White Pages, because they 'exemplify this year's cover theme - Celebrating Australian Flavour'.

The couple, nominated by members of the local Yorke Peninsula community of South Australia, are passionate about Australian native foods and educating people about the health benefits of bush tucker.

In 2002 they began working as a retirement hobby with native foods grown on their property.

This quickly grew into a small business called Bookyana Bushfoods Inc, with Ron, Elizabeth and their sons picking, drying, packaging and sending native and conventional herbs such as saltbush, quandongs, native sea parsley, oregano and thyme to food distributors around the Yorke Peninsula, Adelaide and other regions of South Australia.

Mr Newchurch's passion for bush foods led

him to develop a practical education program for local TAFE horticulture students, who come and learn about native herbs and bush tucker at his property. He also speaks to local primary schools all over the Yorke Peninsula about the nutritional benefits of bush tucker.

"We hope that our success with Bookyana Bushfoods Inc will inspire other Aboriginal families to start their own small business," Mr Newchurch said.

"The Yorke Peninsula is known for its diverse array of locally produced food and drink, so to be recognised on the cover during the 'Celebrating Australian Flavour' theme is an absolute honour," Mrs Newchurch added.

Group Manager, White Pages, Melissa Reynolds said the 'Celebrating Australian Flavour' theme provided Sensis with an opportunity to recognise Australians who were making outstanding achievements in their local food and beverage industry.

"Australia is now so well known for its home-grown food and drink that people often associate certain produce or culinary personalities with a region of Australia. Ron and Elizabeth are a great example of people who champion local produce and celebrate their region's local flavour for the benefit of their community," Ms Reynolds said.



Ron and Elizabeth Newchurch on the Yorke Peninsula native food property.

New hope for kids

By MARGARET SMITH

NSW child-abuse inquiry hears from key department leaders

NSW

AN inquiry established to examine problems in the mandatory reporting of child abuse in New South Wales after a series of tragic children's deaths has heard evidence from the heads of key State Government departments.

The inquiry was before James Wood, QC, who told the hearing last week that it would determine what improvements could be made in the child protection system 'including mandatory reporting, reporting thresholds and feedback to reporters'.

Despite the employment of 910 new Department of Community Services workers in recent times and the Brighter Futures early intervention program, there was still much concern in the community and amongst DoCS workers that

cases weren't receiving adequate attention.

Judge Wood told the hearing that the new staff had to be properly trained in the areas of drug and alcohol, mental health, neglect and domestic violence.

"We have learned, however, that there has been a 79 per cent increase in child protection reports and a 37 per cent increase in the number of children in and out of home care since 2001," he said.

Counsel Assisting, Gail Furness, stressed the importance of Indigenous participation in programs supporting Indigenous children, families and communities.

"Those programs must be

particularly well designed to ensure good outcomes are achieved," she said. Ms Furness brought the Inquiry's attention to the fact that although Indigenous people formed 4 per cent of the youth population of NSW, they accounted for 16 per cent of all reports to DoCS.

"Identifying programs and strategies that will more effectively engage with Aboriginal communities to support and strengthen families will be a priority of the inquiry," she said.

The inquiry heard evidence from each major government department dealing with mandatory reporting of children at risk, and found that DoCS, health and

education departments and the police all had different methods and forms, which led to difficulties and confusion.

These were particularly evident in the lack of communication between DoCS and the NSW Department of Education. For example, DoCS failed to give schools feedback, kept them out of the response loop, and often caused reporters to feel left out of the process.

Brian Chudleigh, of the Public Schools Principals Forum, said DoCS staff ignored the fact that schools had an ongoing relationship with the student and their families, which could help

the child with their crisis.

Frequently, the first thing a teacher heard about a case was when a child was taken from their family and put into care.

In the public question time that followed, an Aboriginal case worker told the inquiry that often when Indigenous children were taken away, they were also removed from their school and lost all contact with friends and teachers.

Judge Wood advocated that DoCS learn to work more co-operatively, and that systems should be set to facilitate this.

A further inquiry hearing specifically into Indigenous communities in NSW and child protection will be heard from 10am-1pm on 24 April in Sydney, and in regional areas of NSW during March and April. For details, telephone (02) 9377 5400, email cps_inquiry@agd.nsw.gov.au or go the website www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/cpsinquiry

A taste of reality



By SOLUA MIDDLETON

SO, our reality TV shows have kicked off for 2008 and we have two of our deadly men in two of Channel Ten's biggest shows.

Our brother from Cairns, Steven Pelham, who was a contestant on *The Biggest Loser*, has decided to call it quits from the show to be with his family.

You can take the blackfella out of the family, but you can't take family out of the blackfella!

It seems, from last week's episode when he left, that reuniting with his family was enough to ignite his determination to lose weight for him and his daughter Aisha.

Steven originally weighed in at 166.6kg and at his last weigh-in before leaving the series was 154.6kg. But in his update package of how he is going on the outside now, he has lost a further 10.6kg and is well on the way to achieving his goal of 95kg.

Brother you are looking good – you go, Stephen!

Looking good

And our other brother who is looking good is Sermah Bin-Saad on *So You Think You Can Dance* (SYTYCD). Making it into the top 20, Sermah (pictured right) has been partnered with Brisbane jazz dancer Camilla Jakimowicz.

Their first dance was in the genre of musical theatre, where the pair danced to *Big Spender* dressed as cat burglars.

Sermah told judges it had been 'full-on' working together.

"It's a totally new genre and for me to do that, and to know Camilla had faith in me is really uplifting. Not only just working together but we became friends and I find it really comforting," he said.

● To keep up to date with SYTYCD, visit www.ten.com.au/dance



So You Think You Can Dance entrant Sermah Bin-Saad shows the moves that have helped him into the top 20 of the reality TV program.

Govt to keep 'close eye' on child sex case



QUEENSLAND Attorney-General Kerry Shine says he will follow closely a court case involving

a teacher who admitted forcing an 11-year-old Indigenous boy to perform oral sex to educate the child in 'men's business'.

Judge Sarah Bradley, who last year allowed nine males to go free over the gang rape of a 10-year-old girl, has given the teacher time to gather evidence to support his claim that he had been trying to introduce the Torres Strait boy to 'traditional' islander sexual practices.

Teacher James Last pleaded guilty in Cairns District Court earlier this month to seven counts of dealing indecently with an 11-year-old boy over a four-month period during 1983.

Judge Bradley has granted a three-month adjournment to allow Last, who claims he received no sexual gratification from the assaults, and his lawyers, to find an anthropologist to support his claims.

Old Attorney-General Kerry Shine said he had asked for a briefing on the case and would watch the result with interest.

Mr Shine said it was not typical for guilty-plea cases to be adjourned for so long before sentencing.

"In the normal case, most people who tend to plead guilty have their case prepared for that event," Mr Shine told ABC Radio.

"That is, they have their submissions ready to be

placed before the court for the court to make that determination (of a sentence).

"What's happening here is not totally abnormal. It's not as if it's not heard of before ... but it's not normal."

Asked whether he would be watching the result closely, he said: "Of course. Absolutely."

Deputy Nationals Leader Fiona Simpson said a 'cloud' hung over Judge Bradley because of her handling of the cases.

"It should never be seen as acceptable that child rape or issues to do with paedophilia could be blamed on cultural issues," Ms Simpson said.

'Cloud over judge'

"I think there is a cloud hanging over this particular judge."

"It is unacceptable for the cloud, and the circumstances with this particular judge, to go on, and I think it's time that the Government did look at what's happened in the cases to date."

Ms Simpson said the Government also needed to review the State's sex offence laws.

Mr Shine last week sought an extension of time to appeal sentences given by Judge Bradley to nine males involved in the 2006 gang rape in Aurukun.

He has also received an independent review of sentences handed out in child sex cases in the Cape York area, but has declined to release it until the Aurukun rape case appeal is finalised. — AAP

Helicopter rescues 15 stranded in floodwaters



A HELICOPTER has rescued 11 adults and four children stranded by floodwaters in the Northern Territory

outback after a failed bid to reach them by road. The first attempt to get to them was made last Tuesday when two adults from the remote Arnhem Land community of Gapuwiyak set out with the

aim of towing two cars that had become bogged on Balma Road, about 65km from the community of Numbulwar.

Another vehicle left Gapuwiyak to take food to the stranded group, but police learned that no one had managed to return.

A total of 13 people were believed stranded in five cars bogged on the Balma Road. Among them was a man who'd had

the top of one of his fingers chopped off in a car door.

As it turned out, more people had become stuck, some of them for up to four nights. They included another man with a condition that required regular medication.

On Friday, a helicopter chartered from Jabiru flew out 11 adults and four children, taking them to Gapuwiyak in three trips, police said.

The man who lost part of a finger was then medivaced from Gapuwiyak to the Royal Darwin Hospital for specialist care after receiving treatment at the local health clinic.

Another male required treatment for a severe eye infection.

Police said four men, who had ample food and water, had opted to stay with the cars. - AAP

New lines for rail men and families

By CHRISTINE HOWES in Cairns



"WE are at the 250-mile, where the action is on again. All that wrestling on wheels we have been through was leading up to this point, where they are laying the steel."

This excerpt is from 'Steel crew set record', a report from the Pilbara's *Weekend News* on 25 January 1969.

The article was written as a celebration of the story of a 65-man railway crew, the majority of whom were Torres Strait Islanders, who set a world record on 8 May 1968 by laying 4.36 miles (7km) of standard gauge track in just 11 hours and 40 minutes.

The rail, the article said, weighed 132 pounds (60kg) a yard (almost a metre).

"The highly trained core of the team are Thursday Islanders, or TIs as they are called. They have graduated from rail-laying in Queensland to the Goldsworthy, Hammersley and standard gauge jobs to the Newman railway," the article read.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the feat, more than 40 surviving members of the crew and/or their families have been workshoping together on a musical theatre piece.

Mrs Evelyn Levi-Lowah, whose first husband Mica Levi worked on the team, said the crew became the 'flavour of the month' at the time, not only because of the respect they had on the railways themselves, but also because of their music.

Keep in rhythm

"When they worked they sang as well, to keep in rhythm with their crowbars," she said.

"They didn't have all the modern equipment they have now.

"When they used to finish work they used to get their guitars and sing at the canteens, and they'd make up songs about the line."

Mrs Levi-Lowah said scriptwriters were now working with the survivors to try to retrieve some of the songs.

"Some songs have survived and some have been created," she said.

"So workshops have been held in Thursday Island, Perth, Mackay and Cairns.

"A lot of the men have passed on and we (the wives) attended because of our hubbies."

Mrs Levi-Lowah said the final workshop in Cairns hosted almost everyone who had been involved in the first three workshops to look at finalising a draft and make sure the historical facts were accurate.

"We also had a women's session and we had to say what their drinking caused us, they wanted the women's perspective because we were all newly married then and those of us who travelled with them had to settle into our married lives around all this," she said.

"So we had to share. They worked hard and they drank hard and how it affected the marriage sometimes and the children were exposed to it all.

"It was a lot of healing."

Mrs Levi-Lowah said the finished script would be completed by next month and they hoped it would be ready to produce by 2009.

For more information contact group co-ordinator Irene Feuz at ifeuz@bigpond.com



Evelyn Levi-Lowah with some of the newsclippings of the time. "When (the men) used to finish work they used to get their guitars and sing at the canteens, and they'd make up songs about the line."

Our youth urged to join in big week



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.

Website

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'.

Youth Minister Kate Ellis said activities would be held for almost four million young Australians, including students from 2500 high schools, and up to 600,000 young Australians at universities and TAFE colleges.

"Young people are involved in planning, managing and, most importantly, participating in all the events and activities, including concerts, festivals and forums," she said.

"All young people, their families and local communities are encouraged to get involved in National Youth Week and celebrate the contribution our youth make to the community."

As part of National Youth Week there will also be five national talent competitions for young Australians aged between 12 and 25 - WriteIT, RockIT, ShootIT, DesignIT and SnapIT.

For more information call the NYW hotline on 1300 663 500.

Anything Goes to help youth

Story by ALF WILSON



A GROUP of Palm Island entertainers consisting of Elders Kathy Gibson, Frank Anderson and Ralph Watson have thrown their support behind a trip to Sydney in July by some local youngsters for World Youth Day celebrations.

The trio formed a singing band called *Anything Goes* and entertained a big crowd of islanders on Valentine's Day, supporting a nearby fund-raising flea market.

Palm Island World Youth Day Committee member Catholic nun Sister Christina McGlynn said that on 13 July the group of Palm Island youth and a few Elders would begin their pilgrimage to Sydney to participate in the celebrations.

"Thousands of young people from all over the world will gather in Sydney with Pope Benedict and their bishops and priests to celebrate their faith and share their cultural riches in a very full six-day program," she said.

Sister McGlynn said funding was needed for this once-in-a-lifetime experience, and the flea market was a great way to get that started.

"Our two island schools, St Michael's and Bwgcolman, assisted us in various ways, and our ecumenical music group provided us with live music throughout the day."

"I wish to thank all our helpers and all those who supported us so



Anything Goes lead singer Kathy Gibson, complete with her electric guitar.



The *Anything Goes* band, comprising, from left, Frank Anderson, Ralph Watson and Kathy Gibson, with the Palm Island flea markets behind.

generously. We now have \$1000 to add to our funds and hope to hold a few more fundraising events in the coming months."

As the three strummed music on their guitars, Auntie Kathy's singing attracted many island residents to the flea markets held under tents as drizzling rain fell. "We enjoy playing country-and-western music and it is great to help the youth get to Sydney," she said.

The trio were assisted by a

back-up crew of Mark Musu and Noel Cannon and won generous applause from a group sitting nearby.

Tourist James O'Neill, from Melbourne, was visiting Palm Island and said the band members were excellent entertainers.

"The singing is so good and they were very enthusiastic about it," he said.

The band will assist the fundraising until July and more flea markets are planned.

Report highlights WA alcohol woes



A KEY report has revealed that Aboriginal men are nearly nine times more likely to attend an emergency department for

alcohol-related harm than non-Aboriginal men across almost all age groups, and Aboriginal women are attending emergency departments four-and-a-half times the rate than non-Aboriginal women.

The 'Impact of Alcohol on the Population of Western Australia' also found that comparing alcohol-related deaths among the State's nine health regions showed that the rates were significantly higher for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields in both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal population.

Between 1997 and 2005, the number of alcohol-related deaths in those regions were significantly higher than the State average – in the Kimberley three times, in the Pilbara two times and the Goldfields 1.8 times higher.

In the wake of the news that Western Australians are doing

themselves more harm than ever from alcohol-related incidents, the State Government has launched a \$530,000 campaign.

The 'Rethink Drink' advertising and partnership campaign aims to stop alcohol abuse.

Health Minister Jim McGinty said people were simply drinking far too much, in fact 30 per cent more than they did 10 years ago.

"It is having catastrophic effects," the Minister said.

"Between 1997 and 2005, 3975 Western Australians died from alcohol-related causes.

"People enjoying an occasional drink isn't the problem here. What we are seeing is a significant rise in illness and death caused by binge drinking."

Mr McGinty said the 'Impact of Alcohol on the Population of Western Australia' report sent a serious message that people needed to rethink the way they drank.

"In 2006, caring for people who had to be admitted to hospital as an in-patient for a condition caused by excessive alcohol consumption cost the WA

The WA alcohol report findings

- People drinking 30 per cent more than a decade ago
- Aboriginal men nine times more likely than others to attend hospital for alcohol-related harm; women 4.5 times more likely
- 60-80 per cent of WA police call-outs alcohol-related
- Up to 44 per cent of fire-related deaths due to alcohol
- Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields the worst areas

community more than \$33million alone," he said.

"It has been estimated that about 60 to 80 per cent of police call-outs are alcohol-related, including violent assaults, car crashes, drowning and property damage, and up to 44 per cent of fire-related deaths are due to alcohol consumption.

"Drinking to the point where a

person becomes sick, aggressive, or vulnerable to accidents or harm seems to have become part of our culture and as a community. We all need to rethink the way we make alcohol available and promote it.

"The message coming out of this report is that alcohol significantly impacts the entire WA community. However, there is no denying that some groups are hit particularly hard.

"Unfortunately young people are one of these vulnerable groups, along with people in the north and east of the State, and Aboriginal people."

Another key finding in the report was the mortality and hospitalisation rates for acute alcohol-related conditions. They were particularly high among young people aged 15 to 24 years. About 609 young men were admitted to hospital per 100,000 people, compared with 200 men aged 50 to 59 per 100,000 people, with similar results for females.

The State Government committed \$45.7million towards fighting the effects of alcohol and

other drug abuse in WA in 2007-08. Much of the funding targeted young people, people living in regional areas and Indigenous people, through the provision of preventative and treatment services.

"However, extra money is not the complete answer," Mr McGinty said. "Change will only occur if people in the community take a stand and control their drinking habits."

In an Australian first, the report has provided data at a local area level, which will be a planning tool for communities and government and non-government agencies.

The television, bus shelter and community partnership campaign focuses on the ugly aftermath for those affected by alcohol-fuelled incidents, including battered spouses, emergency department staff, police, cleaners, taxi drivers, parents and community members.

● The reports are available on the website of the Drug and Alcohol Office at <http://www.dao.health.wa.gov.au/tafid/234/Default.aspx>

Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith and PNG Foreign Minister Sam Abal signing an extension of the Torres Strait Mining Moratorium earlier this month.



Indefinite ban for mining in strait



FOREIGN Affairs Minister Stephen Smith has approved an indefinite extension to the moratorium on mining and drilling in the Torres Strait. The Minister announced earlier this month that he had exchanged letters with his Papua-New Guinea counterpart, Sam Abal, to extend the moratorium on mining and drilling in the Torres Strait for an indefinite period. "This is a major step in protecting the fragile environment of the Torres Strait and

the way of life of its traditional inhabitants," Mr Smith said. Established in 1985 by the Torres Strait Treaty, the moratorium prohibits mining or drilling of the seabed or the subsoil in the Torres Strait Protected Zone (TSPZ). The moratorium has strong support among traditional inhabitants in the Torres Strait. Initially in place for ten years, the moratorium has previously been extended three times. In January 2008, the Australian Government proposed to the PNG Government that it be extended

indefinitely, rather than for a fixed term. "I am very pleased that the Government of Papua New Guinea has agreed to this," Mr Smith said. "The TSPZ was established by the Treaty to protect the traditional way of life and livelihood of the Torres Strait's traditional inhabitants, and protect and preserve the marine environment and indigenous fauna and flora." The TSPZ comprises 13 inhabited Australian islands in the Torres Strait, and adjacent waters in Australia and PNG.

Flood-relief aid to help Palm Island



THE Queensland Government has activated assistance for Palm Island in the wake flooding caused by a monsoonal low this month.

Emergency Services Minister Neil Roberts said he had approved the recommendation to activate the joint State and Commonwealth-funded Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) for the north Queensland island.

NDRRA was activated for Palm Island on 16 January in response to damage reported from flooding.

"So far this year, flood assistance has been activated in 81 local government areas. Palm Island is one of 26 local government areas where NDRRA has been activated twice this year," Mr Roberts said.

The assistance in these local government areas can provide:

- Personal hardship help
 - Recovery of costs for restoring public assets, such as roads, and for costs of local councils' extraordinary disaster management, and
 - Assistance for sporting clubs and other non-profit organisations who cannot provide for their own recovery to restore assets to pre-disaster standard
 - Concessional loans for primary producers and small businesses affected by flooding
 - Freight subsidies for producers.
- Personal hardship assistance to individuals and families, and assistance for non-profit organisations, is administered by the Department of Communities, which can be contacted on 1800 440 074.
- Concessional loans for producers and small businesses are available through the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority on 1800 623 946.
- To apply for freight subsidies, producers should contact the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries on 13 25 23 or their local department inspector.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Tati Tati Aboriginal Corporation
Date received: 24 January 2008 (revised application)
Public comments due: 12 March 2008

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received a revised application by the Tati Tati 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.

Entries wanted for WA Youth Awards



NOMINATIONS for the 2008 Western Australian Youth Awards are now open, and Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people are being encouraged to apply.

The awards recognise the achievements of West Australians aged between 13 and 25 and are run by the State Department for Communities.

"Entering a young person in the 10th WA Youth Awards is an opportunity to highlight their strengths and achievements," WA Youth Minister Lijlanna Ravlich said. "It is a chance to demonstrate to the wider community the hard work and dedication of young people, and those organisations that work with young people – and the contributions that they make within our society."

There are six categories in the WA Youth Awards:

- Edith Cowan University Leadership Award – for an individual who has

demonstrated leadership and made significant achievements in the field of education, business, government or community, and made a noteworthy contribution to the community.

- Woodside Citizenship (Individual) Award – for an individual who has shown extraordinary dedication towards others, or empowered others to participate in determining the nature of their community.

- Nickel West Citizenship (Group) Award – for a group that has shown extraordinary dedication towards others, or empowered others to participate in determining the nature of their community.

- Department of Environment and Conservation Environment Award – for an individual or group who has shown leadership and commitment to improving the environment.

- Lotterywest-Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation Inspiration Award – for an individual who, having overcome

difficulties (such as issues relating to family, culture, geographic location, health or disability), has contributed to society and is an inspirational role model to others.

- Office for Youth Active Achievement Award – for an individual whose extensive involvement in sport or recreation has benefited others and the community.

The 2008 WA Youth Award winners will be announced during National Youth Week (April 5-13) at a presentation event on April 10.

An overall winner will be announced as the 2008 WA Young Person of the Year.

Category winners will receive \$2000, and the WA Young Person of the Year will receive two return tickets to a European destination courtesy of Singapore Airlines.

For an entry form, visit <http://www.childrenandyoung.wa.gov.au> or contact the Department for Communities Office for Youth on (08) 6217 8400 or freecall 1800 281 116.

'Consult us', the men say



ALMOST 50 Aboriginal men gathered in Redfern on 12 and 13 February to identify ways to improve support services for

Aboriginal men. The men, who came from as far afield as western Sydney, the Illawarra, the NSW north coast, Dubbo and Victoria, identified issues facing Aboriginal men, and compiled a list of key messages.

They said problems faced by Aboriginal communities were a legacy of past injustices forced on Aboriginal people by previous and current government policies.

"Solutions to these issues are still being developed by government without enough input from and consultation with Aboriginal men," the men said.

"It is time to leave the old 'one size fits all' mainstreaming approach behind. It has not helped Aboriginal

communities in the past and will not work in the future."

The men also said that communities needed to be properly supported, and that Aboriginal men needed to be empowered and given opportunities to develop their own practical solutions to problems.

The meeting decided that culturally appropriate men's groups, men's spaces, time out spaces and healing centres were an important part of the solution.

"These places allow Aboriginal men to support each other and provide a safe environment where men can discuss issues affecting themselves, their families and their communities," they said.

They also agreed that Aboriginal men could stop the cycle of abuse in their communities, but needed support and resources to enable them to make this happen.

It was also important that Federal,

State and local governments supported a national Aboriginal men's family violence forum where Aboriginal men could identify broad principles which they could take back to their own communities.

"The national Aboriginal Men's Family Violence Forum should be followed up with support for local community action," they said.

"Resources to make this vision for a better future for Aboriginal people a reality need to be provided."

The men said these were key elements of government support for genuine self-determination and culturally appropriate capacity building among Aboriginal people.

The forum was hosted by the Redfern Babana Aboriginal Men's Group with support from the NSW Department of Community Services, NSW Dept of Housing, NSW Police and the NSW Redfern Waterloo Authority.



The men who gathered in Redfern to discuss issues facing Indigenous men and how to address them.

Call for money to support students



AS the Rudd Government is calling for the gap to be closed between Indigenous and non-Indigenous education, the Mary MacKillop Foundation, which provides Indigenous scholarships, is calling out for financial backers to support the continuation of these scholarships.

The foundation believes that their scholarship addresses bridging the divide between opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

To ensure the continuation of the scholarship program, the foundation is seeking financial partners.

The cost to educate a doctor is about \$10,000 a year for four years. The cost to educate a teacher is about \$7000 for three or four years, depending on the university.

Interested parties should contact the Mary MacKillop Foundation.

Former Governor-General Sir William Deane said education was the key after listening to the Prime Minister's apology in Parliament.

"This is in keeping with the philosophy of the foundation and indeed with that of Mary MacKillop herself, who from the beginning had education of the poor as the main work of her congregation and was especially concerned for the welfare of Aboriginal people," he said.

Dr Janelle Trees, a descendant of the Dalgadi clan, is the first Indigenous student to graduate with Honours at the University of Sydney's medical school through the graduate entry program.

A sole parent, Dr Trees believes one of the most important effects of the scholarship has been an insight into the long-learned poverty mentality.

"I have been able to show that it is possible to study medicine when you come from different circumstances," she said.

For Annette Duggan, a Bachelor Degree in Education student, it has enabled her to become a role model for children, adults and family members of her community.

"I have seen that education has been empowering," she said.

"As a person it has given me the ability to be more confident."

The Mary MacKillop Foundation's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Scholarship program currently funds 15 students in their studies in a wide range of fields.

With many Indigenous students working part-time or surviving on limited Government support, a scholarship can make a real difference to their lives and the lives of their family.

Nominate, urges Premier



QUEENSLAND businesses are being urged to nominate for the Reconciliation Award.

Premier Anna Bligh and rugby league great Steve Renouf are urging Queenslanders to nominate for this year's Reconciliation Awards for Business before 7 March.

The award program recognises and rewards organisations, communities and individuals who support reconciliation and acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories.

There is \$25,000 in prizemoney to be won across five awards.

"These awards are an important way of recognising the talent, innovation and hard work Indigenous Queenslanders are bringing to business," Ms Bligh said.

"Reconciliation is a priority for the Smart State. It is about using our knowledge of the past to help Queenslanders grow, mature, advance and provide better opportunities for all.

"It doesn't matter how big or small your company is, I urge everyone to get behind the

awards because reconciliation is everyone's business."

Awards Ambassador and Queensland rugby league great Steve Renouf said the awards played an important part in building a solid foundation for future generations.

"It is inspirational to see the variety of initiatives being implemented across the State to foster new talent and Indigenous leadership," Mr Renouf said.

Categories for entry include: Emerging Business, Partnership, and Businesses over five years and Community Organisation. The overall Premier's Reconciliation Award will be presented to an individual, business or project for outstanding achievement towards reconciliation in Queensland.

Nominations close on Friday 7 March with winners announced at an official ceremony during National Reconciliation Week from 26 to 30 May 2008.

For details, nomination forms and entry guidelines visit www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au or call (07) 3224 6831.



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Aboriginal Training in Natural and Cultural Resources Now Available

The Central West CMA has training opportunities available for central west catchment Aboriginal people to learn about natural and cultural resources.

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"Vibrant communities and healthy landscapes"

WA health staff get protection

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



HEALTH workers in Western Australia will be offered industrial protection, including a new wages award as part of a package offered by the newly-formed WA Aboriginal Health Workers Association.

Unveiled at a conference in Perth last week, the WAAHWA was formed with a mix of Federal and WA Government funding, but there are no immediate plans to form other State representative bodies or a national organisation to represent health workers in other states.

WAAHWA Co-ordinator George Donaldson said it was

the first time that health workers had been able to enjoy protection through organised membership since the first positions were filled in the 1970s.

To be eligible to join, health workers will have to pay \$250 a year and must have completed Certificate III of the National Health Training Package with a registered training organisation.

Mr Donaldson said that while the WAAHWA would not act strictly as a union, it would have industrial powers to look after the interests of members. "It's a professional association, it's not an actual union," Mr Donaldson said.

"We're looking at industrial arrangements like the wages awards and support in the workplace, especially for our remote communities."

"We're working with the unions to try and improve the awards because the Aboriginal health workers don't really get very large pay and a lot of them work in community control, and they don't get incremental payments and things like that."

WAAHWA Chairperson Jenny Poelina said there were no plans to form similar bodies in other states, or a national organisation to cover all Aboriginal Health Workers throughout Australia.

"There have been indications from health workers in other states that their State health departments had made the decision that they won't provide financial assistance towards State associations, but are keen to provide funding for a national association," she said.



WAAHWA Chairperson Jenny Poelina and Statewide Co-ordinator George Donaldson: "We're looking at industrial arrangements like the wages awards and support in the workplace, especially for our remote communities."



eHealthNT's mascot, Kanga, gives high-fives to NT players as they take the field against South Australia at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, during the Imparja Cup cricket tournament earlier this month. Kanga helps spread the message about a program to have the names of every Northern Territorian on a computerised health database whereby doctors and other registered health professionals can track a patient's medical history.

NT patients' medical records to go on-line



A GROUND-BREAKING computerised health database is being rolled out across the Northern Territory.

The aim is to have the names of every Territorian on a shared electronic health record data base. eHealthNT is responsible for the project.

The shared electronic health record is an electronic record-keeping system that helps health professionals registered with eHealthNT to keep track of people's health record using the computer system. These health professionals could be doctors, nurses Aboriginal health workers and allied health professionals.

Such people will be able to track patients' health records such as medical problems, allergies and medications.

Officials assure patients that the records are secure. Patients have the right to say 'no' to certain information they do not

want viewed or sent on the shared electronic health record.

The record contains a summary of a patient's medical history from local health clinics or doctors' surgeries or hospitals.

People who register with eHealthNT will have their names, addresses and dates of birth entered into the computer system. Each patient will have a unique registration number.

Registering with eHealthNT is voluntary and people are free to withdraw at any time.

Health care providers registered with eHealthNT include most NT public hospitals, a number of remote health clinics and private general practices in the Katherine and Barkly regions, the Tiwi Islands, Jabiru and Pine Creek.

eHealthNT will roll out the program across the whole of the Northern Territory.

The only people with access to a patient's medication record are health professionals who are registered with eHealthNT.

Conference helps close life gap



DELEGATES from all parts of Australia will attend the National Nutrition Networks 2008 Conference in Alice Springs next month to help improve nutrition in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

From 11-14 March under the banner 'Good Tuckers - Good Health', delegates will debate a wide range of topics, including the need for more Aboriginal nutrition workers, and ways to promote healthy weight and diabetes prevention programs to Indigenous families in urban, rural and remote areas.

"Improving nutrition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will play an important role in helping to close the 17-year life expectancy gap that currently exists between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," said Julie-Anne McWhinnie, Chairperson of the National Nutrition Networks Conference Management Committee.

"This conference aims to empower Indigenous people so that they can develop new approaches to food, nutrition and health in a holistic way sufficient to share effective programs that will make a real

difference in 'closing the gap'."

Other key items for discussion include the supply of healthy foods to remote area communities, good nutrition for mothers, babies and children, and 'best practice' procedures to help build healthier individuals and communities.

"The ultimate objective is to foster partnerships between individuals, communities and agencies so that Indigenous people can work together to take action in their own communities and have more control of their own health," Ms McWhinnie said.

The last National Nutrition Networks Conference was held in Cairns in 1999. The event in Alice Springs is part of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nutrition Strategy and Action Plan (NATSINSAP) 2000-2010, which is a nationally-agreed framework to improve Indigenous health outcomes through better nutrition.

This year's conference will be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. Registration details and conference information is available online at www.ruralhealth.org.au

Batchelor in line with other institutions



THE Northern Territory-based Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education has moved to change its academic titles to bring them into line with accepted national and international academic practice.

Since 1995, Batchelor Institute has been a self-accrediting higher education institution.

The Institute became independent under its own Act in 1999, and offers access to tertiary education at all levels to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Batchelor Institute Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeannie Herbert said the move was another step in the evolution of the Institute and more

accurately reflected the academic structures and functions that now operated within it.

"Batchelor Institute holds a unique position as the only tertiary provider in the country fully dedicated to delivering VET and Higher Education programs to Indigenous Australian peoples," Professor Herbert said.

"It has come a long way since its small beginnings as Batchelor College over 30 years ago and has continued to expand."

"With the introduction of postgraduate programs in Indigenous Knowledges and



Vice-Chancellor professor Jeannie Herbert addresses a graduation ceremony last year at the Batchelor Institute.

Indigenous Education and the establishment of our Divisions of Research and of Teaching and Learning, the Institute can be recognised as providing vital leadership in Indigenous research and scholarship in

this country.

"Adopting academic titles aligned with universities will assist Batchelor Institute to engage with others in the sector. Recognition of the Institute's equivalent but specialist nature is an essential element in achieving parity within the sector and ensuring Indigenous involvement in the academy within Australia and overseas."

"As part of its broader role, the Institute is very interested in discussing collaborations in research and other areas with organisations seeking Indigenous input into programs

and projects and welcomes the development of partnerships."

Professor Herbert said the names and positions of Batchelor Institute's Executive staff were as follows:

Vice-Chancellor Prof Jeannie Herbert; Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Tom Evison; Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, Arts and Social Sciences Prof Joe Fraser; Pro Vice-Chancellor Health, Business and Science Prof Jan Schmitzer; Pro Vice-Chancellor Teaching and Learning Prof Kerri-Ann Hewett Fraser; Pro Vice-Chancellor Research Prof Peter Stephenson; Head of Staff and Student Services Division and Registrar Dr Tony Mordini; Head of Finance and Infrastructure Division Mr Martin Heskins; and Head of Policy, Planning and Secretariat Division Mr Peter Garrigan.

Posters mark PM's apology



A SET of posters which have the word 'Sorry' translated in a range of Indigenous languages have been created to mark the historic

national apology to the Stolen Generations.

Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, Chancellor of the Northern Territory-based Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, which created the posters, has joined other Indigenous leaders in acknowledging the deep significance of the occasion.

"Thank you, Prime Minister Rudd for the apology that has finally raised

our people onto the human level," Ms Kunoth-Monks said.

"No amount of money could make up for restoring our humanity."

Batchelor Institute Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeannie Herbert also thanked the Prime Minister for 'demonstrating his capacity for leadership and his commitment to Indigenous Australians' in delivering the apology.

"In acknowledging the pain, degradation and humiliation suffered by many Indigenous Australians, this Australian Government has established the foundation upon

which this nation can build a better future for all of its peoples," Professor Herbert said.

"This simple act has provided the inspiration we all needed to look to the future with renewed hope for it has restored our belief in ourselves and Batchelor Institute commends the Australian Government for its courage in delivering the apology."

"Funds raised from the sale of the posters will enable the Institute to continue to deliver essential training programs, especially in remote communities, in areas such as early childhood studies, primary health care and teacher education."



One of the three 'Sorry' posters produced by Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.



• ABOVE and RIGHT: Two other posters created by the Batchelor Institute to make the national apology to the Stolen Generations. Batchelor Institute Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeannie Herbert said the posters 'has provided the inspiration we all needed to look to the future with renewed hope for it has restored our belief in ourselves'.



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**Southern Cross University
breaks new ground in
Indigenous early education**

Consult people, say the experts



ABORIGINAL communities must be involved in the delivery and development of early childhood education,

according to two academics.

Aboriginal educators from the Lismore-based Southern Cross University (SCU) say the success of initiatives announced by the Australian Government recently depend on such involvement.

Associate Professor Karen Martin, who will take up a position with SCU's School of Education in early March, and Professor Judy Atkinson, director of SCU's Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, have welcomed the initiatives to focus on early childhood education.

"The critical thing is to do it right," Professor Atkinson said.

"It has to be fast-tracked and we need to be working with people at the community level. We need to build the capacity of the community to deliver what is needed.

"Early childhood education is critical but it must come from within the community."

Short courses

Professor Atkinson said her university was in the process of developing short courses for staff in early childhood centres in remote communities.

The School of Education has also developed a new program on Indigenous culture and perspectives which is being embedded in the new Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) course and the primary education course.

Professor Martin, an early childhood educator, will lead the implementation of the new Indigenous focus.

"Southern Cross University will have the first education courses in the nation to have Indigenous culture and perspectives embedded

throughout," she said.

"This is a new framework for building a cultural awareness among students.

"We will have graduates who are ready to teach and to implement the policies and changes that have been so strongly voiced by Kevin Rudd."

Professor Martin said the aim was not to just teach potential teachers about Aboriginal culture, but to embed a real understanding of Indigenous perspectives which they could carry through in their teaching within Indigenous and non-Indigenous settings.

She said she also welcomed the creation of additional university places for early childhood education and the incentives for people to work in remote areas.

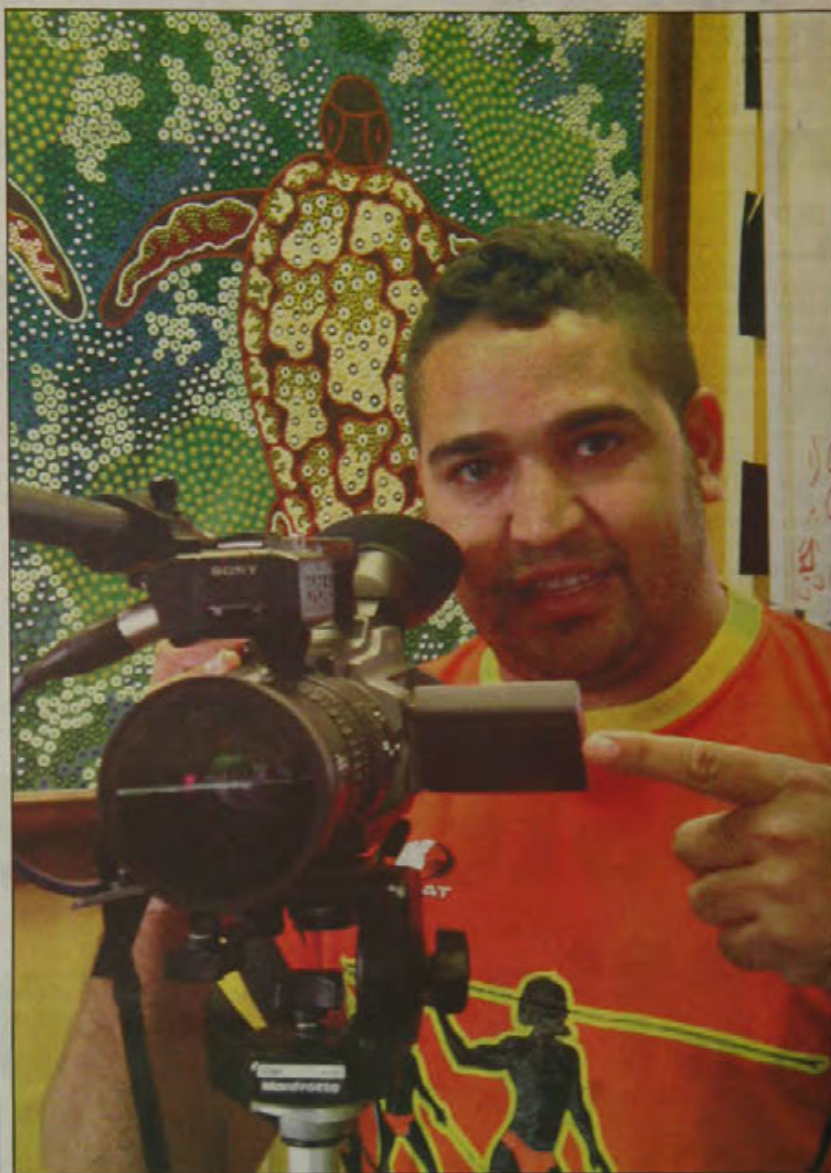
Professor Martin brings to Southern Cross University a wealth of experience. She has worked as an early childhood educator in Aboriginal community controlled education services throughout Queensland and has been involved in policy and curriculum development at State and National levels.

In 2005 she was awarded the Barbara Creaser Award for Early Childhood Australia in recognition of her contribution in the field.

In 2007 she received the Australian Association of Research and Education Dissertation Award.

Associate Professor Anne Graham, head of the School of Education, said: "We are delighted to have Karen Martin join us at SCU as we endeavour to develop early childhood and primary courses that will adequately and authentically prepare teachers for working effectively with Aboriginal children and their families."

The new Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) is being offered at the Coffs Harbour campus. The four-year course will equip graduates to teach in a range of early childhood and primary school settings.



Indigenous film-maker Steve Ellis completed a Sunshine Coast TAFE broadcasting course and will have his own documentary screened on national television later this year.

Young film-maker's 'doco' to be aired



STEVE Ellis has a story to tell. The Inala resident was among 27 Indigenous people who have completed a broadcasting course at Sunshine Coast TAFE, and who have produced documentaries to be screened

nationally this year.

Steve's story is about an Aboriginal child adopted into white families.

"My documentary is called *Dan's Belonging* and the purpose of telling the story was to highlight the challenges faced by Aborigines who were adopted into white families," Steve said.

"It was really fun making the doco because we had the full support of the adoptive family and they were always very supportive of Dan's Aboriginality."

Originally from Mungindi, NSW, Steve said he was looking forward to using his qualifications and skills to produce a number of exciting new media projects.

"I'm working on a project about a young Aboriginal boxer's journey and I film Indigenous hip-hop bands in Brisbane as well," Steve said.

"As a film-maker and radio producer, I see my responsibility is to generate more positive representations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islanders for mainstream media outlets."

Steve and his fellow students will tell their own stories through a series of television documentaries to be screened on national television later this year.

Entitled *I belong*, the documentaries were produced by Brisbane-based companies Bush TV Digital and Carbon Media.

Bush TV Digital managing director Wayne Denning said the 27 participants had completed the Certificate III in broadcasting and were now on their way to film-making careers.

"The training has given the participants the opportunity to tell their stories to the world and focus on their own identity by telling stories about belonging," Mr Denning said.

"There is a real sense of excitement among them because their stories will be heard and they also have valuable media skills and real job opportunities."

The *I belong* documentary series featuring Steve's piece *Dan's Belonging* will be screened on National Indigenous Television (NITV) as well as Foxtel and Austar later this year.

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Simple words light the way



LAID out on the lawn before Parliament House in Canberra on 11 February, 4000 candles flickered spelling out the words 'Sorry, the first step'.

The display, organised by GetUp, sent a powerful message to all who saw it. More than 50 members of the lobby group spent

the day laying out the candles on the grass.

At 7.30pm, the first candle was lit by Stolen Generations member Lorna 'Nanna' Fejo, whose story later illuminated the Prime Minister's apology speech.

"At least I'm alive to hear it," she said in anticipation.

"I'm one of the lucky ones."

GetUp's Executive Director, Brett Solomon, was also upbeat, describing the candles as a symbol both of hope for the future and the nation's dark past.

"The 'sorry is the first step' message is much more than just a celebration," he said.

"It steels our minds for the journey ahead to a reconciled nation."

The momentous events of the historic days that followed the Canberra candle ceremony are featured in this special 24-page supplement.

Photo courtesy of GetUp



National Apology



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin (at front, closest to the camera) and Matilda House with dancers and other guests at the end of the welcome.



In the Members' Hall, from left, Reconciliation Australia Co-Chair Fred Chaney, the Member for Bennelong Maxine McKew, and Reconciliation Australia CEO Barbara Livesey.



Judy Bell and Paul House with their daughters Bo and Bella, who took part in the welcome to country ceremony.



ABOVE and BELOW: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers gave traditional and contemporary performances.



Treahna Hamm helps prepare Matilda House in her traditional dress for the ceremony. Ms Hamm, a Yorta Yorta woman, crafted the possum-skin cloak over three months.



80 years on, a welcome

ON the morning of 9 May 1927, Aboriginal man Jimmy Clements stood quietly among a crowd of people to observe the opening of Parliament House in the nation's capital of Canberra.

The Wiradjuri man had reportedly walked for about a week from Brungle Station, near Tumut, to be at the official event, which was also watched by the Duke and Duchess of York who arrived with much pomp and ceremony in a horse-drawn carriage.

Barefoot and dressed in an old suit, with dogs at his side, Mr Clements wasn't considered a desirable participant in the proceedings and had to resist attempts by a policeman to move him on.

Scant other attention was paid to Aboriginal people on that day. Certainly, no consideration was given to how the traditional owners might have felt about what was taking place on their country. Indeed, *The Canberra Times* newspaper referred to Mr Clements as 'a lone representative of a fast-vanishing race'.

Fast-forward 80 years to the current Parliament House on 12 February 2008 and that disrespect was finally addressed and history made when a traditional welcome to country opened the 42nd Federal Parliament.

The ceremony was held in the Members' Hall, between the House of Representatives and Senate chambers, and was attended by first-time and continuing parliamentarians elected in November last year.

Resplendent in a possum-skin cloak etched with traditional stories, Ngambri Elder Matilda House was accompanied by her tiny granddaughters Bo and Bella House in handing Prime Minister Kevin Rudd a message stick, wrapped in possum skin and feathers.

Ms House reflected on the contrast with Jimmy Clements' barefoot attendance at the opening of the first Parliament House more than eight decades earlier.

"I stand before you in this same great institution, in ceremonial dress, also barefoot – honoured and welcome," she told those gathered. "Quite a contrast to that received by this ancestor in whose footsteps I follow."

"Our nation is marked by great success and honorable deeds, and some not so, some made right, and some yet to be made right – like tomorrow's apology."

"Today is significant because it is the first time in the history of the Australian Parliament that a Prime Minister has honoured us, the first people of this land,



Matilda House joins hands with the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd (left) and Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson, following her historic welcome to country for the 42nd Federal Parliament.

by seeking a welcome to country.

"In doing so, the Prime Minister shows what we call – proper respect – to us, to his fellow parliamentarians and to all Australians."

Ms House received a standing ovation after her welcome speech, in which she acknowledged Elders and ancestors and expressed hope for a united Australia and reconciliation.

Following her was Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, who remarked on the contrast between the welcome to country ceremony and the opening of the old parliament, to which no Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people were invited.

Stood alone

"There was no welcome to country, they were not welcome at all. No place at the national table as we began the national parliament in this place for the first time," Mr Rudd said, lamenting that Jimmy Clements had come and stood alone.

"I celebrate the fact that Indigenous Australia is alive, well, and with us for the future."

"Today we begin with one small step, to set right the wrongs of the past. And in this ceremonial way, it is a significant and symbolic step."

"It has taken 41 parliaments to get here."

We can be a bit slow sometimes. But we got here."

Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson thanked Ms House for her welcome and pledged his support for such ceremonies to become a permanent part of the opening of all future Federal parliaments.

Further amplifying the contrast between the two parliament openings were traditional and contemporary dance performances, complete with singing and the sounds of the didgeridoo, clapsticks, warup drum and kulaps.

Yorta Yorta artist Treahna Hamm, from Victoria, was thrilled to have made the possum-skin cloak worn by Ms House at the opening, especially on the day before the Parliament's formal apology to the Stolen Generations.

"It is wonderful to see the cloak being worn by Auntie Matilda today because I am part of the Stolen Generations as well," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"It is good when art and culture and family and everything meets for the good of the community, and the little ones see it."

"Today was really exciting and tomorrow will be even more spectacular, it is going to be like a relief. People are nervous and anxious but, once it is done, a lot of people will start healing and telling their story."

– By KIRSTIE PARKER

National Apology

Excerpt from Hansard, the official Parliamentary record, for Wednesday, 13 February 2008.

The SPEAKER (Hon Harry Jenkins) took the chair at 9am and read prayers.

APOLOGY TO AUSTRALIA'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
Mr RUDD (Griffith—Prime Minister) (9.00 am)—I move:

That today we honour the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

We reflect on their past mistreatment.

We reflect in particular on the mistreatment of those who were Stolen Generations – this blemished chapter in our nation's history.

The time has now come for the nation to turn a new page in Australia's history by righting the wrongs of the past and so moving forward with confidence to the future.

We apologise for the laws and policies of successive Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians.

We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.

For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry.

To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and the sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry.

And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry.

We the Parliament of Australia respectfully request that this apology be received in the spirit in which it is offered as part of the healing of the nation.

For the future we take heart; resolving that this new page in the history of our great continent can now be written.

We today take this first step by acknowledging the past and laying claim to a future that embraces all Australians.

A future where this Parliament resolves that the injustices of the past must never, never happen again.

A future where we harness the determination of all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to close the gap that lies between us in life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity.

A future where we embrace the possibility of new solutions to enduring problems where old approaches have failed.

A future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and mutual responsibility.

A future where all Australians, whatever their origins, are truly equal partners, with equal opportunities and with an equal stake in shaping the next chapter in the history of this great country, Australia.

● Prime Minister Kevin Rudd spoke further, after reading the apology. For the full transcript, see pages 4-5.

National Apology

PM's words that

Here is the text of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's speech and apology to the Stolen Generations, as taken from Hansard, the official Parliamentary record. The speech was broadcast live on every Australian television network.

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There comes a time in the history of nations when their peoples must become fully reconciled to their past if they are to go forward with confidence to embrace their future. Our nation, Australia, has reached such a time. And that is why the Parliament is today here assembled: to deal with this unfinished business of the nation, to remove a great stain from the nation's soul and, in a true spirit of reconciliation, to open a new chapter in the history of this great land, Australia.

Last year I made a commitment to the Australian people that if we formed the next government of the Commonwealth we would in Parliament say sorry to the Stolen Generations. Today I honour that commitment. I said we would do so early in the life of the new Parliament. Again, today I honour that commitment by doing so at the



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– Prime Minister Kevin Rudd

commencement of this the 42nd Parliament of the Commonwealth. Because the time has come, well and truly come, for all peoples of our great country, for all citizens of our great Commonwealth, for all Australians – those who are Indigenous and those who are not – to come together to reconcile and together build a new future for our nation.

Some have asked, 'Why apologise?' Let me begin to answer by telling the Parliament just a little of one person's story – an elegant, eloquent and wonderful woman in her 80s, full of life, full of funny stories, despite what has happened in her life's journey. A woman who has travelled a long way to be with us today, a member of the Stolen Generation who shared some of her story with me when I called around to see her just a few days ago.

Nungala Fejo, as she prefers to be called, was born in the late 1920s. She remembers her earliest childhood days living with her family and her community in a bush camp just outside Tennant Creek. She remembers the love and the warmth and the kinship of those days long ago, including traditional dancing around the camp fire at night.

She loved the dancing. She remembers

once getting into some strife when, as a four-year-old girl, she insisted on dancing with the male tribal Elders rather than just sitting and watching the men, as the girls were supposed to do.

But then, some time around 1932, when she was about four, she remembers the coming of the welfare men. Her family had feared that day and had dug holes in the creek bank where the children could run and hide. What they had not expected was that the white welfare men did not come alone. They brought a truck, they brought two white men and an Aboriginal stockman on horseback cracking his stockwhip. The kids were found; they ran for their mothers, screaming, but they could not get away. They were herded and piled onto the back of the truck. Tears flowing, her mum tried clinging to the sides of the truck as her children were taken away to the Bungalow in Alice, all in the name of protection.

A few years later, government policy changed. Now the children would be handed over to the missions to be cared for by the churches. But which church would care for them? The kids were simply told to line up in three lines. Nanna Fejo and her sister stood in the middle line, her older brother and cousin

on her left. Those on the left were told that they had become Catholics, those in the middle Methodists and those on the right Church of England. That is how the complex questions of post-reformation theology were resolved in the Australian outback in the 1930s. It was as crude as that.

She and her sister were sent to a Methodist mission on Goulburn Island and then Croker Island. Her Catholic brother was sent to work at a cattle station and her cousin to a Catholic mission.

Nanna Fejo's family had been broken up for a second time. She stayed at the mission until after the war, when she was allowed to leave for a pre-arranged job as a domestic in Darwin. She was 16. Nanna Fejo never saw her mum again. After she left the mission, her brother let her know that her mum had died years before, a broken woman fretting for the children that had literally been ripped away from her.

I asked Nanna Fejo what she would have me say today about her story. She thought for a few moments then said that what I should say today was that all mothers are important. And she added: 'Families – keeping them together is very important. It's a good thing that you are surrounded by love and that love is passed down the generations. That's what gives you happiness'.

As I left, later on, Nanna Fejo took one of my staff aside, wanting to make sure that I was not too hard on the Aboriginal stockman who had hunted those kids down all those years ago. The stockman had found her again decades later, this time himself to say 'Sorry'. And remarkably, extraordinarily, she had forgiven him.

Nanna Fejo's is just one story. There are thousands, tens of thousands of them: stories of forced separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their mums and dads over the better part of a century. Some of these stories are graphically told in *Bringing Them Home*, the report commissioned in 1995 by Prime Minister Keating and received in 1997 by Prime Minister Howard. There is something terribly primal about these first-hand accounts. The pain is searing; it screams from the pages. The hurt, the humiliation, the degradation and the sheer brutality of the act of physically separating a mother from her children is a deep assault on our senses and on our most elemental humanity.

These stories cry out to be heard; they cry out for an apology. Instead, from the nation's Parliament there has been a story and stubborn and deafening silence for more than a decade. A view that somehow we, the Parliament, should suspend our most basic instincts of what is right and what is wrong. A view that, instead, we should look for any pretext to push this great wrong to one side, to leave it languishing with the historians, the academics and the cultural warriors, as if the Stolen Generations are little more than an interesting sociological phenomenon. But the Stolen Generations are not intellectual curiosities. They are human beings, human beings who have been damaged deeply by the decisions of parliaments and governments. But, as of today, the time for denial, the time for delay, has at last come to an end.

The nation is demanding of its political leadership to take us forward. Decency, human decency, universal human decency, demands that the nation now steps forward to right a historical wrong. That is what we are doing in this place today. But should there still be doubts as to why we must now act, let the Parliament reflect for a moment on the following facts: that, between 1910 and 1970, between 10 and 30 per cent of Indigenous children were forcibly taken from their mothers and fathers. That, as a result, up to 50,000 children were forcibly taken from their families.

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That this was the product of the deliberate, calculated policies of the State as reflected in the explicit powers given to them under statute. That this policy was taken to such extremes by some in administrative authority that the forced extractions of children of so-called 'mixed lineage' were seen as part of a broader policy of dealing with 'the problem of the Aboriginal population'.

One of the most notorious examples of this approach was from the Northern Territory Protector of Natives, who stated, and I quote:

Generally by the fifth and invariably by the sixth generation, all native characteristics of the Australian aborigine are eradicated. The problem of our half-castes – to quote the protector – will quickly be eliminated by the complete disappearance of the black race, and the swift submergence of their progeny in the white ...

The Western Australian Protector of Natives expressed not dissimilar views, expounding them at length in Canberra in 1937 at the first national conference on Indigenous affairs that brought together the Commonwealth and State protectors of natives. These are uncomfortable things to be brought out into the light. They are not pleasant. They are profoundly disturbing. But we must acknowledge these facts if we are to deal once and for all with the argument that the policy of generic forced separation was somehow well motivated, justified by its historical context and, as a result, unworthy of any apology today.

Then we come to the argument of intergenerational responsibility, also used by some to argue against giving an apology today. But let us remember the fact that the forced removal of Aboriginal children was happening as late as the early 1970s. The 1970s is not exactly a point in remote antiquity. There are still serving Members of this Parliament who were first elected to this place in the early 1970s. It is well within the adult memory span of many of us. The uncomfortable truth for us all is that the parliaments of the nation, individually and collectively, enacted statutes and delegated authority under those statutes that made the forced removal of children on racial grounds fully lawful.

There is a further reason for an apology as well: it is that reconciliation is in fact an expression of a core value of our nation – and that value is a fair go for all. There is a deep and abiding belief in the Australian community that, for the Stolen Generations, there was no fair go at all. And there is a pretty basic Aussie belief that says it is time to put right this most outrageous of wrongs. It is for these reasons, quite apart from concerns of fundamental human decency, that the governments and parliaments of this nation must make this apology. Because, put simply, the laws that our parliaments enacted made the Stolen Generations possible. We, the parliaments of the nation, are ultimately responsible, not those who gave effect to our laws, the problem lay with the laws themselves.

As has been said of settler societies elsewhere, we are the bearers of many blessings from our ancestors and therefore we must also be the bearer of their burdens as well. Therefore, for our nation, the course of

action is clear. Therefore for our people, the course of action is clear. And that is, to deal now with what has become one of the darkest chapters in Australia's history. In doing so, we are doing more than contending with the facts, the evidence and the often rancorous public debate. In doing so, we are also wrestling with our own soul. This is not, as some would argue, a black-ribbon view of history; it is just the truth: the cold, confronting, uncomfortable truth. Facing with it, dealing with it, moving on from it. And until we fully confront that truth, there will always be a shadow hanging over us and our future as a fully united and fully reconciled people.

It is time to reconcile. It is time to recognise the injustices of the past. It is time to say sorry. It is time to move forward together.

To the Stolen Generations, I say the following: as Prime Minister of Australia, I am sorry. On behalf of the Government of Australia, I am sorry. On behalf of the Parliament of Australia, I am sorry. And I offer you this apology without qualification.

We apologise for the hurt, the pain and suffering we, the Parliament, have caused you

for a moment if this had happened to you. I say to Honourable Members here present: imagine if this had happened to us. Imagine the crippling effect. Imagine how hard it would be to forgive. But my proposal is this: if the apology we extend today is accepted in the spirit of reconciliation, in which it is offered, we can today resolve together that there be a new beginning for Australia. And it is to such a new beginning that I believe the nation is now calling us.

Australians are a passionate lot. We are also a very practical lot. For us, symbolism is important but, unless the great symbolism of reconciliation is accompanied by an even greater substance, it is little more than a clanging gong. It is not sentiment that makes history; it is our actions that make history. Today's apology, however inadequate, is aimed at righting past wrongs. It is also aimed at building a bridge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians – a bridge based on a real respect rather than a thinly veiled contempt. Our challenge for the future is now to cross that bridge and, in so doing, embrace

contains real measures of policy success or policy failure. A new beginning, a new partnership, on closing the gap with sufficient flexibility not to insist on a one-size-fits-all approach for each of the hundreds of remote and regional Indigenous communities across the country but instead allows flexible, tailored, local approaches to achieve commonly-agreed national objectives that lie at the core of our proposed new partnership. And a new beginning that draws intelligently on the experiences of new policy settings across the nation. However, unless we as a Parliament set a destination for the nation, we have no clear point to guide our policy, our programs or our purpose; no centralised organising principle.

So let us resolve today to begin with the little children – a fitting place to start on this day of apology for the Stolen Generations. Let us resolve over the next five years to have every Indigenous four-year-old in a remote Aboriginal community enrolled and attending a proper early childhood education centre or opportunity and engaged in proper pre-literacy and pre-numeracy programs. Let us resolve to

build new educational opportunities for these little ones, year by year, step by step, following the completion of their crucial pre-school year. Let us resolve to use this systematic approach to building future educational opportunities for Indigenous children to provide proper primary and preventive health care for the same children, to begin the task of rolling back the obscenity that we find today in infant mortality rates in remote Indigenous communities – up to four times higher than in other communities.

None of this will be easy. Most of it will be hard – very hard. But none of it, none of it, is impossible, and all of it is achievable with clear goals, clear thinking, and by placing an absolute premium on respect, co-operation and mutual responsibility as the guiding principles of this new partnership on closing the gap. The mood of the nation is for reconciliation now, between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. The mood of the nation on Indigenous policy and politics is now very simple. The

nation is calling on us, the politicians, to move beyond our infantile bickering, our point-scoring and our mindlessly partisan politics and elevate at least this one core area of national responsibility to a rare position beyond the partisan divide. Surely this is the spirit, the unfulfilled spirit, of the 1967 referendum. Surely, at least from this day forward, we should give it a go.

So let me take this one step further to take what some may see as a piece of political posturing and make a practical proposal to the Opposition on this day, the first full sitting day of the new Parliament. I said before the election the nation needed a kind of war cabinet on parts of Indigenous policy, because the challenges are too great and the consequences too great to just allow it all to become a political football, as it has been so often in the past. I therefore propose a joint policy commission, to be led by the Leader of the Opposition and myself and, with a mandate to develop and implement – to begin with – an effective housing strategy for remote communities over the next five years. It will be consistent with the Government's policy

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Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, with Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson, hands the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Harry Jenkins, a glass coolamon presented to the Parliament on behalf of the Stolen Generations.



by the laws that previous parliaments have enacted. We apologise for the indignity, the degradation and the humiliation these laws embodied. We offer this apology to the mothers, the fathers, the brothers, the sisters, the families and the communities whose lives were ripped apart by the actions of successive governments under successive parliaments.

In making this apology, I would also like to speak personally to the members of the Stolen Generation and their families: to those here today, so many of you; to those listening across the nation – from Yuendumu, in the central-west of the Northern Territory, to Yabara, in North Queensland, and to Pitjantjatjara in South Australia.

I know that, in offering this apology on behalf of the Government and the Parliament, there is nothing I can say today that can take away the pain you have suffered personally. Whatever words I speak today, I cannot undo that. Words alone are not that powerful. Grief is a very personal thing.

I say to non-Indigenous Australians listening today who may not fully understand why what we are doing is so important, I ask those non-Indigenous Australians to imagine

a new partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Embracing, as part of that partnership, expanded Link-Up and other critical services to help the Stolen Generations to trace their families, if at all possible, and to provide dignity to their lives. But the core of this partnership for the future is to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians on life expectancy, educational achievement and employment opportunities.

This new partnership on closing the gap will set concrete targets for the future: within a decade to halve the widening gap in literacy, numeracy and employment outcomes and opportunities for Indigenous children; within a decade to halve the appalling gap in infant mortality rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children; and, within a generation, to close the equally appalling 17-year life gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people when it comes to overall life expectancy.

The truth is: a business-as-usual approach towards Indigenous Australians is not working. Most old approaches are not working. We need a new beginning. A new beginning which

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The Opposition

This is the official Hansard version of the reply by Federal Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson to the Stolen Generations apology motion in Federal Parliament by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

MR Speaker, Members of this the 42nd Parliament of Australia, visitors and all Australians. In rising to speak strongly in support of this motion I recognise the Ngunnawal, first peoples of this Canberra land.

Today our nation crosses a threshold. We formally offer an apology. We say sorry to those Aboriginal people forcibly removed from their families through the first seven decades of the 20th century. In doing so, we reach from within ourselves to our past, those whose lives connect us to it, and in deep understanding of its importance to our future.

We will be at our best today and every day if we pause to place ourselves in the shoes of others, imbued with the imaginative capacity to see this issue through their eyes with decency and respect.

This chapter in our nation's history is emblematic of much of the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians from the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788. It is one of two cultures: one ancient, proud and celebrating its deep bond with this land for some 60,000 years; the other, no less proud, arrived here with little more than visionary hope, deeply rooted in gritty determination to build an Australian nation for not only its early settlers and Indigenous peoples but also those who would increasingly come from all parts of the world.

Whether Australian by birth or immigration, each one of us as Australians has a duty to understand and respect what has been done in our name. In most cases we do so with great pride, but in others it is with shame. In brutally harsh conditions, from the small number of early British settlers, our non-Indigenous ancestors have given us a nation the envy of any in the world.

But Aboriginal Australians made involuntary sacrifices, different but no less important, to make possible the economic and social development of our country today. None of this was easy. We cannot, from the comfort of the 21st century, begin to imagine what they overcame – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – to give us what we have and make us who we are. We do know, though, that language, disease, ignorance, good intentions, basic human prejudices and a cultural and technological chasm combined to deliver a harshness exceeded only by the land over which each sought to prevail.

And as our young nation celebrated its Federation, formality emerged in arrangements and laws that would govern the



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– Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson

lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The new nation's Constitution, though, would not allow for the counting of 'natives' or for the Commonwealth to pass laws in relation to Aborigines. Protection boards and reserves

were established. Aborigines in some jurisdictions were excluded from public schools, episodic violence in race relations continued, assimilation underwrote emerging policies and churches heeded their Christian

doctrine to reach out to people whom they saw in desperate need.

Though disputed in motive and detail and with varying recollections of events by others, the removal of Aboriginal children began. In some cases, government policies evolved from the belief that the Aboriginal race would not survive and should be assimilated; in others, the conviction was that 'half-caste' children in particular should, for their own protection, be removed to government and church-run institutions where conditions reflected the standards of the day. Others were placed with white families whose kindness motivated them to the belief that rescued children deserved a better life.

Our responsibility, every one of us, is to understand what happened here, why it happened and the impact it had on not only those who were removed but also those who did the removing and supported it. Our generation does not own these actions, nor should it feel guilt for what was done in many, but certainly not all, cases with the best of intentions.

But in saying we are sorry, and deeply so, we remind ourselves that each generation lives in ignorance of the long-term consequences of its decisions and actions. Even when motivated by inherent humanity and decency to reach out to the dispossessed in extreme adversity, our actions can have unintended outcomes. As such, many decent Australians are hurt by accusations of theft in relation to their good intentions.

The stories are well documented, and I thank the Prime Minister for reminding us of Nanna Nungala Fejo's experience. I will repeat two stories. The first is from a submission given to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission inquiry, and I quote:

I was at the post office with my Mum and Aunt (and cousin). They put us in the police ute and said they were taking us to Broome. They put the mums in there as well. But when we'd gone (about ten miles) they stopped, and threw the mothers out of the car. We jumped on our mothers' backs, crying, trying not to be left behind. But the policemen pulled us off and threw us back in the car. They pushed the mothers away and drove off, while our mothers were chasing the car, running and crying after us. We were screaming in the back of that car. When we got to Broome they put me and my cousin in the Broome lockup. We were only ten years old. We were in the lockup for two days waiting for the boat to Perth.

In his black oral history, *The Wailing*, which I commend to every Australian, Stuart Rintoul recalls the thin pain of an Aboriginal woman from Walgett:

Something else that never left my mind, my memory, was of a family of children being taken away and this little girl, she must have been about the same age as myself, I suppose she might have been about six. But I can still

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framework, a new partnership for closing the gap. If this commission operates well, I then propose that it work on the further task of constitutional recognition of the first Australians, consistent with the long-standing platform commitments of my party and the pre-election position of the Opposition. This would probably be desirable in any event because, unless such a proposition were absolutely bipartisan, it would fail at a referendum. As I have said before, the time has come for new approaches to enduring problems.

And working constructively together on such defined projects, I believe, would meet with the support of the nation. It is time for fresh ideas to fashion the nation's future.

Today the Parliament has come together to right a great wrong. We have come together to deal with the past so that we might fully embrace the future. And we have had sufficient audacity of faith to advance a pathway to that future, with arms extended rather than with fists still clenched. So let us seize the day. Let it not become a moment of mere sentimental reflection. Let us take it with both hands and allow

this day, this day of national reconciliation, to become one of those rare moments in which we might just be able to transform the way in which the nation thinks about itself, whereby the injustice administered to these Stolen Generations in the name of these, our parliaments, causes all of us to reappraise, at the deepest level of our beliefs, the real possibility of reconciliation writ large.

Reconciliation across all Indigenous Australia. Reconciliation across the entire history of the often-bloody encounter between those who emerged from the Dreamtime a thousand generations

ago and those who, like me, came across the seas only yesterday. Reconciliation which opens up whole new possibilities for the future.

For the nation to bring the first two centuries of our settled history to a close, as we begin a new chapter and which we embrace with pride, admiration and awe these great and ancient cultures we are blessed, truly blessed, to have among us. Cultures that provide a unique, uninterrupted human thread linking our Australian continent to the most ancient prehistory of our planet. And growing from this new respect, to see our Indigenous brothers and sisters with fresh eyes,

with new eyes, and with our minds wide open as to how we might tackle, together, the great practical challenges that Indigenous Australia faces in the future.

So let us turn this page together: Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, Government and Opposition, Commonwealth and State, and write this new chapter in our nation's story together. First Australians, First Fleeters, and those who first took the Oath of Allegiance just a few weeks ago. Let's grasp this opportunity to craft a new future for this great land: Australia.

I commend the motion to the House.

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see that little person on the back of the mission truck with a little rag hat on, and she went away and we never seen her any more. She was crying. Everyone was crying. Things like that never leave your memory.

It is reasonably argued that removal from squalor led to better lives: children fed, housed and educated for an adult world which they could not have imagined. However, from my life as a family doctor and knowing the impact of my own father's removal from his unmarried, teenage mother, I know that not knowing who you are is the source of deep, scarring sorrows, the real meaning of which can be known only to those who have endured it.

No-one should bring a sense of moral superiority to this debate in seeking to diminish the view that good in many cases was sought to be done. This is a complex issue.

Faye Lyman's life is one of the *Many Voices* oral histories at the National Library of Australia. Faye left her father when she was eight. She said this:

Personally, I don't want people to say, 'I'm sorry Faye', I just want them to understand. It was very hurtful to leave Dad. Oh, it broke my heart. Dad said to me, 'It's hard for Daddy and the authorities won't let you stay with me in a tent on the river bank. You're a little girl and you need someone to look after you'. I remember him telling us that, and I cried. I said 'No, but Dad, you look after us' ... But they kept telling us it wasn't the right thing'.

She went on:

I don't want people to say sorry. I just want them to understand the hurt, what happened when we were initially separated, and just understand the society, what they have done ... You don't belong in either world. I can't explain it. It hurts so much.

There is no compensation fund for this – nor should there be. How can any sum of money replace a life deprived of knowing your family? Separation was then, and remains today, a painful but necessary part of public policy in the protection of children.

Our restitution for this lies in our determination to address today's injustices, learning from what was done and doing everything we can to heal those who suffered. The period within which these events occurred was one that defined and shaped Australia. The governments that oversaw this and those who elected them emerged from federating the nation to a century characterised for Australia as triumph in the face of extraordinary adversities unknown to our generation.

In offering this apology, let us not in our language and actions create one injustice in our attempt to address another. Let no-one forget that they sent their sons to war, shaping our identity and place in the world. One hundred thousand Australians in two wars alone gave their lives in our name and our uniform, lying forever in distant lands, silent witnesses to the future that they have given us. Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians lie alongside one another. These generations considered their responsibilities to their country and one another more important than their rights. They did not buy something until they had saved up for it, and values were far more important than value. Living in considerably more difficult times, they had dreams for our nation but little money.

Theirs was a mesh of values enshrined in God, King and Country and the belief in something greater than yourself. Neglectful indifference to all they have achieved while seeing their actions in the separations only, through the values of our comfortable, modern Australia, will be to diminish ourselves.

Today our nation pauses to reflect on this

chapter of relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia.

In doing so, however, given that there are so many Australians who, perhaps unusually today, are focused on Aboriginal issues, spare a thought for the real, immediate, seemingly intractable and disgraceful circumstances in which many Indigenous Australians find themselves today. As we meet and speak in this Parliament, Aboriginal Australians continue to die long before the rest of us. Alcohol, welfare without responsibilities, isolation from the economic mainstream, corrupt management of resources, nepotism, political buck-passing between governments with divided responsibilities, lack of home ownership, underpolicing, intolerance by authorities and neglect and abuse of children that violates all for which we stand all combine to see too many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living lives of existential aimlessness.

Indigenous life expectancy is still stubbornly 17 years less than for non-Indigenous Australians. An Aboriginal baby born while we speak still has only a one-in-three chance of seeing the age of 65. Diabetes, kidney disease, hospitalisation of women from assault, imprisonment, overcrowding in housing, educational underperformance and unemployment remain appallingly high, despite gains in some areas over the past decade. Annual Indigenous-specific spending by the Commonwealth has reached \$3.5 billion a year, plus half-a-billion dollars this year on the Northern Territory Intervention.

The sexual abuse of Aboriginal children was found in every one of the 45 Northern Territory communities surveyed for the *Little Children are Sacred* report. It was the straw that broke the camel's back, driving the Howard Government's decision to intervene with a suite of dramatically radical welfare, health and policing initiatives.

I cannot imagine the strength upon which she drew, but the Alice Springs Crown Prosecutor, Nanette Rogers, with great courage, revealed to the nation in 2006 the

case of a four-year-old girl drowned while being raped by a teenager who had been sniffing petrol. She told us of the two children, one a baby, sexually assaulted by two men while their mothers were drinking alcohol. Another baby was stabbed by a man trying to kill her mother. So too a 10-year-old girl was gang-raped in Aurukun, the offenders going free, barely punished. A boy was raped in another community by other children.

Is this not an emergency, the most disturbing part of it being its endemic nature and Australia's apparent desensitisation to it? Yet governments responsible for delivering services and security have resisted elements of a Northern Territory-style intervention.

I ask the Prime Minister to report to this Parliament regularly on what his Government is doing to save this generation of Aboriginal Australians from these appalling conditions. I also offer on behalf of the Opposition my unconditional support to participate in the commission for policy which he proposes. This is far, far more important than any of the things that would normally divide us as a nation in philosophy and politics.

Our generation has over 35 years overseen a system of welfare, alcohol delivery, administration of programs, episodic preoccupation with symbolism and, at times, even excusing the inexcusable in the name of cultural sensitivity, to create what we now see in remote Aboriginal Australia. With good intentions, perhaps like earlier generations, we have under successive governments created lives, in many cases, of misery for which we might apologise. I certainly do. The best way we can show it is to act, and to act now. I challenge anyone who thinks Aboriginal people get a good deal to come to any of these communities and tell me you wish you had been born there.

The first Aboriginal Australian who came to this Parliament was Neville Bonner. A Jagera man abandoned by his non-Aboriginal father before his birth on Ukerebagh Island in the mouth of the Tweed River, Neville was born into a life of hardship known only to

some who are here today as visitors. He grew up in a hollow that had been carved by his grandfather under lantana bushes. The year before his mother's death, when he was nine, she sent him to a school near Lismore. He lasted two days before the non-Aboriginal people forced his exclusion.

It was to his grandmother Ida he attributed his final success. Arguing that at 14 the boy must go to school, she had said to him:

'Neville, if you learn to read and write, express yourself well and treat people with decency and courtesy, it will take you a long way', and it did. Through a life as a scrub-clearer, a ringer, a stockman, a bridge carpenter and 11 years on Palm Island, it brought him to this Parliament in 1971, as the events of this motion were nearing an end.

He said in prophetic words to the Liberal Party members who selected him: 'In my experience of this world, two qualities are always in greater need – human understanding and compassion.'

When he was asked by Robin Hughes in 1992 to reflect on his life, Neville observed that the unjust hardships he had endured 'can only be changed when people of non-Aboriginal extraction are prepared to listen, to hear what Aboriginal people are saying, and then work with us to achieve those ends'.

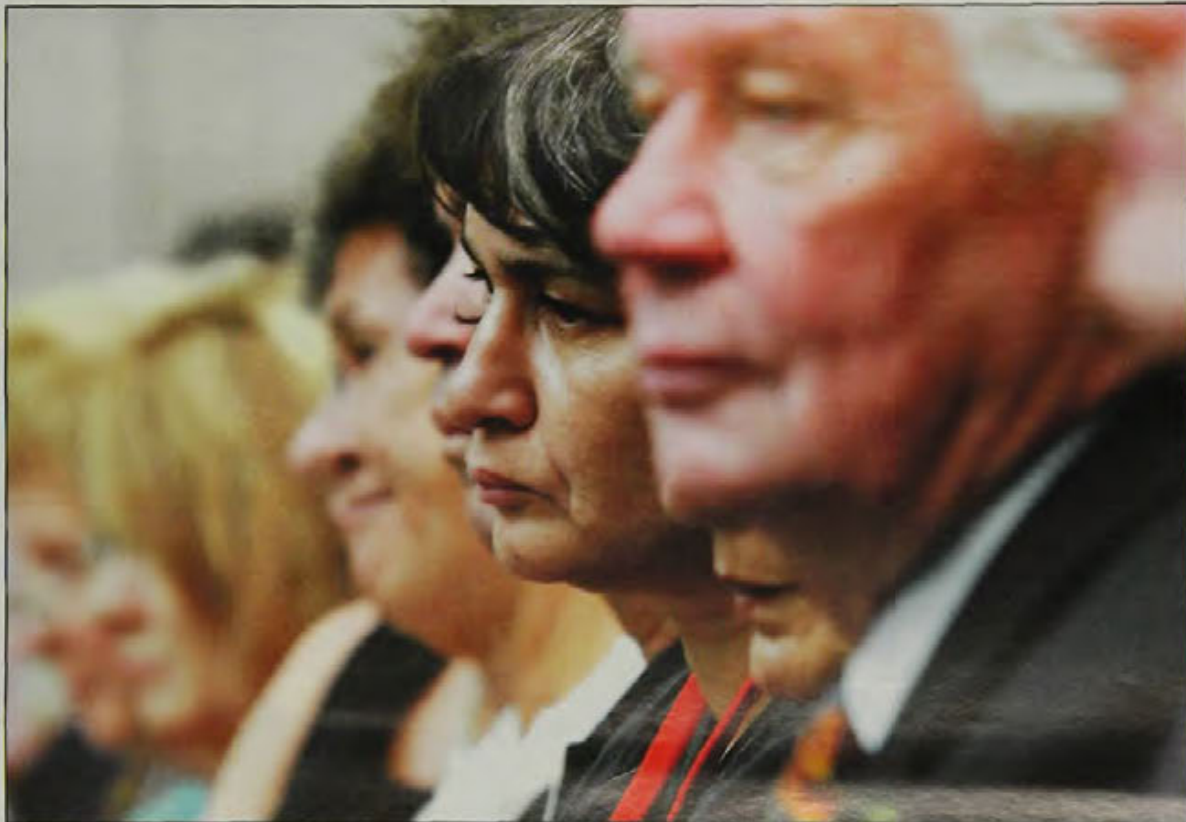
Asked to nominate his greatest achievement, he replied: 'It is that I was there. They no longer spoke of boongs or blacks. They spoke instead of Aboriginal people.'

Today is about 'being there' as a nation and as individual Australians. It is about Neville Bonner's understanding of one another and the compassion that shaped his life in literally reaching out to those whom he considered had suffered more than him.

We honour those in our past who have suffered – many of whom are here today – and all who have made sacrifices for us by the way we live our lives and shape our nation.

Today we recommit to do so – as one people.

We are sorry.



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This is the response that TOM CALMA, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, gave following the Government's national apology to the Stolen Generations.

P RIME Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd; Opposition Leader, Brendan Nelson; the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin; Professor Bruce Wilson representing Sir Ronald Wilson; Stolen Generations patrons Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue and Bobby Randall; Chairs Helen Moran and Christine King; Ministers; Members of Parliament; Senators; members of the Stolen Generations; my Indigenous brothers and sisters; and distinguished guests from around Australia and overseas.

May I begin by acknowledging the Ngunnawal peoples – the traditional owners of the land where we meet today and pay my respects to you and to your Elders.

I have been asked by the National Sorry Day Committee and the Stolen Generations Alliance, the two national bodies that represent the Stolen Generations and their families, to respond to the Parliament's apology and to talk briefly about the importance of today's events.

I am deeply honoured to be entrusted with this responsibility and to participate in today's proceedings.

I am particularly honoured to do so in my capacity as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner at the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. The inaugural Social Justice Commissioner, Professor Mick Dodson, was the Co-Commissioner of the national inquiry, along with the then-President, the late Sir Ronald Wilson, that culminated in the *Bringing Them Home* report. The next Social Justice Commissioner, Dr Bill Jonas, contributed greatly to the understanding of the report and the importance of its findings.

Today is an historic day.

It's the day our leaders – across the political spectrum – have chosen dignity, hope and respect as the guiding principles for the relationship with our first nations' peoples.

Through one direct act, Parliament has acknowledged the existence and the impacts of the past policies and practices of forcibly removing Indigenous children from their families.

And by doing so, has paid respect to the Stolen Generations. For their suffering and their loss. For their resilience. And ultimately, for their dignity.

L et me tell you what this apology means to me. For many years, my family has been searching in vain to find information about my great-grandmother, May, who was taken at the start of the 20th Century.

Recently, Link Up in Darwin located some information in the Archives. In a document titled 'list of half-castes in the NT' dated 2 December 1899, a government official named George Thompson wrote the following about my great-grandmother:

Half-caste May is a well-grown girl, is living with her mother in the blacks camp at Woolwonga, her mother will not part with her, she mixes up a great deal with the Chinamen, she only has a narga on.

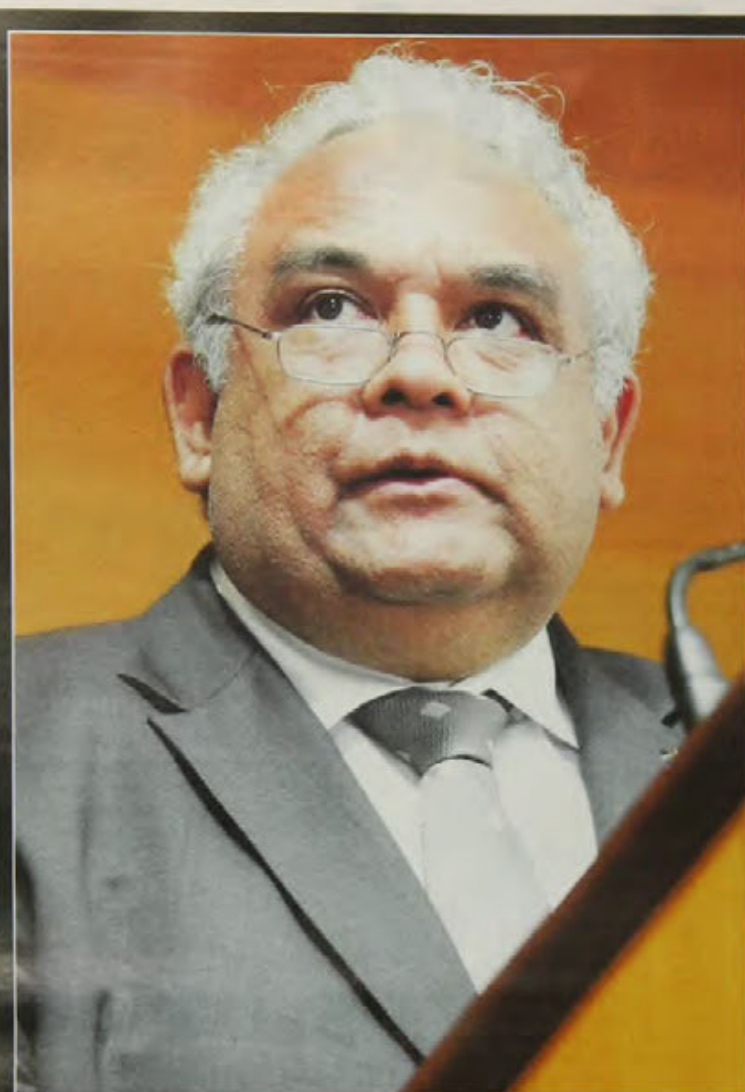
My great-grandmother's ordeal was not uncommon and nor was the chilling account – 'her mother will not part with her'.

The apology is not about black armbands and guilt. It never was. It is about belonging.

The introductory words of the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report remind us of this. It reads:

...the past is very much with us today, in the continuing devastation of the lives of Indigenous Australians. That devastation cannot be addressed unless the whole community listens with an open heart and mind to the stories of what has happened in the past and, having listened and understood, commits itself to reconciliation'.

By acknowledging and paying respect, Parliament has now laid the foundations for



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma making his response in the Members' Hall at Parliament House, Canberra ... "The apology is not about black armbands and guilt. It never was. It is about belonging."

Let the healing begin...

healing to take place and for a reconciled Australia in which everyone belongs.

For today is not just about the Stolen Generations – it is about every Australian.

Today's actions enable every single one of us to move forward together – with joint aspirations and a national story that contains a shared past and future.

It is a matter of great sadness that the

experiences of the Stolen Generations have been used as a source of division among the Australian community since the release of the *Bringing Them Home* report. There are many individuals who have made their name as 'Stolen Generations deniers and rebutters'.

This vitriol has re-traumatised many of the Stolen Generations. It has cast doubts

on the integrity of many individuals, and ultimately has denied Indigenous people basic human dignity and decency.

These are not traits associated with 'the Australian way'. Nor is it any way to respond to human tragedy.

Let us feel proud that we are now facing the difficult and dark experiences from our past in order to move forward.

Let us also feel proud that – as a nation – we respect our fellow citizens, we care for their plight and we offer our hand in friendship so that we may all enjoy the bounty of this great nation.

Prime Minister, can I thank you for your leadership on this issue. It is far more difficult to try and unite people than to divide them. Your efforts should be praised universally for attempting to create a bridge between the many diverse elements of our society.

To the Leader of the Opposition, can I also thank you for your leadership. It is of great significance that this motion was passed with bipartisan support.

F or too long, Indigenous peoples have been used as a political football. More often than not, this has promoted fear, misunderstanding intolerance and inaction.

And to all Parliamentarians, I say – let today be a new beginning, not an end point.

Last month, I facilitated discussions between the Government and Stolen Generations groups about the apology. The overwhelming message from those meetings was that this should be seen as the first step in a partnership.

The Stolen Generations have needs that have yet to be met, mainly due to under-funding of Link Ups and other support organisations.

There remains a pressing need for specific assistance tailored to the particular circumstances of those forcibly removed from their families.

And there are many recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report that have not been implemented.

In fact, there has been little attempt to even consider many of these recommendations at the Federal or State level in recent years, or for them to be implemented systematically across all jurisdictions. To the Premiers and State and Territory government representatives here today, we urge you to join the partnership to address the unfinished business.

Prime Minister, I mentioned earlier that it is harder to try and unite people than it is to divide them. This is because if people have hope, they also have expectations.

The consultations between your Government and Stolen Generations groups identified a number of elements to build upon from today. These include:

- Committing to a partnership with Stolen Generations groups, as well as Link Ups and other service providers, with ongoing consultation and participation;

- Committing to a comprehensive government response to the needs of the Stolen Generations, as identified in the *Bringing Them Home* report; and

- Adopting a whole-of-government approach – across departments and across governments – to achieve this.

There is much hope that today's apology can create the impetus for a renewed partnership between the Federal Government and State and Territory governments to fully implement the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report.

It is timely that the Federal Government take a leadership role in developing a national process to make this happen.

Finally, can I acknowledge the support of the many millions of non-Indigenous Australians who have walked with us on the path of reconciliation and justice, and can I pay tribute to the members of the Stolen Generations, for your incredible resilience, stoicism and dignity in the face of untold suffering.

Let your healing, and the healing of the nation, begin. Thank you.



Milestone for our people

By KIRSTIE PARKER

THERE are milestones in every nation's history that its citizens will never forget. Those milestones can be as random as man's first foray onto the moon, the arrival of television into suburban lounge rooms, or a particularly fine performance in the Melbourne Cup.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, notable contemporary milestones have been the overwhelming 'Yes' vote in the 1967 Referendum, the High Court's decision in the Mabo case in 1992, the delivery just six months later of then-Prime Minister Paul Keating's famous Redfern Park Speech, and the Sydney Harbour Bridge Walk for Reconciliation in 2000.

For many people, though, those moments – as pivotal as they are in our collective history – were eclipsed on 13 February when Prime Minister Kevin Rudd took less than an hour to smooth over years of debate, dispute and recriminations about one of our nation's darkest chapters.

That chapter encompassed decades to the early 1970s during which government policies and practices saw up to 100,000 Aboriginal children removed – 'stolen' – on the basis of their race.

During his 11 years in the highest office, Kevin Rudd's predecessor, John Howard, had steadfastly refused to apologise or say 'sorry' for those occurrences, although the Parliament did in 1999 pass a motion of reconciliation expressing 'deep and sincere regret over the removal of Aboriginal children from their parents'.

This caginess spilled over into other areas of the Howard Government's relationship with Indigenous Australians, to a point that many people believed it to be unsalvageable.

So it was always going to be crucial for a new Labor Government to signal early in its term how it intended to heal the rifts.

*... And now that you have said that little word
The sweetest word that I have ever heard
I'll take it that your heart is being true
And I say to you that I now forgive you*

– The Sorry Song (Sorry is such a little word), Fred Penny, 2008

The historic national apology to the Stolen Generations did so in a big way, and a previously highly cynical Indigenous community now seems ready to start afresh.

The proceedings in the House of Representatives on 13

February were watched from the floor and galleries of the chamber by several hundred nervous and hopeful Stolen Generations members, four out of the five previous Prime Ministers (John Howard declined an invitation), and State and Territory leaders. Many of those present were moved to tears.

The Federal Opposition, led by Dr Brendan Nelson, had agreed to support the Prime Minister's apology motion. However, it was an uneasy truce fuelled by the Government's refusal to release the wording until several days before it was delivered.

Some in the Opposition ran the gauntlet by declaring publicly that some of those removed were taken for good reasons, that they

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The words she longed to hear ... Connie Cole, from Darwin, listens to the apology.

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Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson shake hands across the dispatch boxes in the House of Representatives after the apology was delivered.



Stolen Generations campaigner Lowitja O'Donoghue hugs Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

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had suffered neglect or abuse within their own families or communities, and this negated the need for an apology.

In the end, a few Opposition MPs absented themselves from the House of Representatives when Mr Rudd spoke, as well as their own Leader.

Many Stolen Generations members said afterwards that the Prime Minister's apology and speech had far exceeded their hopes and expectations, describing them as 'genuine' and 'courageous'.

They were heartened by commitments in the speech to action to close the life expectancy, educational and economic gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

But, while genuinely appreciative of the Opposition's bipartisan support for the apology motion, people were less effusive about Dr Nelson's speech.

Some were angered and disappointed that the Opposition Leader referred to specific contemporary cases of sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities, dismissed the notion of compensation for the Stolen Generations and justified the largely unpopular emergency intervention into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

Those Stolen Generations members in the chamber maintained a dignified silence as Dr Nelson spoke, and applauded politely when he finished.

However, the reception outside in the nearby Great Hall and, indeed, gathered around giant television screens in public spaces throughout the country was more hostile.

Echoing the reaction given to John Howard at the 1997 Reconciliation Convention, hundreds of people booed.



Deeply hurt ... Victorian Elder Faye Lyman said she felt 'stolen all over again' after Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson told part of her story without her permission.

jeered and turned their backs on the Opposition Leader's onscreen image.

In the days after, Dr Nelson was forced to apologise to Victorian Aboriginal Elder Faye Lyman, whose story he incorporated into his speech without asking.

Ms Lyman described the speech as 'toxic' and said Dr Nelson had misrepresented her comments to the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal Children from their Families and made her feel 'stolen all over again'.

Still, there were some people like Shadow Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott who defended the speech.

"It was a very difficult topic given the history of the Coalition on this subject, but I thought he handled it magnificently," Dr Abbott said of his leader.

And there was also the Opposition's bipartisan support for a Joint Policy Commission to tackle the challenge of Indigenous housing in remote communities and, if that proves successful, further matters such as constitutional recognition for Indigenous people.

There can be no doubt that turning around Indigenous disadvantage will take more than honest talk and far more concerted, focussed and sustained action than has ever been harnessed. And the question of compensation as part of a comprehensive reparations package will not go away.

However, even now – two weeks on – the applause from around the country and indeed the world shows little sign of abating.

Former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, himself with a considerable following among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, said the apology was an excellent idea, declaring 'they expressed it superbly and it was delivered completely'.

Seventeen years after the formal start of the reconciliation process between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians – ironically the extent of the gap in current life expectancy between the two – it was about time.

Perhaps one of the most poignant outcomes of the apology has been the revelation by many Indigenous people, including Stolen Generations members, that – for the first time – they feel 'truly Australian'.

The day before the national apology, during the first ever welcome to country ceremony for an Australian Parliament, Kevin Rudd said Australia needed 'to write a new page in the country's history'.

The words, at least, are at hand.



Christine King speaks to the media as fellow Stolen Generations Alliance member Mark Bin Bakar looks on.

SORRY

In silence you have suffered
Your pain locked deep inside
You fought so long for this
And still you kept your pride
The tears of all the mothers
For their children they did cry
Their broken hearts a memory
Etched in the children's eyes

Born of a strong proud people
Never would you forget
The anguish and the burdens
Now your life had been all set
But the yearning was still a part of you
You just did not feel right
Something here was missing
You knew you had to fight

And fight you did throughout the years
To parliaments, policies and all
How could you make them listen
Would they heed your heartfelt calls
All you wanted was an apology
Not thinking it would take so long
And sorry was just one little word
Was asking for this so wrong

A flood of overwhelming emotions
Will be felt on this memorable day
And those who have gone before us
In spirit will lead the way
The stolen generations
Will stand with hands on hearts
Today the tears flow freely
And this is just only the start

Bella Cooper © 11 February 2008

This poem written for the apology was worn with pride on a T-shirt by Bella Cooper at the Parliament House ceremony.

Nanna's story set to live on

What the people had to say

Here's what some of the people at Parliament House, Canberra, had to say about the National Apology to the Stolen Generations...



Anthony Mundine (Sydney, NSW): The Prime Minister's speech took the first step. Today is about celebrating that the Government has said sorry and for the Stolen Generations Elders to feel happy and proud that a government stood up.



Irene McLennan (Darwin, NT): I am just thinking about my mum, my old aunts who aren't here. I'm thinking about my dad too. I think we have a good cause of why we should be compensated after what we've been through, growing up in institutions.



Neil Barney (Melbourne, Vic): Today was a start. The proof is going to be in the pudding and today has brought a lot of closure for family... It was never about guilt. It's history. The truth is the truth.



● **ABOVE:** Lorna 'Nanna' Fejo (centre) and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at Nanna's daughter's Canberra home with, from left, Lorna's daughters Rosemary Fejo Parfitt and Christine King and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin holding Lorna's great granddaughter Rihanna, aged four months.

Photo courtesy of ROBERT KING



● **RIGHT:** Prime Minister Kevin Rudd re-makes Nanna Fejo's acquaintance after his historic apology and speech to the Federal Parliament in Canberra.

ON 13 February, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd immortalised Stolen Generations member Lorna Fejo's story in what is destined to become one of the most revered political speeches in Australian life.

"I asked Nanna Fejo what she would have me say today about her story," Mr Rudd told the Parliament. "She thought for a few moments then said that what I should say today was that all mothers are important. And she added: 'Families – keeping them together is very important. It's a good thing that you are surrounded by love and that love is passed down the generations. That's what gives you happiness'."

Behind the grand circumstances surrounding the Prime Minister's speech lay a very humble and personal exchange.

Mr Rudd had been working on his speech for a few weeks when he and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin sought out a meeting with Lorna Fejo at the Canberra home of her daughter and son-in-law Christine and Robert King, and their children Jad and Kathleen and an older sister.

He brought her a paper bag of fruit including her favourite, mangoes. She offered him a cup of tea and some iced vovos. He asked what he should call her and she replied simply, 'Nanna'. He'd planned on staying for 45 minutes, in the end they talked for hours among family photos in the comfy lounge room.

Nanna Fejo recalled how she'd been taken, as a four-year-old, from her Warumungu family near Tennant Creek, in the Northern Territory, and placed in the notorious 'Bungalow' in Alice Springs, then a church-run mission off the Top End coast.

Her abrupt removal interrupted what she recalled as a happy, loving and warm family life. Her name was changed and she never saw her mother again.

The Prime Minister's meeting with Nanna Fejo allowed him to inject a

very human element into his apology and speech about past government removal practices and policies which ultimately had a distinctly dehumanising effect on tens of thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over most of the 20th century.

In the House of Representatives garden courtyard immediately after

the apology, the PM and Nanna Fejo zoomed in on each other for a hug.

"How are you?" he asked her. Then, "See, I took notes!"

"Thank you for talking to me," Mr Rudd said. "It was really important to understand not just policy but what happened to people."

The PM confessed that he was still finalising his speech just 15

minutes before addressing the Parliament, 'writing things down, and scratching things out'.

And proving that no-one is immune from the desire for affirmation, he asked Nanna Fejo what she thought of the morning's proceedings.

"Excellent, from both parties," she replied, giving the thumbs up.

Coolamon thanks for apology

THROUGHOUT Indigenous communities around Australia, the notion of reciprocity is strong. A gift is often met with one in return, and the occasion of the Parliament's formal apology to the Stolen Generations was no different.

At the end of the apology speeches by the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader, Terranora grandmother Lorraine Peeters presented Mr Rudd with a glass coolamon for the Parliament on behalf of the Stolen Generations.

The coolamon was made by Bai Bai Napangarti, of Warlayirti Artists at Balgo in Western Australia, and provided by the National Gallery of Australia.

Accompanying the gift was a card bearing the words:

Prime Minister Rudd



NSW Stolen Generations member Lorraine Peeters, of Terranora, presented Prime Minister Kevin Rudd with the gift of a glass coolamon. Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

On behalf of our people, thank you for saying 'sorry'.

Saying sorry is important. It shows

compassion and opens a path for us to walk together into the future.

In return, we give you this gift on behalf of all of us affected by being taken away from our families. This is our way of saying 'thank you'.

The gift is a glass coolamon, fragile yet strong. Coolamons have traditionally carried our children.

The gift is a symbol of the hope we place in the new relationship you wish to forge with our people – a relationship that itself is fragile yet strong.

We have a new covenant between our peoples – that we will do all we can to make sure our children are carried forward, loved and nurtured and able to live a full life.

The coolamon was handed to the House of Representatives Speaker Harry Jenkins, and is already on display on Parliament House.

What the people had to say



Tim Muirhead (Perth, WA): I felt like I got my country back, and I can stand a bit taller and a bit prouder again as an Australian. I feel like after 11 years that we can really start to move forward together again.



Kate MacNicol (Mt Stuart, Tas): I felt like they hit the mark. I felt like there was sincerity there. I appreciate that it may not meet the pain of Indigenous people, but I'm relieved.



Sam Reuben (Townsville, Qld): We talk about the great speeches throughout the world of famous leaders such as President John F Kennedy and Dr Martin Luther King, and this is also one speech that will hold a significant time in history.



Maree Thorne (Perth, WA): It's just a dream come true. I know we lived in the Dreamtime, but this is a dream come true for all of us.

Focus on the



From left, Kheyrn Ridgeway, 7, Ben Ridgeway, 10, Paul Harris, 8, and Jacob McFarlane, 10, got amongst the action. All are from Newcastle except for Paul, who is from Wilcannia.



ABOVE: Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and, from right, Pilawuk White, Rory Forrest, Niwili White Forrest and Aunty Cecilia Cubillo with the Mole family, of Canberra, who joined many who billeted Stolen Generations members on the days surrounding the apology.

LEFT: Lowitja O'Donoghue with Elcho Island's Chooky Dancers.

RIGHT: Lighting a candle for justice.

Four thousand flickering candles spelling out the words 'Sorry, the first step' on the lawns in front of Parliament House sent a powerful message to politicians arriving in Canberra for the first sitting of the 42nd Federal Parliament. The event was organised by the political movement GetUp, which said the candles were a symbol of hope but also recognised the darkness they illuminated.



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Wife of the Prime Minister, Therese Rein, welcomes a Stolen Generations member.



The Prime Minister welcomes NT Elder Alec Kruger to Parliament House.



Camera crews captured the beginning of the historic day.



Co-Patron of the Stolen Generations Alliance, former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, talks with John Moriarty.



ABOVE: Uncle Bob Randall and Harold Furber were amongst the NT delegates in attendance.



West Australian Ezzard Flowers (right) and others treading the parliamentary corridors.



A colourful reminder of the apology and related issues, displayed outside Parliament House.



ABOVE and BELOW: Many Stolen Generations members seized the opportunity to share something of their stories with the Prime Minister upon their arrival.



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Vicki Saylor (Townsville Qld): It is a turning point in Australian history and it should not go by without celebration or at least stopping our daily routine to take in the significance of this event for all Australians.



Danny Gardner (Launceston, Tas, in dancing paint): It was good to see a Prime Minister finally speak from the heart.



Alan Carpenter, WA Premier (Perth, WA): It is good that now as a nation we've crossed that bridge that so many people wanted to cross and now we have to go forward.



Tracey Currie, (Coningham, Tas): It was the first national speech Rudd had done apart from his acceptance speech. I thought it was very meaningful for Aboriginal people and it forced the Opposition to also finally provide an apology.



A small section of the public gallery in Parliament House.



Mullewa's Bella Cooper wept during the apology.



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, left, and Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson in the House of Representatives chamber for the apology.



Prime Minister Rudd greets former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and his wife Tammy.



Lorraine Peelers, from NSW, and WA's Angus Wallam listen intently.



LEFT: Prime Minister Rudd, left, and Opposition Leader Nelson wave to the gallery. Mr Rudd is carrying the coolamon gifted to the Parliament.

RIGHT: Former NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs Colin Markham, left, and NSW Premier Morris



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A sea of black faces ... Some of the Indigenous Australians watching the national apology in Parliament House.



South Australian Aboriginal leader Brian Butler is a picture of solemn dignity as he watches the apology in Parliament House.



From left, Netta Cahill-McCarthy, Lorna Cubillo and Valerie Day comfort each other.



Prime Minister Rudd greets former Governor-General Sir William Deane as former Prime Minister Paul Keating looks on.



The tears flow ... NSW Government Minister Linda Burney, an Aboriginal woman, was among the guests.

What the people had to say



Lorraine Griffith, (Kalgoorlie, WA): It was magnificent and we are proud that this has happened, and it will set us free, and we just pray that this Government will go on. We are very happy.



Murray Harrison, (Ballarat, Vic): It's been absolute closure. I was taken when I was 10 and my sisters, who have passed on, were aged 12 and six. This apology was something I really needed to hear.



Denise Lovett, (Victoria): It was really good. It is not going to help a lot of people — the damage is already done — but it's a start for everyone. The apology should have happened years, centuries ago when kids were first taken away, when it first happened. It shouldn't have been up to the Government now, it should have been up to the Government then, in those days. The apology today is something nobody will ever forget. It is something I won't forget.

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Warren Mundine (Sydney, NSW): The day was of great importance for the nation, for us as Aboriginal people. Now, I am an Australian and I am a Bundjalung man but there has always been this hole in my heart with regards to being Australian. And today the speech by the Prime Minister was just so spot-on that it filled that little hole.



Johnny Lovett, (Hamilton, Vic): The apology was great. Absolutely great. But when (Opposition Leader Brendan) Nelson spoke he tried to turn it into point-scoring when the issues he spoke about were not on the agenda of the Stolen Generations issue. I was a member of the Stolen Generations and the apology goes down pretty good. The sorrowful thing is the people who didn't live to hear it ... the mothers and fathers whose children were taken away.



Lillian King (Lismore, NSW): I thought the PM was nice and honest with what he came out with. I didn't know what to expect but I knew it would come out all right. I'm just proud of the Prime Minister.



Christine King (left) and Rosemary Fejo Parfitt (right) flank their mum Lorna 'Nanna' Fejo and the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd after the historic apology. They let their t-shirts do much of the talking.



Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour.



A group in the Parliament listening to Kevin Rudd.



Murray Harrison of Ballarat and Catherine Arena of Melbourne.



Pat Anderson (CRCAH) with Jim Ramsey (FaHCSIA).



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.



Christine Jacques and Martha Watts after the apology.



Debra Hocking, Nicole Bloomfield and Mark Rose.



In the Members' Hall, Nyngari Little holds a photo of her grandmother Francis Little.



Attending the apology were Marjorie Mobourne, of Victoria, Aunty Beryl Booth, Eva Jo Edwards, Sharon Barnes, Darby McCarthy, Glynis Saunders (in the wheelchair) Buster Turner, of South Australia, Shirley Woods, of Bunbury in WA, Aunty Alice Thomas and Grace Kelly, of Western Australia.



WA Stolen Generations members, front from left, Iris Woods, Mary Wynne and Cheryl Colburn and, back from left, Shirley Voss, Roslyn Wynne, Shirley Woods, Maureen Farmer and Faye Farmer.



Reconciliation Australia's Raymattja Marika cuddles tiny Marley Hosch.

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Yorta Yorta Elders Patricia Atkinson, of Marooch, Victoria, and Frances Mathysen, of Shepparton, were showing their true colours – wrapped up in Aboriginal-style blankets.



Auntie Norma Simms of La Perouse and Bundjalung woman Jenni McEwen, now of the NSW Central Coast.



Their shirts say it all ... Charles Prouse and Craig Greene, of Sydney.



Natasha Corrigan, of Melbourne, and Jade Johnson, of Echuca, enjoy the vibe.



The Baiwa Dance Company: Rita Pryce and Micquella Pryce, of Cairns, Jeanette Fabila, of Brisbane, and Shellie Bingarape, of Cairns.



Troy Cassar-Daley (left) was amongst the host of top Indigenous musicians to perform at the post-apology concert.



Back from left: Gilgai Day Centre Clients, Nicole Winters (Co-ordinator), Myra Fisher, Laurie Martin, Gwen Bradford, Donna Carroll (Gilgai Disability Family Support Co-ordinator), Janice Bruny, Peter Bruny, Ann Sainsbury (staff). Front from left: Rose Dutzmann, rugby league star David Peachey, Kim Stevens and Una Meridith.



Yorta Yorta women Narida Vella, of Shepparton, and Ebony Joachim, of Shepparton, with Bangarang woman Cilla Atkinson.



Billy Foley, Jingora Hart, Narjiic Day-Burns, Fred Capes, Tjimba Possum Burns, Danny Ramzan and Reg Edwards enjoying the concert.



NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton was there.



Lola Edwards of Tingah, NSW, and Melissa Exton, a Bundjalung women from Lismore.



Grayson Martin and Dylan Dugdale, two students from the Galilee School in Kambah, ACT. The school has an Indigenous program called the Urayarra Program.



Bhamie Williamson, of Mt Isa in Queensland, and Allan Tamwou, of Cairns.



Frances Carter, from Preston, with Auntie Alice Thomas, from Thornby.



Nathan Brown, of Penrith in Sydney, with Khiara Kengike, also of Penrith, and Lai Lahni Tagivetaua, of Sydney.

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It was our most significant day

By National Sorry Day Committee Indigenous Co-Chair, HELEN MORAN

AS I sat in the chamber of Parliament House listening to the Prime Minister's words as he delivered the apology, I felt proud and comforted to be sitting alongside the National Sorry Day Committee Indigenous Patron Uncle Bob Randall, a man I admire and love.

My twin brother, my sister and my eldest daughter were all sitting in the gallery, in the Great Hall. My baby daughter and her big sister, my grandson and granddaughter sat together. It was a day of family reunion as well as a day of apology. My brothers, sister and I were all removed.

To know that some of my siblings and my children and grandchildren were all able to be there to receive the word 'sorry' from the Prime Minister for the destruction and devastation experienced by our family was a wonderful and unforgettable moment in my life.

I really appreciated the privilege of having them all there, while at the same time considered all the Stolen Generations and their families who were unable to be there in person.

The lead-up to the apology had been a roller-coaster ride for me personally, both as a Stolen Generations Survivor and the Indigenous Co-Chair of the National Sorry Day Committee.

For me to be involved in the consultative and negotiation processes was a great learning experience. It was also a healing process for me, and an opportunity to change my approach from the anger-based need to always struggle and fight, to one of trust, acceptance and flexibility that opens new windows of thought that I believe will allow for long-term goals and strategies toward justice for the Stolen Generations.

It has been an incredibly emotional time for myself and Sally Fitzpatrick, who is the Non-Indigenous Chair of the NSDC.

When I asked Sally straight after the apology 'how does your heart feel, how did you feel when the Prime Minister said sorry?', she said she felt 'a bit numb'.

"When I first heard the Prime Minister repeat the word 'sorry' the way he did, it was versed like a piece of epic poetry," Sally told me.

"I can remember just feeling a wave of emotion that completely engulfed me, because he had cut to the core about the truth of our nation and I could be present to hear that truth."

"I no longer felt isolated in



At Parliament House, back from left, NSDC Indigenous Co-Chair Helen Moran, Feyi Akindoyeni, of Gavin Anderson and Company, and NSDC Non-Indigenous Co-Chair Sally Fitzpatrick and, front, from left, Helen's daughter Dindima Huckle-Moran and Sally's daughter Jessie Waratah Simon-Fitzpatrick.

holding the truth, I just wept and wept and wept. It was a great relief to accept the past honestly.

"It gave me a sense of having a relationship with our Prime Minister. I believe that he understands some of what I think and this gives me a sense that this leadership belongs to me and it is important to me and to my country."

"I feel proud to be Australian." Like Sally, it was a day for tears for me, too. It was a day for sorrow, for contemplation, for joy and hope.

There was a quiet moment when I was sitting off in a side area

in the reception. I had just finished a radio interview by mobile phone. I looked across the room to see my family laughing and talking together. I saw others embracing each other.

Sense of peace

People were wearing the NSDC badges my children had handed out, including three given to the Prime Minister. There was a sense of peace, celebration and friendship everywhere.

The security people in Parliament House chatted to me, sharing their views on the day, the

Prime Minister's and (Opposition Leader Brendan) Nelson's speeches. They exclaimed 'what a wonderful moment the apology is for the country', and said how sore their feet were.

Sally heard a young Aboriginal boy of about ten, turn to his mother and say 'Mum, today I am proud to be Aboriginal' while others have indicated that they feel that 'Whitefellas now have the opportunity to be part of the solution instead of always feeling like they are part of the problem'.

Sally and I both believe that all

the hard work and perseverance has been worth it. To hear the cheers and applause of so many and to share the tears and joy with so many other Stolen Generations members has been indescribable.

Communities from all over Australia, from large to small, and so many people were working hard, most especially on the evening before. So many people were running around to organise this beautiful thing, individuals everywhere united to celebrate this event.

There has been so much incredible dedication of so many individuals. In all of the States, there has been no resistance at the Government level. School, prisons, hospitals and others saw this as a breakthrough moment, a moment that all people would and should be allowed to be a part of.

So many schools have expressed their commitment to ongoing time and resources to continue with this new and united dialogue that is now being expressed throughout Australia.

As Sally and I headed to our homes to write yet another press release and get some sleep, we passed the lawns outside Parliament House. There was a wonderful atmosphere there with so many people gathered together and Troy Cassar-Daley was on stage performing.

It was a great, lasting image to hold on to as we drove away from what is for me, as a Stolen Generations survivor, the most significant day in this country's life and future journey into healing, reconciliation, justice and equality – not just for Aboriginal Australia but for all Australia.

Like so many others, this has left me feeling proud to be an Aboriginal Australian, and for Sally to be a proud non-Indigenous Australian.

For the two of us and for the NSDC, the real work now begins.

One last thing that Sally and I both have great concern for is people's well-being. We are noticing a lot of sensitivity, rawness, vulnerability, anger and anxiety being expressed and experienced by people.

This is completely understandable, as we have all been reminded of our pain, our loss and our grief. The elation, joy and absolute high that we have all shared also has a coming down side to it as well.

Being nurtured, being able to debrief and having emotional support – is counselling where required – is imperative, and we ask everyone to give this to themselves and each other.

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'We shed tears of sadness and joy'

By CHRISTINE FEJO-KING
Co-Chair, Stolen
Generations Alliance

HEARING the word 'Sorry' come from the Prime Minister of Australia has been a long time coming.

Many people thought they would never live to hear it. Many passed away before they did. But on an overcast Canberra morning in February 2008, millions of Australians across the country took the time to stop, listen, and be part of history.

For members of the Stolen Generations, their descendants and families, it was a day filled with high emotions. We shed tears of sadness and joy. We hugged with happiness and for comfort. And for many of us, it was the relief and peace we had been searching for, for so long.

Healing is such a personal thing. How you feel about yourself and whether you feel your story is acknowledged and believed plays a big part in being able to face other issues and especially in being able to do something to turn things around. Each of us is on our own journey of healing but so often it begins with small words and actions.

Saying 'Sorry' was the right thing to do. Past government policies and practices of removing Indigenous children have damaged so many people's lives. Saying 'Sorry' acknowledged the past, the trauma it caused at the time, and the hurt and suffering it continues to cause today.

For Stolen Generations, our story is now recognised as part of the Australian story and the history of this country.

But the Federal Government's apology to the Stolen Generations was not just about healing for Aboriginal people. It was also about the healing of our nation.

It was a proud moment when we, as a country, were mature enough to recognise a dark chapter of our history, face it, and look towards a better future for all. The act of saying sorry laid an important foundation stone for all of us to move forward together.

In the weeks before the apology, there was a lot of talk about compensation, and no doubt there will be much more in the weeks, months and years to come. But on the day, the apology transcended political debate.

To hear the Prime Minister say sorry with such compassion and empathy and to see the whole Parliament endorse the motion, you could not help but be filled with a sense of hope for the future.

Symbols are important. They affect the way we see and think

A long time coming



Emotions run deep on the lawns of Federation Mall in front of Parliament House, Canberra, as the national apology is delivered.

about ourselves. Indigenous people have known this for eons.

Of course, words are meaningless without action. But by saying that one word, the Federal Parliament has stood up

and taken responsibility for things that are important, and indeed essential, for respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Trauma can only be healed

through better relationships.

And as the events and activities around the country showed, relationships were being built all over the place. This was not the act of politicians out of

touch with citizens. Millions of Australians all over the country assembled in workplaces and schools. They gathered in front of large public screens in big cities and small televisions in outback communities, all to witness this special moment in our history.

IN Canberra, the reaction was overwhelming. Many of our people travelled to the nation's capital from all over the country to hear 'the Apology' in person. And the enormous outpouring of generosity from the local Canberra community exceeded all expectations. It was truly a day honouring Stolen Generations members, their families and communities as the Canberra community opened their hearts and homes making people feel welcome and extending a sense of belonging.

The warmth shown by so many, in so many different ways, right across this nation, has been in the spirit of a true homecoming. It started with our leaders and it reverberated throughout the country. To all those Australians we say 'thanks'.

After the formalities of the day, after the tears and sorry business, we gathered on the lawns of Federation Mall outside Parliament House. We reconnected with family, we restored relationships that were fractured after many decades of separation, and in some cases we met members of our family for the first time.

After many years of being denied and disappointed we took the time to celebrate and to absorb the moment. And we encouraged all Australians to join with us to reflect on such a momentous occasion.

There is, without a doubt, a lot of hard work still to come. Saying sorry doesn't immediately change the terrible gaps that remain in the life-expectancy rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children. It doesn't overnight stop the pain caused from being taken from your family and your culture. Nor can it erase the memories and experiences that scar many members of Stolen Generations.

But it's the start of a new chapter.

Now is the time for us to write a new future for all Australians so that no child will grow up to be discriminated against because of their race or the colour of their skin. And all children will have the same opportunities to achieve and be the best they can.

The Stolen Generations Alliance intends to celebrate 13 February each year as a national Day of Healing and we invite others to join us in doing so.

'Now is the time for us to write a new future for all Australians so that no child will grow up to be discriminated against because of their race or the colour of their skin. And all children will have the same opportunities to achieve and be the best they can.' – Christine Fejo-King



Around the Nation

What the people had to say



Cynthia Sariago (Darwin, NT), Chairperson, NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation: I thought the Prime Minister's speech was wonderful, very heartfelt and very compassionate. I can see good things happening down the track for Stolen Generations and their families, which will be healing for our nation and our people.



Pam Roberts (Lismore, NSW), Stolen Generations member, 73: I thoroughly enjoyed it, it was absolutely beautiful. The Prime Minister was so humble. It was sad starting but it was really, really good after that. To me, it just lifted everything, this burden right out of me and I feel so much better.



Bruce Trevorrow (Bairnsdale, Vic): I am real pleased that the Prime Minister has actually said sorry to us because of the hurt and pain we carry with us. I can sort of start to move on with my life now. Sorry is not to do with money, it is just so we can get on with our lives. I thought the Opposition would have opposed it. For the two parties to agree on it, that's good enough for me too.



ABOVE: In Townsville, north Queensland, Alice Barney, right, weeps with Carol Mooka, middle, and Shirley Collins during the televised apology.



LEFT: Florence Onus, left, and Elsie Thompson applaud the apology speech in Townsville.

RIGHT: From left are Damien Singho, Shane Singho and Callum Choolburra with flag.

All photos by ALF WILSON



ABOVE: Palm Island man Ili Dabea said people were emotional when shopping at the island's supermarket, where he works. *Photo by ALF WILSON*

BELOW: Participants at the Moorooobool event in Cairns, north Queensland, let their hair down to the sounds of Barry Cedric to celebrate the end of their day of local festivities. *Photos by CHRISTINE HOWES*



Happy generations

In Cherbourg, south-east Queensland, Arnold Murray with his grandson Robert Murray, 4, and his father Sam Murray, 84, a Stolen Generations member who arrived from Quilpie, Queensland, in a shoe box as a new-born baby. Sam, along with other Elders from the Cherbourg community, gathered to hear Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations. *NewsPix image*

Millions tune in to apology

WHILE thousands of people travelled to Canberra to be a part of the Stolen Generations apology celebrations in the home of the Federal Parliament, millions more gathered in public parks and buildings, schools, offices and homes Australia-wide to watch the event telecast.

The Prime Minister's speech garnered cheers, whistles and, in some cases, standing ovations, especially when he uttered the much anticipated word 'sorry' and called for an end to 'political bickering' in the Parliament.

However, Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson's speech attracted a hostile reaction from some people angered by references to child sexual abuse in the Northern Territory, concerned that many children were watching the telecast.

Others objected to Dr Nelson's dismissal of compensation for Stolen Generations members and his defence of the emergency intervention into NT Aboriginal communities.

The broadcast carried strong symbolism for the several thousand people who attended a special community event on the Perth foreshore.

Daylight Saving and the two-hour time difference between Canberra and Perth meant that the event began at sun-up, with the first rays of sun washing over the crowd inside and outside a giant marquee.

Elder Ben Taylor said that while the apology was the beginning of 'the healing', he remembered many of his 'fallen brothers'.

"Now Kevin Rudd has said (sorry) and I know that the spirits of those old people are with us," Uncle Ben said.

Elder Maree Thorne summed up the emotion and sentiment of the moment as she left the enclosure where the speech was broadcast.

"It's just a dream come true. I know we lived in the Dreamtime, but this is a dream come true for all of us," she said.

At 'The Block' in Redfern in inner Sydney, more than 1000 people braved rain to gather at the suburb's community centre.

Redfern resident Shireen Malamoo told the ABC she thought the apology was 'marvellous'.

Lord Mayor Moore said that Australia had, for the first time, had the courage to acknowledge its past. "We have stopped telling ourselves the comfortable lie," she said.

Several thousand people also watched the apology in Martin Place in the city.

In inner Adelaide, about 10,000 people watched the apology broadcast on a 30-metre screen in Elder Park by the River Torrens.

Again, the mood of an otherwise buoyant crowd darkened after the



Traditional Nyoongar dancing by Gya Ngoop Kobori (One Blood) opened the community celebrations in Perth. Photo by ALITA BOASE

first few minutes of Dr Nelson's speech. Some in the crowd responded by shouting, turning away, and calling for the telecast to be turned off.

Others simply left.

About 1000 people converged on the lawns outside Parliament House in Hobart to witness the apology. Deputy Premier Steve Kongs told the crowd Tasmania had led the nation by establishing its own Stolen Generations compensation fund.

"We have demonstrated that the smallest state can have the biggest heart," he said.

Hundreds of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people turned out to two celebrations held in Townsville to mark the apology - at the Townsville Aboriginal and Islanders Health Service and another in the city mall.

At the city event, Carol Mooka, from Mabuig in the Torres Strait, wept alongside her friend Alice Barney, 60, as the Prime Minister spoke. "This goes a long way to healing the trans-generational trauma," Ms Mooka said.

Lilian Willis said she was happy that 'sorry' had been said, but added it was only the first step. "It is meaningless without compensation," she said.

Shane Singho, 41, carried an Aboriginal flag and said the apology was the first step in improving the life of Indigenous people.

Torres Strait Islander Sam Reuben rated the apology speech highly. "It's a day that is going to be remembered," he said.

Palm Island residents welcomed the apology. Deputy Mayor Zac Sam said it



The shirt on this boy at the Perth apology event said it all.

was a very emotional day. "My mum was taken from near Cloncurry and removed to Palm Island," he said.

"My grandparents were out mustering and the police came and took her away. There are many of Palm with similar experiences."

Ili Dabea, a worker at the Palm Island Community Supermarket, said the apology was a big step forward. "People were coming into the supermarket all day weeping and talking about it," he said.

On Thursday Island in the Torres Strait, staff at the Primary Health Centre attended a Sorry Day breakfast. Acting Program Co-ordinator of Primary Clinical Care and Post-Acute Rehabilitation and Aged Care, Dai Luffman, said the apology would make a big difference.

In Cairns, volunteers from the Mooroolool Community Action Group organised a local event for the apology.

Stolen Generations survivor Lorraine Mark was among about 100 people who attended.

"I'm shy and I always thought does anybody really care, does anybody really want to know?" she said. "But I feel better now, we'll just see what happens after this."

Volunteers Dianne Daniels and Rowena Bullio said it had been important for people to have such an event close to home.

Wuchopperen Health Services also hosted an breakfast for more than 150 people.

CEO Michael White said it was important that the newer generation understood the meaning of the apology, so that 'we can ensure this never happens to our kids'.

Pastor Len Watson said that every Stolen Generations member was entitled to seek compensation through the courts.

Elder Rose Colless said it was a sad day for her because she was thinking about her Nan who had tried unsuccessfully to stop her children from being taken away.

"They said my mother cried for four days, and even when she died she said she could still hear her mother screaming," she said. "We can forgive, but we can't forget. We can never forget."

Townsville and Palm Island words by ALF WILSON, Perth words by KEN BOASE, Hobart words by JILLIAN MUNDY, Cairns words by CHRISTINE HOWES, and Thursday Island words by SAM DEVINE.

What the people had to say



Connie Cole, (Darwin, NT): I'm very pleased at what the Prime Minister said. What he spoke was from the heart and we have waited a very long time for a PM to say sorry.



Rosemary (Fejo) Parfitt (Darwin, NT): When the Prime Minister was talking, I could feel myself lifting. By the time he finished, I felt as if I was floating on air.



Maria Costello (Allen), (grew up in Palm Island dormitories, Qld): It was so lovely, and I thank the Lord.



Eunice Wright, (Western District, Vic): The only thing I didn't like was the Opposition's speech. There are a few things that could have waited in (Liberal Leader) Brendan Nelson's speech.

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Brian Butler (Adelaide, SA):

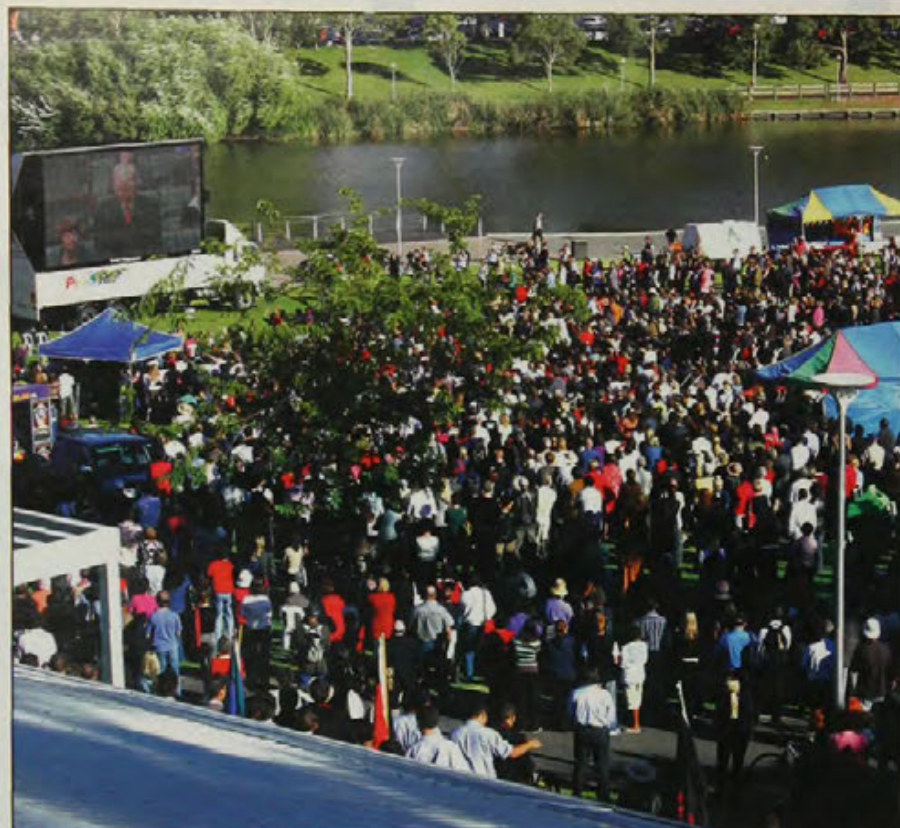
I think that it is one of the most momentous moments in my life. I just feel so excited and there's a big knot in my stomach and hopefully now I can get on with the healing process.



Lola Edwards, (Tingah, NSW): The apology was wonderful. Fantastic. It was so powerful but then I stayed seated when the other man (Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson) spoke. Everyone turned their back out here... This will go down in history as one of the best days.



Stolen Generations Member Val Linow, (Sydney, NSW): It was very emotional historic day for me. It is sad and happy because I wish my family who was in State care would have been alive today and other ones, who have passed on, could have been here today. It's very emotional. I didn't like what Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson said. I never did like Brendan Nelson, but I was very happy with what the Prime Minister said.



Standing room only ... About 10,000 gathered at Adelaide's Elder Park to watch the apology on a giant screen. Photo by CHRIS STEWART



Student Iris Sautelle, 16, saw the apology in Adelaide's Elder Park. Photo: CHRIS STEWART



Friends Katrina Power and Carol Omer at the apology celebrations in Adelaide. Photo: CAROL OMER



A crowd at the Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Aboriginal Corporation in Alice Springs celebrates the Federal Parliament's formal apology to the Stolen Generations. Newspix image



At a function in the Main Hall at the Northern Territory's Parliament House in Darwin, Elaine Tiliakos holds a picture of her mum, Eileen Sariago, as she watches a replay of the Prime Minister's apology. Newspix image



Students and staff at Lismore Heights Public School, in far northern New South Wales, commemorated the national apology to the Stolen Generations by planting their own Sea of Hands. At the planting were, from left, Isalah King, Kane Knight, Kyshyla Rutley-Roberts, Khalil Hammond, Mia Khan-Periera, Mya Khan-Periera and Aboriginal In-Class Tutor Sylvia Khan.

Photo by SOLUA MIDDLETON

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People gathered in Melbourne's Federation Square turn their backs on a giant screen showing Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson's speech in response to the apology. AFP Image

What the people had to say



Alan Doodielawford, (Fitzroy Crossing, WA): I was pretty emotional. About time! Two hundred years – it took them that long to say it. It was part of a jigsaw puzzle. My Dad and my family was taken away, the story they told me was pretty bad – that broke my heart.



Rhonda Maynard, (East Devonport, Tas): It's not doing anything for me, it won't give back my years.



Len Watson (Cairns, Qld): The apology is doing the right thing and we can build on that, but we've got to build on it in our way. We can't sit back and expect others to do it for us.



Sheralee Armstrong, (Launceston, Tas): It's not going to take anything away is it? It was nice to hear the Prime Minister say sorry. He said it more than once – I was really proud to hear it.

LEFT: Thousands of people gathered in Melbourne's Federation Square to watch Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on a giant screens as he delivered the apology to the Stolen Generations. Major Australian television networks aired the apology live. AFP Image

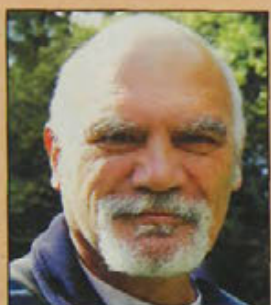
ABOVE: About 1000 people gathered in Hobart on an unusually cold summer's morning to witness the historic apology, which was telecast on a big screen outside State Parliament House.

LEFT: There were tears and applause in Hobart. For Rhonda Maynard, second from left, who was removed from her family when she was 11, emotions flowed.

Photos by JILLIAN MUNDY

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What the people had to say



Rodney Gibbins, (Dyrryrrne, Tas): I thought the Prime Minister's words on behalf of the nation were magnanimous, accurate, thoughtful and compassionate. But I think he missed a golden opportunity to put forward the notion of compensation. Brendan Nelson's speech was one of conservatism and bull....



Carol Mooka (Mabuiag, Torres Strait): This goes a long way to healing the trans-generational trauma.



Robert Hopkins (Palm Island, Qld): Everybody around was crying and then happy that the apology has finally been made.



Patricia Woodcock, (Mt Nelson, Tas): I thought it was wonderful, really wonderful, it's about time. I think it made everyone feel good. I was evacuated during World War II in England.



Leon Winter hands out Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags at the Redfern Community Centre in Sydney. *Newsphoto image*



Children from the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School in Waterloo celebrate the apology at Redfern's The Block. The school has a high percentage of Indigenous students.

Photo courtesy of the City of Sydney



Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore embraces Shireen Malamoo at the Redfern Community Centre screening of the national apology.



A section of the crowd at the Redfern Community Centre screening of the national apology.

Koori Mail

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Namatjira art style lives on

THE Australia Council for the Arts has released

details of its funding programs for 2008.

Grants are being offered in 58 categories and more than 60 initiatives are managed directly or with partner organisations.

All Australian artists, groups and arts organisations can apply to these grant programs and many of the initiatives. They are being offered for all major areas of arts practice - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, community partnerships, dance, inter-arts, literature, music, theatre and visual arts.

The 2008 arts funding guide provides an overview of the Australia Council, its funding programs and other forms of support for the arts. It can be downloaded from the site below or mailed out on request.

Go to www.australia.council.gov.au/the_arts/features/120_ways_we_support_the_arts or call the Australia Council on (02) 9215 9000.

By MARGARET SMITH



THE grandchildren and descendants of the great central Australian landscape artist Albert Namatjira are showing their

work in Sydney.

Working in the watercolour tradition of Namatjira while at the same developing their own styles, the artists' work features orange gorges, purple mountains, white gumtrees and luminous blue creeks in a sacred land.

Exhibition organisers say it is a unique depiction of their Aranda country which each artist has captured in his/her own style.

The exhibition, *The Namatjira Circle: Landscapes of Central Australia*, is showing at World Vision Australia's Birrung Gallery until mid-March.

The artists are part of the Ngurratjuta Ilitja Ntjarra; Many Hands Art Centre, which is located in Alice Springs. They live in Alice or are picked up in a bus which brings them to Alice to paint and to receive art supplies.

The centre is funded by the Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra

Aboriginal Corporation.

Gus Williams, Chair of Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation at Hermansburg, says the program has kept the tradition alive and well.

He can still remember going with his great cousin Albert Namatjira on his painting expeditions.

"His paintings were beyond belief, and so beautiful," Mr Williams said.

"I sat down beside him almost all day and would watch him mix colours. He used to form his two hands like a barrel to look through at the land."

Mr Williams says that contrary to popular belief, non-Aboriginal artist Rex Batterby 'didn't teach Namatjira how to paint'.

"Namatjira already knew how to sketch and paint. He (Batterby) taught him how to mix colours. Namatjira just watched Batterby, and would remember the colours of the land in his mind," he said.

Mr Williams says the current Namatjira school of artists are all great artists 'because of Albert'. The youngest, 15-year-old Elton Wirri, is a great-grandson of Albert Namatjira through his mother Dorris, and is already doing exceptional work.

Elton Wirri is also experimenting

with acrylics, and has taken part in theatre plays such as *Ngarparti Ngarparti*, where he drew on stage.

Other artists in the exhibition include Keith and Lenie Namatjira, Ivy Pareroutja, Mervyn Rubuntja, Peter Taylor, Doug Abbott and Gloria Panka.

● Birrung Gallery is a World Vision Australia initiative that provides unique Indigenous artwork to collectors and art lovers around the world. Through the sale of fine arts, Birrung Gallery raises funds for Indigenous community development, including employment training at the Sydney gallery, scholarships for Indigenous students and preventative health, social, cultural, economic and governance activities in rural and remote Australia.

The Namatjira Circle: Landscapes of Central Australia will be one show at Birrung Gallery at 70 Norton Street in Leichhardt until 9 March.



Standley Chasm, by Doug Abbott (medium: watercolour on paper, 30x43cm)



● LEFT: West McDonnell Ranges, by Ivy Pareroutja (medium: watercolour on paper, 26x74cm)

● LEFT: West McDonnell Ranges, by Lenie Namatjira (medium: watercolour on paper, 53x23cm)



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Indigenous legal issues on agenda at Perth congress



next week.

Sydney-based solicitor Robynne Quiggin, a specialist in Indigenous legal issues, especially those involving the arts and Aboriginal intellectual and cultural property, will head an expert panel, including Robyn Ayres of the Sydney-based Arts Law Centre of Australia.

The panel will shed light on the unique challenges confronting artists, dealers, consumer regulators and the industry as a whole.

The discussion will provide an insight into an industry that contributes

an estimated \$300 million a year to Australia's economy and accounts for 98 per cent of the nation's art exports.

Issues of copyright, authenticity, cultural security and exploitation of artists are challenges for Indigenous artists worldwide.

The Australian Consumer and Competition Commission has prosecuted several traders for falsely representing their goods as authentic Indigenous products made by Indigenous people.

The Department of Consumer and Employment Protection has also expressed concerns regarding false and misleading advertising within the industry as well as the ways in which some traders deal with Aboriginal communities, particularly in regard to work practices.

It hopes to highlight these issues at the conference.

Ms Quiggin said fair working conditions, accompanied by effective legal and policy frameworks, were essential to promoting a healthy Indigenous art market.

"These frameworks would encourage respect for their contributions across a wide spectrum of Indigenous artists and artforms," she said.

The frameworks would also include protocols for dealing with cultural material embodied in some Indigenous works, enforcement of artists' copyright and other legal entitlements."

● The session will run from 12.15pm-1pm on 6 March. Free entry but booking is required. Reservations: Call (08) 9282 0604.

Cancer stories in art

By DARREN COYNE



VICTORIAN Aboriginal artist Kahli Luttrell is urging other artists to submit their work to the Cancer Council

Victoria Arts Awards.

The Cancer Council holds the awards and one of the categories is the Indigenous Visual Art Award.

The award encourages Indigenous Australians to share their cancer stories through art, as cancer can be really hard to talk about, and affects a lot of people in the community.

Kahli, 23, entered a painting last year called *Purple Dreaming*, and received a highly commended for her effort.

But the prize was secondary to her desire to honour her two grandmothers, who had died of cancer.

"Both of my nans died from cancer, one from ovarian and one from lung cancer, and that's why I decided to enter the competition," she said.

"The piece was called *Purple Dreaming* and was quite contemporary, in that I used bright colours, pinks and purples and blues, representing cancer cells growing.

"It was a good experience, good exposure, and for a good cause, which is helping people become more aware of cancer.

Kahli, who lives at Reservoir, in Victoria, with her two children, has completed a multi media course at

Northland Secretaries College, although she works as a hairdresser full-time.

"Art is my hobby and I hope to continue doing it. I like entering competitions and it's nice when I get a prize," she said.

For other artists interested in entering the competition, they should send two identical and good quality photographs of their artwork, with a 100 word statement about their cancer story, the medium used, dimensions, price, or not for sale.

Applications are available online at www.cancervic.org.au/artsawards

The outstanding entry receives \$1000, and will be judged by Elizabeth Liddle, an Arrernte woman, and Indigenous Arts Officer, Arts Victoria.



KAHLI LUTTRELL

There's just one month left for Telstra entries



IF you fancy yourself as a bit of an artist, you'd be a mug to miss out on entering the 25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) and Telstra are now seeking entries for pre-selection.

MAGNT Director Anna Malgorzewicz said 2008 marked a very special year for the Telstra Art Award as it celebrated its silver jubilee, and that they expected to receive more than 300 quality entries for pre-selection with about 100 works to be selected for the award exhibition in August.

"The Telstra Art Award is the first and longest running Indigenous art award in the country and to reach 25 years is a fantastic milestone," Ms Malgorzewicz said.

General Manager of the Telstra National

Indigenous Directorate Lawrie Mortimer encouraged Indigenous artists from across Australia to submit their works for pre-selection in the 2008 Telstra Art Award.

"We look forward to uncovering new and talented artists," Mr Mortimer said.

Telstra has been a principal sponsor of the Award since 1992.

Ms Malgorzewicz said the Telstra Award of \$40,000 and the other four media categories would again be non-acquisitive, ensuring the winning artists could retain their works and gain further financial benefit from the sale of the work.

"Since this initiative was introduced, the award has seen a significant increase in the

number of works exceeding the \$40,000 price threshold, with eight works in last year's exhibition equal to or above this amount," she said.

"The rise in the sale value of artwork in the exhibition reflects the current growth in the value of Indigenous art."

● Entries in the 25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award close on 28 March. The Telstra Art Award is open to all adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and aims to showcase the very best Australian Indigenous art from around the country.



Last year's overall winner was Denis Nona, pictured here with his huge sculpture that took out the \$40,000 prize. - Photo by Solua Middleton

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Landscape prize now Australia's richest



REGIONAL New South Wales Indigenous artists who love their country are being encouraged to capture country on canvas for this year's Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting.

The prize for the winner is \$35,000 in this year's, making it Australia's richest annual landscape prize.

Country Energy launched its sixth annual landscape art prize in Broken Hill, home to New South Wales' oldest regional art gallery.

It's expected that the number of entries in the 2008 competition will surpass previous years as the reputation of the prize grows across the State.

"Every year the competition gets bigger and better, and I encourage artists from the outback to the coast to enter," Country Energy managing director Craig Murray said.

"The whole point of the prize is to raise the

profile of our great regional artists, and give them the opportunity to become better known within metropolitan art circles."

The Head of Australian Painting at Sotheby's Australia, Georgina Pemberton, will select the prizewinner on 29 October 2008 at the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery.

The art prize is open to anyone who lives within Country Energy's network area. Artists are encouraged to enter all artistic styles, media and contexts - from figurative to abstract, charcoal to traditional oil paint.

As it is 'non-acquisitive', the winning artist can keep or sell their own work and still receive a significant monetary prize.

● Entries close on 22 July 2008. Finalists will be exhibited at the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery from 29 October to 30 November, and in Sydney in early 2009. To find out more or view last year's artworks visit www.countryenergy.com.au/artprize



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Front, from left, Richard Williams (cadet ranger, Kyogle), Jess Sinnott (cadet policy officer, Hurstville), Casey Towns (cadet ranger, Dubbo), Grace Mayers (cadet ranger, Nelson Bay), Melanie Moore (cadet ranger, Bulga); back, from left, Jessie Robinson (cadet ranger, Forbes), Joel Hatch (Baradine). Absent was Maxine Edwards (cadet policy officer, Hurstville).

More cadets



IN good news for the future of environment protection, the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) has

inducted eight more Aboriginal cadets.

The department says the latest recruits further boost its Aboriginal representation, which at over seven per cent, is well above the Government target of two per cent, reflecting the department's responsibility for managing and protecting Aboriginal heritage and country.

The newest additions to DECC will be spread between the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and the department's Culture and Heritage Division.

"I'm delighted to welcome the latest group of cadets on board," said Director-General Lisa Corbyn.

"The cadetship program is a terrific initiative, providing real benefits to cadets, the department, the Aboriginal community and the environment.

"The department is proud to have participated in the cadetship program since 2002, and in the Trainee Ranger program before that."

Under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cadetship Program, Indigenous Australian tertiary students receive study and employment opportunities in different NSW Government agencies for the duration of their degrees.

On the completion of the cadetship and their studies, cadets are offered a permanent placement in the department.

The bulk of the current intake are cadet rangers, assisting with local programs to protect the natural, Aboriginal and historic heritage directly in the field.

This includes wildlife protection, ecological restoration and direct park management through visitor management, weed and feral animal control, planning and implementing facility improvements and maintenance.

Each cadet also has a mentor for the duration of their cadetship.

"Mentoring is very important to the success of the department's cadetship

program," Ms Corbyn said. "It encourages self-assessment and goal setting, particularly in relation to the cadet's career, and professional and skills development.

Aboriginal Co-management Officer Dennis Barber, himself a former cadet, urged the cadets to make the most of their opportunities.

"It was an honour to speak to the new cadets," said Mr Barber, who works in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area of National Parks.

"I am delighted to see that the department is continuing to utilise and support the Aboriginal Cadetship Program."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website - www.koorimail.com

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The ABC has a range of positions around Australia and, as the national broadcaster, is committed to increasing Indigenous representation throughout the Corporation. Our goal is to reflect the cultural diversity of the Australian community in our programs and workforce and we see Indigenous employment as a key component towards achieving this goal. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with drive, determination and a will to succeed.

Jobs Available

Please check our website at abc.net.au/jobs

It is important to check the website on a weekly basis to ensure that you don't miss out on any job opportunities.

For more information contact Paul Brant - Indigenous Employment Coordinator on (02) 8333 1089.

The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for positions. The Corporation is committed to Indigenous employment outcomes and values the Indigenous culture.

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north coast TAFE

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS BSB50901 Diploma in Business (Governance)

The North Coast Aboriginal Learning Partnerships (NCALP) team within North Coast TAFE invites applications from Board members and potential Board members of community based Aboriginal organisations who are graduates of the BSB40901 Certificate IV Business (Governance) and from those who have a high level of practical experience in business governance to enrol in the Indigenous Governance program, BSB50901 Diploma in Business (Governance). The program is consistent with NCALP's charter of seeing more Aboriginal people in higher level TAFE courses and in programs which help build the capacity of Aboriginal communities and their organisations.

The Diploma is an advanced course that provides participants with the skills and knowledge to effectively govern and oversee organisational operations in the corporate environment. Topics include developing organisational and employment policies, strategic planning and overseeing financial budgets.

The course commences early February 2008 at the Lismore TAFE Campus. For further information contact Rosslyn Sten on 6623 0310 or Klara Marosszeky on 0422 750 612.



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(PN Ref: GR08/18 – explicit position)

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Indigenous jobseekers are encouraged to apply for this employment opportunity. If the job is 'explicit', then part or all of the duties impact on Indigenous Australian people and/or involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities or their representatives. Contact: Jacqueline Paech (08) 8922 6350

Easy Application: We have made it easy to apply for our jobs, for more information please see our applicant information kit online.

Information about this job and other excellent job opportunities can be found on our website at:

www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers

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Equal Employment Opportunity and smoke-free workplaces are Qantas policies.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants are encouraged to apply.

www.qantas.com/careers





HOUSING NSW

COORDINATOR ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE

Clerk Grade 7/8

Central Coast Area, Wyong

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-10774

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (salary \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Strategic support & direction to Client Service Teams, including assessing housing needs, analysing resources & assets, developing innovative, workable & cost effective local housing solutions & program options for Aboriginal clients & communities.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Proven high level analytical, assessment, communication, negotiation, planning and project management skills.
- Proven leadership skills and ability to influence others, take initiative and be self motivated.
- Proven capacity to develop innovative, workable and cost effective solutions to problems, and experience in providing high level advice on complex issues.
- Sound knowledge of service delivery and asset management issues in a large and diverse housing portfolio and commitment to customer service.
- Capacity to coordinate diverse work groups and client organisations.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Social Sciences, Planning, Management or building related area, and/or extensive industry experience.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Donna Hinchcliff on (02) 4352 9699.

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package, or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing Date: Friday 7 March 2008.

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NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

ABORIGINAL COUNSELLORS (X2) PFT

New Street Adolescent Service & NSW Pre-Trial Diversion Program (Cedar Cottage)

Two new positions for male Aboriginal counsellors to work with families in which a parent has sexually abused a child or families in which a child (10-17yrs) has sexually abused. These positions include working with Aboriginal people and communities as well as working as a team member in the mainstream service. Some travel to rural areas required for one of the positions. It is envisaged these positions will be challenging, complex and rewarding. These services, based in western Sydney have connections with related services which will provide specific cultural support. Professional supervision is provided from within each service. If formal qualifications in counselling are not held, the selected applicants will be able to take up the positions while undergoing relevant training. Enquiries: Karen Parsons at Cedar Cottage on (02) 9691 6199 or Brixton Law at New Street on (02) 9640 4098.

SWAHNS considers that being male and Aboriginal are genuine occupational qualifications for these positions under Sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Sydney West Area Health Service

Ad No: 66461 & 70975

Closing Date: 14.03.08

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Join the RTA's Aboriginal Program

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor is responsible for the project management of Aboriginal cultural and heritage matters on road projects in the Region in order to ensure that RTA Aboriginal heritage guidelines, policies and legislation are implemented.

This permanent full time position is located at Wagga Wagga with an attractive salary range of \$71,225 - \$76,431pa.

Applicants must obtain an information package from George Shearer (02) 8814 2426 or download from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Applicants can apply online or mail to Recruitment Services, PO Box 3035, Parramatta NSW 2124 quoting position no 50012215. Further information is available at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applications close 7 March 2008.

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Palm Island

COMMUNITY COMPANY

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Here's your chance to make a difference

General Manager and Services Manager

Are you looking for a new challenge with an innovative organisation?

The Palm Island Community Company was established in October 2007 to:

- provide business advice and support to the Palm Island community,
- manage the delivery of a range of human services and;
- offer business services to non-government organisations.

The company is a partnership between the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, the Queensland Government and the Palm Island community.

The Company is looking to recruit its key staff. The two positions available now are General Manager and Services Manager. These two positions will play a pivotal role in the Company's operation and will work closely to ensure better outcomes for the people of Palm Island.

General Manager

The General Manager will be responsible for

- managing operations of the Company
- ensuring the Company meets its obligations under all agreements
- developing effective partnerships and
- managing Company staff.

The position will be based in Townsville.

Services Manager

The Services Manager will be responsible for

- managing the provision of human services on Palm Island,
- identifying human services that a government department or agency could fund on Palm Island and
- seeking continuous improvement in the quality of services provided by the Company.

The position will be based on Palm Island

Experience working with Indigenous communities is desirable. Both positions will travel regularly. Attractive remuneration packages will be negotiated.

For further information contact Stephen Bullow at stephenbullow@optusnet.com.au or on 0409 172 063.

Applications close 11 March 2008.

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Faculty of Commerce

Creating Better Futures

The Faculty of Commerce is the largest Faculty at the University of Wollongong and aims to be the best environment in Australia to learn, teach and research commerce. We are seeking to appoint highly motivated, skilled and client focused staff to work in varying capacities within the Faculty. These positions provide an opportunity to be part of a dynamic, inspiring and innovative Faculty committed to social innovation.

As Indigenous people are under represented in Commerce, Indigenous people who have an interest in administration are encouraged to apply.

administrative assistant

Ref No. 21965

• Permanent, either 0.8 or Full-time

The Administrative Assistant will work closely with the small Administrative team in the School of Management and Marketing, one of the three Schools within the Faculty.

The Administrative Assistant will be responsible for providing administrative support to the School, co-ordinating exams and subject outlines, provision of committee support, responding to student enquiries and providing direct support to the two Associate Heads of Discipline.

administrative officer

Ref No. 21966

• Permanent, Full-time

The Administrative Officer will work closely with the Associate Dean Academic Programs and the Learning and Teaching Co-ordinator to support and improve learning and teaching within the Faculty. The position will be responsible for providing administrative support in relation to learning and teaching including the co-ordination of events, the development and implementation of quality assurance mechanisms for assessment of learning, courses and subjects and student misconduct.

admissions officer

Ref No. 21967

• Permanent, Full-time

The Admissions Officer will work closely with the International and Research Units within the Faculty. The Admissions Officer will ensure effective communication, administrative co-ordination and review and the development and maintenance of the Faculty's Higher Degree Research (HDR) students. HDR responsibilities include the co-ordination of resources, provision of advice, policy development, co-ordination of professional development activities and the facilitation of constructive and mutually beneficial relationships between HDR students and supervisors.

A full Position Description outlining the Selection Criteria is available on our website. Please address the criteria specified in the relevant position description. For further information please contact Ms Theresa Hoynes, Faculty Executive Manager on (02) 4221 3209.

Applications Close 2 March 2008

Quote Relevant Ref No

how to apply: Please go to our website <http://employment.uow.edu.au/> to submit your application online & for more information about the position and UOW.



University of Wollongong



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC CO-ORDINATOR

Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre Division of Registrar & Student Services

ANU Officer Grade 6/7

Salary Range: \$55,759 - \$66,166 pa plus 17% super

Reference: DRSS4477

As a part of ANU Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, this position is available to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander applicants only. For further information about the Employment Strategy, please call Lindsay Stanford on 02 6125 5981 or email Lindsay.Stanford@anu.edu.au

We are seeking an enthusiastic, reliable and motivated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to join a small team in the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, who will provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at ANU.

Your primary role will be to provide academic supervision and support to students in the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre both by monitoring their academic progress and providing advice for achieving academic success.

You will be involved in liaison with service providers, both internal and external, as well as appropriate areas of the Division of Registrar and Students Services, ANU Colleges, Schools and Course Coordinators.

A high level of 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.

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: Monday 3 March 2008

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Enquiries: Peter Radoll T: 02 6125 3520 E: Peter.Radoll@anu.edu.au



ARTS LAW CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA INDIGENOUS INFORMATION LIAISON OFFICER

The Arts Law Centre of Australia is the national community legal centre for the arts. Our Artists in the Black service provides Arts Law services to Indigenous artists, organisations and communities. We are seeking a part-time Indigenous information/liaison officer. Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Indigenous artists is required.

For job description and selection criteria contact:
(02) 9356 2566 or www.artslaw.com.au

Closes 14 March 2008.

This is an Aboriginal identified position.



The University of Sydney

Indigenous Employment/Policy Officer

Staff and Student Equal Opportunity Unit

Reference No. 122986

The Staff and Student Equal Opportunity Unit is seeking to appoint an Indigenous Employment/Policy Officer to develop, promote, implement and monitor strategies for improving the proportional representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed at the University of Sydney.

In this role, the appointee will assist with the development and promotion of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action policies, as well as report to external bodies on the University's progress in the equal opportunity arena. As such, excellent written and verbal communication skills, and strong analytical, problem solving, and organisational skills will be essential. The ability to work well in a team and the capacity to exercise tact, discretion and good judgment will also be required.

To succeed, the ability to develop, promote, implement and monitor programs and policies will be essential, as will knowledge of relevant funding schemes and affirmative action. Also required will be experience in writing reports, chairing meetings, word processing and database management. A combination of relevant experience and/or education/training suitable to this position is a must.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupation qualification of this position pursuant to section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 122986. For further information about the position contact Anne Scallion on (02) 9351 8713. Enquiries about the recruitment process can be directed to Alex Gibbins on (02) 9036 7154.

Closing Date: 12 March 2008

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HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION & ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES UNIT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Coordinator

The University of Queensland wishes to attract more Indigenous Australians to roles as academics or as clerical staff, administrators and trades and services workers. As one initiative to achieve this goal, UQ is seeking an experienced Indigenous person who can manage and coordinate our efforts to attract and place Indigenous staff members in suitable roles.

The role: While the appointee will be located in the Human Resources Division on the St Lucia campus, the person will work very closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit (ATSIS) and the Indigenous Health Program within the School of Population Health at the Herston Campus. The person will also cooperate with the ATSIS Unit staff at the Gatton and Ipswich campuses.

The person: The successful candidate will be very familiar with the Indigenous communities of SE Queensland in particular and be experienced in working with school-based and community organisations. Prior experience in job-placement and in associated human resources management activities will be required. Some familiarity with the tertiary education sector would be a decided advantage.

Remuneration: \$70,950 - \$77,601 p.a., including employer superannuation contributions of 17%. This is a full-time, fixed-term position for three years at HEW Level 7.

Contact: Obtain the position description and selection criteria online. To discuss the role contact Michael McMahon, telephone (07) 3365-7543 or email m.mcmahon@uq.edu.au.

Applications close: 1 March 2008. **Reference No:** 3016584.

How to Apply

- visit www.jobsatUQ.net to obtain a copy of the position description
 - follow the specific application process for that position
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Research Fellow

Indigenous Health Unit
School of Population Health and Clinical Practice (Ref: 14447)

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Plus an employer superannuation contribution of 17% applies.

Closing date 11/03/08

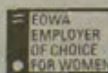
Fixed-term position available immediately for a period of 3 years.

We are seeking a suitably qualified individual to be engaged in Curriculum development with a view to integrating Indigenous knowledge and content into Health Sciences teaching across a range of health Disciplines, and undertake research relevant to the health of Indigenous Australians across South Australia. The position is primarily a research position and you will be required to build a portfolio of research.

Contact: Professor Konrad Jamrozik
Email: konrad.jamrozik@adelaide.edu.au
Phone: 08 8303 4131



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Applicants must address the selection criteria for the position. They are available, with the duty statement from www.adelaide.edu.au/jobs

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

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The **Graduate Trainee Program** is for applicants from all academic backgrounds and will prepare you for a career in foreign and trade policy. Applicants must have, as a minimum, a three-year bachelor degree by the end of 2008. Graduate Trainees undertake a two-year professional development program in Canberra. Starting salary: \$52,545.

The **Corporate and Financial Management Trainee Program** will prepare you for a career managing the department's assets, resources and programs. Applicants must have, as a minimum, a three-year bachelor degree in a relevant discipline (commerce, management, economics or a related area), including a minor or major sequence in accounting, by the end of 2008. Trainees will undertake a two-year professional development program in Canberra, which includes the completion of a professional accounting or financial management qualification. Starting salary: \$54,503.

Suitably qualified Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply. Full details of the positions are available at www.dfat.gov.au/recruit/graduates. Applications will be accepted from 3 March to 9 April 2008 and should be lodged online, using the application form at www.dfat.gov.au/recruit/graduates. **Applications close at midday AEST on 9 April 2008.**

Applicants must be Australian citizens by 31 May 2008. Employment in the department is dependent on an employee receiving medical and security clearances. Loss of a security clearance at any time will lead to termination of employment. Interstate applicants will be required to relocate to Canberra.

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Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is a new 'super' agency formed in December 2007 to bring together the functions of the former Departments of Education, Science & Training (DEST) and Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR). The new DEEWR brings together the core elements of the Government's productivity and participation agenda from early childhood, through schools, trade training, wider vocational education, universities and employment participation. DEEWR works in collaboration with various stakeholders across Government, industry and the community to support and create Australia's future through improving education outcomes and systems, maximising the effectiveness of training, increasing workforce participation and contributing to a strong employment growth and economy.

As National Winner in 2005 and 2007 of the AHRI Award for Excellence in People Management, DEEWR prides itself on being an 'employer of choice' and offers a work environment with a range of flexible employment conditions and arrangements where employees are encouraged to maintain a work/life balance, where social and cultural diversity is valued and where strong leadership behaviours are encouraged at all levels. DEEWR people are professional and creative, enthusiastic about their work, and committed to an organisational culture shaped by 'caring for our people', teamwork and high standards of performance.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION GROUP, CANBERRA

Assistant Directors and Project Officers

Executive Level 1 and APS Level 6

\$60,721-\$83,760

Reference no: 08-042

The Indigenous Education Policy Branch of the Indigenous Education Group is responsible for the management of a range of projects, policy areas and programs including Indigenous whole of government activities, pathways mobility, youth leadership, promoting Indigenous outcomes in schools, vocational education and higher education, as well as supporting the Minister, Secretary and Executive in their roles on various high-level Indigenous Affairs working groups.

The occupants of these positions will undertake a variety of tasks, mostly within tight timeframes, work flexibly with limited direction and be required to pick up new issues quickly. The successful candidates will work constructively with a range of internal and external stakeholders, have experience in program and project management and/or strong analytical and policy skills.

These are Identified Positions and the duties of the positions will involve the development of policy or programmes relating to Indigenous Australian people, and/or involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities. You will need an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australian people and have an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

The positions are security assessed. The successful applicants will be required to undergo a security assessment.

Contact Officer: Greg Bryant on (02) 6240 7402

How to Apply

Applications close: Thursday, 13 March 2008

The selection documentation is available on our website at www.dest.gov.au/recruitment, or by email recruitment@dest.gov.au, or 24 hour answering service on (02) 6240 9154.

Please note that applications will not be acknowledged on receipt. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted regarding the next phase of the selection process. To those applicants who are not shortlisted, we extend our thanks for considering DEEWR as a potential employer.

Successful applicants must be Australian citizens. Conditions of employment are contained in the Department's Certified Agreement.

Applications addressing the selection criteria may be emailed to recruitment@dest.gov.au, faxed to (02) 6123 5111 or mailed to:

The Recruitment Officer—Location 758
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601



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Having an adaptable approach to your work with a flexible nature will see you go a long way in this role.

To be eligible for this role you will have:

- At least 2 years experience of managing staff;
- Demonstrable experience in MYOB, MS Word, Excel and Access and;
- Demonstrable experience of managing budgets of \$250,000 plus.

Please also note that FATSIL are seeking to appoint an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person pursuant to an exemption under Section 38 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (the Act), Sections 13, 100 and 195 whereby this position of Manager for FATSIL is an identified Indigenous Position.

FATSIL reserve the right to request reference checks as to applicant's Aboriginality and for any previous criminal convictions. Previous applicants need not apply.

For further information please send your details to John Carvin at jcarvin@ipa.com.au or call (03) 9252 2209.



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Careers in Health

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Social Worker or Psychologist (Case Manager-Indigenous) – Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services, Community and Primary Health Service-Bayside, Cleveland, Southside Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$76 974 p.a. comprising salary between \$61 670 – \$67 464 p.a. employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (PO3) (Applications will remain current for six months) JAR: H08BAY059.

Duties/Abilities: This position will work as a member of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services team within Community and Primary Health Services – Bayside and will work to support the development and implementation of Primary Health Care activities for Indigenous clients. The position will provide case management through a comprehensive assessment and care planning process with clients experiencing issues related to substance misuse and act as a resource person within the team for culturally appropriate service delivery. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: Karen McWilliam 3488 4222.

Application Kit: (07) 3121 1412 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 17 March 2008.

Health Worker Advanced - Child Youth and Family Health, Community Health Service, Mackay, Mackay Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$54 530 p.a., comprising salary between \$43 449 – \$47 793 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08MK0221. **Duties/Abilities:** Develop and deliver primary health care services, including prevention, education, intervention and promotion activities and strategies to individuals, families and community groups, in keeping with child, Youth and Family Health Services. 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: Karen Drury (07) 4968 3863.

Application Kit: (07) 4968 3777 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 10 March 2008.

Health Worker Advanced - Child Health, Child and Family Health Service, Community Health Services, Ipswich, West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$54 530 p.a., comprising salary between \$43 449 – \$47 793 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08WM050. **Duties/Abilities:** Plan, implement, evaluate and support child health programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities in collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, community groups, government and non-government agencies. Work as a member of the Child Health team to support the development and implementation of primary health care activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. This will include but not be limited to preventative programs such as health surveillance screening and education, injury and illness prevention, parenting programs, and initiatives to promote healthy eating and physical activity in children. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Wendy Kastelein (07) 3817 2335.

Application Kit: (07) 3810 1887 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 17 March 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-suitability policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

Brighter Business Solutions

Brighter Business Solutions is a Koori owned and operated business that supports Not-For-Profit, primarily Indigenous organisations by offering a range of services that promote and develop better business practices. All services are tailored to the individual organisations needs.

Services include:

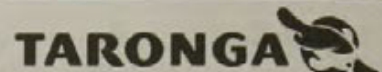
- Business Analysis & Economic Development Strategies
- Implementation/review of Strategic Plan, Policies & Procedures
- Human Resource Assistance
- Research and Evaluation
- Program Design & Program/Service Delivery Review
- Risk Management
- Funding Sourcing both Government and Corporate
- Grant Preparation & Submission
- Community Capacity Building

For funders and stakeholders Brighter Business Solutions provide assistance with planning and community needs assessments, as well as program evaluations and operational reviews of funded organizations or potential recipients.

Please phone to discuss your business needs, or to arrange an initial consultation.

Koori owned and operated, culturally sensitive and community minded.

Contact: Shannon Childs, PO Box 713, Forbes, NSW 2871.
Phone: 0448 511 577, e-mail: brighter.b.solutions@hotmail.com



CONSERVATION SOCIETY AUSTRALIA

Aboriginal Education Officers - Taronga Zoo

Taronga Zoo currently has vacancies for a full-time and a part-time Aboriginal Education Officer. The positions offer an exciting opportunity to develop innovative and exciting educational experiences and programs from an Aboriginal perspective.

The successful applicants will be members of a supportive and multi-disciplinary team. The roles are to coordinate the development and delivery of education programs and provide excellent service to school groups and visitors to Taronga Zoo's.

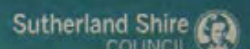
To be successful in this role you will require:

- Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act of 1977).
- Hold a formal teaching qualification from a higher education institution recognised by the Department of Education and Training
- Diverse knowledge of Aboriginal communities.
- Experience in developing and implementing Aboriginal education programs.
- Excellent communication, teamwork, negotiation and organisational skills.
- Experience in theatre or performance based activities.
- High level computer literacy skills including Microsoft Office.
- Experience in project management and budget development, reporting and reconciliation.

To obtain an information package, including the selection criteria, position description and an application form, please go to our website www.taronga.org.au or contact Paul Maguire on (02) 9978 4555 or email pmaguire@zoo.nsw.gov.au

Applications, including the completed application form, along with your resume and covering letter should be sent to HR Officer, Taronga Conservation Society Australia, PO Box 20, Mosman 2088 by Monday 10 March 2008, quoting Reference No 2008/2875.

Taronga Conservation Society is a Trade Mark of the Zoological Parks Board of NSW ABN 41 733 619 876



Sutherland Shire Council prides itself on its commitment to its workforce and the community it serves. We offer career progression, work/life balance and award conditions which exceed industry standards.

KICK START YOUR CAREER

SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL HAS 2 TRAINEESHIPS IDENTIFIED FOR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS.

An Information Evening will be held on:

5.30pm – 7pm

Tuesday 4 March

4-20 Eton St, Sutherland

A traineeship is a great way to build your workplace skills and gain a nationally accredited qualification whilst being paid.

For more information contact Sandra Breen, 02 9710 0679.

For more information and the selection criteria call our 24 hour voice mail service 9710 0446. Your application MUST address the selection criteria. Please quote relevant Ref. No.

www.sutherland.nsw.gov.au

Maternal & Child Health Co-ordinator (R/N)

Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service currently has a newly funded position available in the role of Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinator. This position will be required to achieve certain health outcomes in line with the funding guidelines as provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing.

This position will support the organisational aims to improve the quality of maternal and child health services within the Aboriginal community of Coonamble and its catchment area.

The position will provide direct patient contact and clinical support in the area of maternal and child health, and be required to provide immunisations, developmental and maternal screenings and advice on parenting, settling, and behavioural management.

The successful applicant will need to be able to work as an individual and as part of a team, and be able to demonstrate the necessary skills, experience and qualifications needed for this position.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake relevant criminal record and working with children's checks.

Salary and conditions for the above position will be negotiated in accordance with the Health Services Union of Australia (Aboriginal Health Award 2002) and in line with the funding allocated by the Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Position descriptions and selection criteria are available by contacting Michelle Shields, Acting Chief Executive Officer at Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service on (02) 6822 5312.

Applications are to be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service, PO Box 236, Wellington NSW 2820.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 21 March 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.

COORDINATOR

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE GROUP

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Campbelltown, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number A008/082. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ACJGC) supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and Extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture, particularly the culture of those communities of New South Wales; Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system; Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all backgrounds; Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities; Experience in organising and presenting information sessions, workshops and other educational forums; Ability to manage projects; Current NSW Drivers Licence;

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This is a re-advertised position, previous applicants will need to re-apply. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Scott Hawkins (02) 8688 8623 Email: scott.hawkins@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Scott Hawkins (02) 8688 8623.

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 07 March 2008.

AG17/104041



MANAGER

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place

This position is EOA exempt under VCAT
Application A297/2005

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (MMIGP) is seeking applications from experienced and highly motivated Indigenous candidates interested in community capacity building with a strong focus on early intervention programs.

MMIGP is a newly established Indigenous organization based in the Eastern Metro Region of Melbourne. Modeled on a neighbourhood house, MMIGP provides a range of programs and activities that address the whole spectrum of life and reflects a holistic Indigenous response to strengthening families and community. Programs and activities include: Playgroup, Elder's, Youth, Men's and Women's Networks. If you are interested in a rewarding leadership role, working with the Indigenous Community of the EMR and a dedicated team of staff, then please apply using the details below.

We are looking for someone who has:

- Exceptional organisational, administrative and financial management experience at executive level
- The ability to build relationships across all levels of government, non-government and community sectors
- An understanding of community development principles
- A proven track record managing and supervising staff (Indigenous and non-Indigenous)

Application closing date: March 21st 2008.

Position Enquiries: For further information and copies of the position description and selection criteria please contact: Ms Julie Saunders, Acting Manager, Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place. Ph: 03 9725 2166, email jsaunders@mmigp.com.au or download from <http://www.mmigp.org.au>

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

ABORIGINAL COUNSELLORS (X2) PFT New Street Adolescent Service & NSW Pre-Trial Diversion Program (Cedar Cottage)

Two new positions for male Aboriginal counsellors to work with families at which a parent has sexually abused a child or families in which a child (15-17yrs) has sexually abused. These positions include working with Aboriginal people and communities as well as working as a team member in the mainstream service. Some travel to rural areas required for one of the positions. It is envisaged these positions will be challenging, complex and rewarding. These services, based in western Sydney have connections with mental services which will provide specific cultural support. Professional supervision is provided from within each service. Formal qualifications in counselling are not held, the selected applicants will be able to take up the positions while undergoing relevant training. Enquiries: Karen Parsons at Cedar Cottage on (02) 9891 6199 or Breiten Law at New Street on (02) 9840 4083.

SWHS considers that being male and Aboriginal are genuine occupational qualifications for these positions under Sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Sydney West Area Health Service

Ad No: 60461 & 70975

Closing Date: 14.03.08

Please visit the Area's webpage on www.swhs.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



GANDANGARA
Local Aboriginal Land Council

Gandangara Employment and Training Services (GETS)

GANDANGARA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MANAGER

Gandangara Employment and Training Services (GETS), a wholly owned division of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) is seeking to employ the services of a highly skilled and motivated person to work as part of the Council's Senior Management Team (SMT).

The successful applicant will be at the cutting edge of this new business stream and will hold, in conjunction with the existing members of the SMT, the primary responsibility for the design, implementation and growth of this new Indigenous business. The successful applicant will also be expected to have a dynamic understanding of the nature of growing businesses and be prepared to assist in the establishment of new business streams on behalf of the GLALC.

A salary package in the vicinity of \$65,000 is envisaged, as the successful applicant will have the inherent skills and experience to negotiate this outcome as part of their initial brief. The successful applicant will be expected to hold, or be prepared to participate in and obtain tertiary qualifications within a professional field from which GLALC could draw upon.

Applicants will need to obtain a Job Description from Ms Tina Taylor on (02) 9602 5280 or taylor@glalc.org.au.

Further information can be obtained by contacting: The CEO - Mark (Jack) Johnson on (02) 9602 5280 or markjohnson@glalc.org.au.

Applications for the above positions must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, 21 March, 2008.

All applications by post should be addressed as follows: Confidential, CEO, GLALC PO Box 1038, Liverpool BC 1871. Or by email to: markjohnson@glalc.org.au

As GLALC is a statutory Local Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who meet, or are prepared to ensure that they meet the selection criteria, are strongly encouraged to apply.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8

Planning & Access

Metro South Region, Burwood

Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)

Position No: DADHC-08-10820

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Implement policy, undertake activities & projects related to planning & delivery of services to departmental clients, provide advice reflecting contemporary needs for older people and people with a disability and their carers.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Skills and experience in policy and project implementation.
- A solid working knowledge and contemporary understanding of human services and key issues for departmental clients (ageing and disability) and stakeholders.
- Analytical/problem solving and data analysis skills and the ability to interpret and apply legislation and policy.
- Experience in undertaking financial and costing analysis within a government framework.
- High level interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively and build relationships and consult with a range of external stakeholders and present a case in group settings.
- High level of written communication skills and competence in use of keyboard and standard PC software programs.
- Demonstrated commitment to teamwork and a willingness to show initiative and flexibility and reliability in meeting deadlines.

Job Notes: There are 2 permanent full-time positions available. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Steven Gal or Lyn Black (02) 9334 3700.

Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or 1800 185 466.

Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 7 March 2008.



Department of
Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Offender Management & Professional Development

Prison Support Officer 50(d)

Offender Services

Position No: 5877

Level/Salary: 4 PSGA \$54,510 - \$57,609 pa

Location: Casuarina Prison

If you like working in a close knit team and would like to work in a rewarding environment, then this is the opportunity that you have been looking for!

The Department of Corrective Services is looking to appoint an Indigenous Prison Support Officer to work at Casuarina Prison. As a Prison Support Officer you will contribute to the overall suicide and self-harm intervention and prevention strategy within the Prison.

This will involve working in a team environment with the aim of early identification and support of prisoners at risk. You will also have the opportunity to be involved with the management of the performance and training of the Peer Support Team, which includes identifying the need for and delivering designated suicide prevention training programs, such as the Gatekeeper Program.

You may also be called upon to help deliver information sessions to relevant staff within the prison.

For further job related information: Please contact Sonia Gianetti on (08) 9411 5500.

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 10 March 2008 at 4.30pm.



Ngarda
Civil & Mining



Ngarda Civil & Mining Pty Ltd is an Indigenous owned and operated civil and mining contractor. Winner of the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships, our company is dedicated to providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians. We continue to experience exciting opportunities and growth and are now looking for various positions to help achieve our vision.

In an agreement worth in excess of \$1200 million over five years, Ngarda has been appointed to manage and operate the Yalla Iron Ore Mine which is located approximately 200 kilometres east of Port Hedland in the Pilbara Region of Western Australia. This is the largest contract ever awarded to an Indigenous company in Australia.

Ngarda have the following employment opportunities for the Yalla Iron Ore Mine within our Civil and Mining divisions to be filled in early March/April 2008.

Positions available are fulltime FIFO or DIDO. A competitive salary and employment conditions will be offered to the successful candidates.

- Environment/QA Officer
- Trainee Safety Officer
- Maintenance Planner
- Crushing & Screening Supervisor
- Mine Supervisor
- Drill & Blast Coordinator
- Maintenance Clerks
- Mobile Plant Supervisor
- Store Person/Clerk
- Operators
- Leading Hands
- Drillers/Shot Firers

- Mine Surveyor
- HV Electricians
- LH Servicepersons
- Servicepersons
- Apprentice Fitters
- Trades Assistant
- LH Fitters
- Fitters
- Tyre Fitters
- LV Fitters
- Excavator Operators
- Truck Operators
- Ancillary Operators

Job Task:

- Job tasks will vary according to position description
- Compliance to Environmental, Health, Safety, Community and Quality practices
- Working within Ngarda Civil and Mining Policies and Procedures
- Perform the role in accordance to Ngarda's Code of Business Conduct
- Customer service excellence
- Team work environment

Skills and Attributes:

- The successful candidates for these roles must have:
- Trade qualification for all trade positions
- Qualifications/certificates to operate heavy duty machinery or to perform skilled duties
- Solid communication skills and organisational skills
- Professional positions require a high-level of computer skill including Microsoft Office, JD Edwards (preferred) or exposure to SAP, Oracle, Pronto etc)
- Innovative self-starter
- Ability to work unsupervised when required

Applications including current resume should be forwarded

by close of business on 4 March 2008 to:

Reg Yaman, Human Resources Advisor, P.O. Box 496, Belmont WA 6984

or email resumes to: apply@ngarda.com.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of Mining Leases shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
ML60250 Brown's Mine	Approx. 49 km West North West from Eromanga Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Current Land Tenures: Lot 3000 on PH762 - Preferential Pastoral Holding 10/3000 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 6.0 ha	Edward Joseph HENNESSY
ML60350 Russell's	Approx. 41 km West from Eromanga Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Current Land Tenures: Lot 447 on SP196201 - Pastoral Holding 10/447 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 4 9716 ha	Alfred Rodger McKELLAR
ML60363 Natalie	Approx. 69 km South West from Eromanga Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bulloo	Current Land Tenures: Lot 3 on WLA14 - Pastoral Development Holding 10/5491 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 36.0 ha	Isabella RIGNEY (50%) Alexandra Isabella RIGNEY (50%)
ML60372 Pengor	Approx. 83 km South West from Quilpie Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Current Land Tenures: Lot 5159 on PH1835 - Pastoral Holding 10/5159 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 9,769 ha	Arthur John PENSHERN (50%) Malcolm John PENSORE (50%)
ML60394 Mark's Mine	Approx. 34 km West North West from Eromanga Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Current Land Tenures: Lot 1 on CP854971 - Pastoral Holding 3/5566 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 5,5512 ha	Colin Arthur Francis RAE
ML60420 Talgeberry	Approx. 82 km South West from Quilpie Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Current Land Tenures: Lot 5159 on PH1835 - Pastoral Holding 10/5159 (mining and access) Lot 4 on GO51 - Pastoral Holding 10/5511 (mining only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 14,8207 ha	William Gerard TULLY (33.3%) Hugh Ross TULLY (33.4%) Jack Joseph TULLY (33.3%)
ML60427 Fazzari's Field	Approx. 42 km West South West from Eromanga Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Current Land Tenures: Lot 447 on SP196201 - Pastoral Holding 10/447 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 13,711 ha	Frank FAZARRI

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years for MLs 60350, 60363, 60372, 60394, 60404, 60420, 60427 and for a term not exceeding six (6) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding six (6) years for ML60250.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases 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, Queensland, 4002.

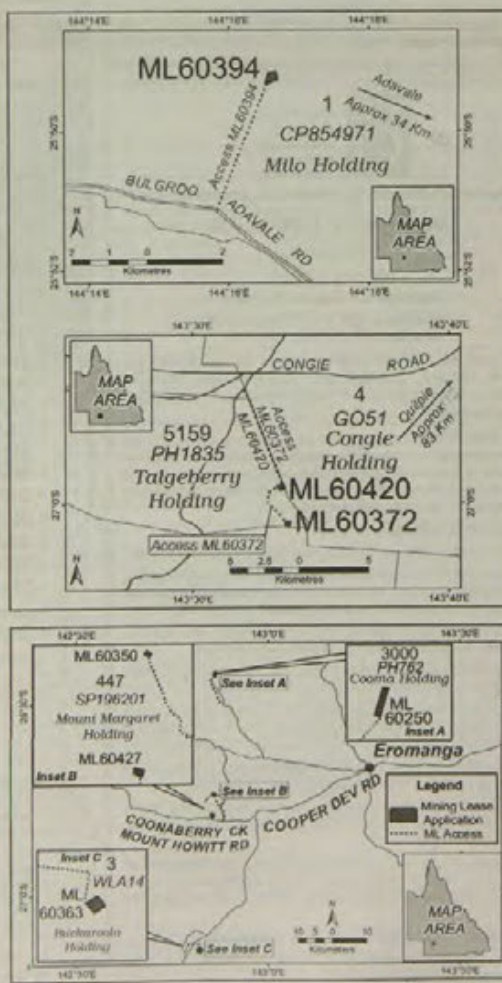
Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease applications, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216; DME, Court House, Buln Buln Street, Quilpie, Qld 4480, Telephone: 07 4656 1266.

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 Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, 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: 19 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL
Aboriginal Education Support Worker
SSO 1 - Range 1 (48/52)
Fixed, Full-time (April-December 2008)
For position description, contact school or
www.nhs.vic.edu.au
Further information, contact D. Pyke or R. Mason on
(03) 9488-2321
Application due 3pm, Friday, 7 March 2008

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES
CORPORATE RECRUITMENT
PSYCHOLOGIST, SPECIALIST
PSYCHOLOGIST
Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08091.
Total remuneration package valued to: \$94,378 p.a. (\$48,684-\$85,526) Total remuneration packages includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An environmental allowance of \$2,229 pa may also apply during occupancy of this position.
Position provides a psychological service to offenders.
Selection Criteria: Minimum four year qualification in psychology with current full or provisional registration with NSW Psychologists Registration Board. Knowledge and ability to apply current psychological literature relevant to assessment, treatment and research appropriate to work with offenders. Skills and experience in psychological assessment including writing reports. Ability to provide treatment to offenders including those with psychological disorders. Ability to apply functional analysis and behavioural management skills. Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team. Excellent communication and organisational skills. Possess a current NSW driver's licence and be willing and able to drive throughout NSW if required.
Notes: This is a re-advertised position and previous applicants will need to re-apply. For appointment as a Specialist Psychologist you must satisfy the additional selection criteria and qualifications detailed in the information package. Please ensure you address those criteria in your written application. Please ensure you read the Information package prior to submitting your written application. Certified copies of your qualifications and registration must be included with your written application. Applicants are required to provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application. Applicants must be willing to travel throughout the region covered by the Dubbo and Wellington Community Offender Services offices. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment.
Inquiries: Anne Young (02) 6332 2737 Email: Anne.Young@dcs.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** Linda Ernst@dcs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6840 2861.
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 07 March 2008.

HOUSING
NEW SOUTH WALES
HOUSING NSW
CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER -
ABORIGINAL (ATSI IDENTIFIED)
Clerk Grade 2/4
Western Area, Dubbo
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-10890
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:
This position is responsible for the effective delivery of a range of housing services and products to clients in need. You will work in a team environment to ensure good service is provided to our clients and appropriate outcomes are achieved.
SELECTION CRITERIA:
• Aboriginality.
• Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
• Skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
• Ability to respond to the needs of a variety of people and capacity to problem solve and exercise initiative.
• Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances, including Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
• Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands and demonstrated capacity to be an effective team member.
• Computer literacy and capacity to manage computer based information systems.
• Current Driver's Licence.
Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. This is a people-oriented position, which will provide personal growth opportunities and experience in a dynamic and changing organisation. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.
Inquiries: Kerry McDermott (02) 6885 7111.
Information package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250.
Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package, or post to: NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.
Closing Date: Friday 7 March 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.

Aboriginal Trainee Administration Officer

Multicultural Health, Wallend
Temp Full Time Position No: 55894
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role.
Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-
Discrimination Act (1977).
Enquiries: Catherine Norman, (02) 4924 6284.
Closing Date: 14 March 2008.

Aboriginal Sexual Assault Counsellor

Violence Prevention & Women's Services, Taree
Perm Part Time, 20 hpw Position No: 57387
Applicants must be female and the position is identified
for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under
Sections 31 and 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).
Enquiries: Carolyn Monck,
carolyn.monck@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 21 March 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

Diocese of Bathurst Catholic Education Office

Expressions of interest are sought for AEW (Aboriginal
Education Worker) positions at:

- St Joseph's School, Gilgandra (K-Yr 6) Part Time
Position* 0.6 FTE (45.6 hrs/fortnight)
- La Salle Academy, Lithgow (Yrs 7-12) Part Time Position*
0.6 FTE (45.6 hrs/fortnight)
- St John's Primary School, Dubbo (K-Yr 6) Temporary Full-
Time Position (76 hrs/fortnight until 19/12/08)

Criteria - Applicants must be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of, and sincere commitment
to, the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education.
- Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
background.
- Demonstrate a sound and exemplary employment history.
- Demonstrate an exemplary level of skill in literacy and
numeracy especially as it relates to assisting students.
- Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect
Indigenous students and knowledge of local issues which
impact on Indigenous students.

Applications will close: Monday, March 17, 2008, COB.
Please ring (02) 6882 7355 (Catholic Education Office, Dubbo)
for an information package which will contain an application
form, job description, pay rates and information about the
school.

Please note that the application form will ask for the names and
phone contact details of a local Catholic Parish Priest, a
previous employer and one other professional person as
referees. Supporting documentation of experience and/or
qualifications will also be requested.

* All AEW positions in the Bathurst Diocese are funded by the
Commonwealth's IESIP program. These positions are permanent
depending on the continuation of the IESIP funding into the future.
Child Protection Legislation requires preferred applicant to
be subject to employment screening.



Brotherhood
of St Laurence
Working for an Australia free of poverty

Research Officer 0.5 eft

Interested in evaluating an early childhood
program for Indigenous children & their families?

We are seeking a researcher who will undertake a project which
will contribute to the development of innovative programs. A
strong knowledge around issues for these communities is
required. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly
encouraged to apply. Tertiary qualifications essential,
experience in undertaking research preferred.

The role will involve:

- Organising and conducting surveys
- Undertaking research interviews
- Developing good working relationships with HIPPY staff and
families
- Contributing to data analysis and report writing

Based in La Perouse, this part time (0.5 eft) position is for 12
months, opportunity to extend subject to funding. Salary
between \$45,778-\$52,020 per annum, pro rata, depending on
qualifications and experience. Very attractive salary packaging
option available. The successful applicant will be required to
undergo a standard Police Check.

To obtain a position description visit www.bsl.org.au or phone
Karen on (03) 9483 1383. For further information about the
position contact Nicole Oka on noka@bsl.org.au

Please send written applications addressing the key
selection criteria to:
Karen Russell - People, Work and Culture
Brotherhood of St Laurence
67 Brunswick St Fitzroy 3065
krussell@bsl.org.au

Applications close: 17th March 2008.
VCAT Application No: A288/2008

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
EPM16298	Approx. 149 km WNW from Laura Centred at approximate Lat.15°07'S Long.143°08'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cook	Area: 327 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 99 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2653 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 2725 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, p, q, u, v, w 2726 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 2727 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 2728 a, f, l, q, v 2797 b, c, g, h, m, n	Tinplitch Pty Ltd 096 734 306
EPM16299	Approx. 141 km WNW from Laura Centred at approximate Lat.15°02'S Long.143°15'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cook	Area: 331 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2654 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 2655 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 2656 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 2657 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	Tinplitch Pty Ltd 096 734 306
EPM16300	Approx. 128 km WNW from Laura Centred at approximate Lat.15°10'S Long.143°20'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cook	Area: 331 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2728 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2729 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 2799 e, k, p, u, z 2800 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 2801 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	Tinplitch Pty Ltd 096 734 306
EPM16301	Approx. 133 km WNW from Laura Centred at approximate Lat.15°16'S Long.143°15'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cook	Area: 317 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 96 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2798 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2799 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2871 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u 2872 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2873 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q 2944 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o	Tinplitch Pty Ltd 096 734 306
EPM16313	Approx. 170 km WNW from Laura Centred at approximate Lat.15°02'S Long.142°57'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cook	Area: 179 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 54 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2579 k, p, u 2580 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2651 k 2652 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2724 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, r, s, x	Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 495

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Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers)
the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates
Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the
whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block.
Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of
longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 1456 Blocks,
which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that
is shown on a Block Identification Map.

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Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown
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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). 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
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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), 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 Yulture 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.

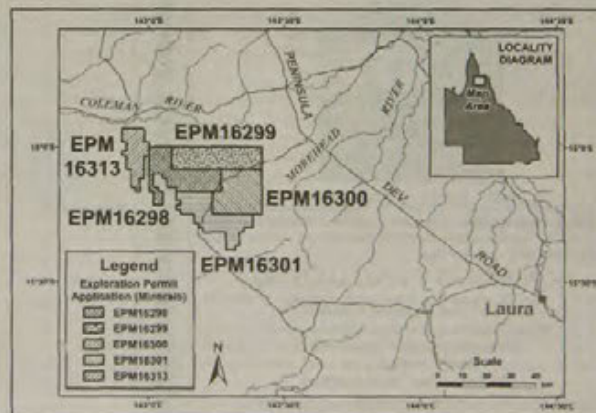
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts,
119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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
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4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 19 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Closing Date: 14 March 2008

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Health Promotion Officer –

Aboriginal HEO – Graduate

Ref: 53548. Salary: \$858.20–\$1270.90 pw. Temp F/T up to

Feb 2009, Aboriginal Men's Project, RPAH.

Enq: Miranda Shaw (02) 9515 5298.

Closing Date: 14 March 2008.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and

is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination

Act 1977.

Apply online at: www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au

or send applications quoting Ref. No. to: Manager, Recruitment Unit,

Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871 or email applications to:

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ABORIGINAL COORDINATOR

This is an identified position

This is a permanent part time position

for 15 hours per week.

Job Reference No. 229825

Location – Deniliquin

Salary – Total remuneration package valued to \$47,567

pa, including salary (\$41,411 - \$43,106), employer's

contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Duties – Develop, implement and evaluate programs

to meet Aboriginal communities education and training

needs within the Institute.

Note – Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine

occupational qualification and is authorised under

Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977).

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday, 14 March 2008

All applicants must obtain an information package which

includes an official job application form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION... Download the

package from www.rti.tafensw.edu.au/rljobs or call

the Recruitment Coordinator on 02 6058 2920

NB: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or

a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening

checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

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LOVE YOUR WORK



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 AND DENTAL BRANCH MANAGER

Mental Health and Welfare (Community)

Community Health Organisation

Based at West End

12 Month Fixed Term Contract

We are looking for a suitable applicant for a 12 month fixed term contract to manage and represent the sections and co-ordinate the functions of the mental health, welfare and dental sections in order to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the services.

This position is classified in accordance with the HSUA Admin Award Level 8 \$1016.48 gross 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 Mark Moore if you have specific queries about the vacancy (07) 3393 0055 or for a Position Description, please email vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact Kym Hearn on (07) 3393 0055.

Closing Date and Submission Details:

The closing date for applications is close of business 5 March

2008.

Please submit your Resume and a brief application addressing

the selection criteria to:

Confidential

Kym Hearn

HR Officer

Po Box 8112

Woolloongabba Qld 4102

We are a smoke free organisation. We do have designated

smoking areas.

AICHS is an equal employment opportunity employer and applies

merit based selection techniques to ensure that the best person for

the position is selected. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

are strongly encouraged to apply for vacant positions.



TO ADVERTISE IN THE KOORI MAIL CALL NAOMI OR STUART ON 02 66 222 666



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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15223	Approx. 79 km SSW from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.11°32'S Long.142°04'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 184 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 55 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2858 s, x 2930 c, h, n, r, s, w, x 3001 u, z 3002 b, c, f, g, l, m, q, r, v 3073 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 3074 a, f 3145 c, d, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, w, x 3216 z 3217 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, v 3288 c 3289 a	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538
EPM15224	Approx. 17 km NNE from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.10°46'S Long.142°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Torres, Injinoo, Umagico, New Mapoon and Seisa Island	Area: 228 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 68 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2358 p, q, t, u, v, y 2359 g, l, m, n, q, s, t, u, y, z 2360 v 2429 e, k, p, t, u, y 2430 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j 2431 e, j, k, o, p, s, t, v, w, x 2432 a, b, f 2501 b, c, d, g, h, m, n, q, r, v 2502 z 2503 a, b, c, f, l, q, v 2574 e, k, o, p, t 2575 a	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538
EPM15225	Approx. 24 km WSW from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.11°02'S Long.142°10'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Injinoo, Torres and Cook	Area: 212 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 63 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2499 z 2500 u, v, x, y, z 2570 j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2571 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w 2572 a, b, c, d, f 2642 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2643 a 2714 d, e, k, p, u, z 2786 d, e, j, k	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538
EPM15258	Approx. 83 km SSW from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.11°35'S Long.142°06'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 221 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 66 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3002 d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3074 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3145 e, k, p, t, u, y, z 3146 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, l, m, q 3217 c, d, h, n, r, s, w, x 3289 b, c, d	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538
EPM15259	Approx. 31 km SW from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.11°05'S Long.142°12'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Injinoo and Cook	Area: 101 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 30 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2571 x 2643 h, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2715 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, v, w 2787 a, f	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538
EPM15280	Approx. 8 km E from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.10°53'S Long.142°28'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Injinoo, Umagico, Torres and Bamaga Island	Area: 232 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 69 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2359 x 2430 t, u, y, z 2431 c, d, g, h, l, m, n, q, r 2502 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y 2572 g, h, j, m, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 2573 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 2574 b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, r, s	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538

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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), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

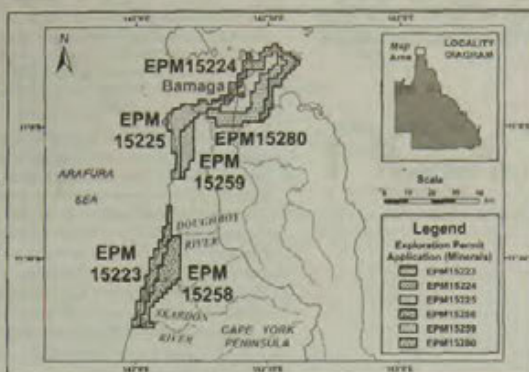
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Notification Day: 19 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

WOMEN'S SUPPORT WORKER

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35 hr week

Being female is a genuine requirement under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

ESSENTIAL: Female, Understanding of DV issues & impacts on women & children, culturally sensitive, team player. Avail to participate in on call roster & after hr call backs, current unrestricted drivers license, access to reliable vehicle, contactable by phone, god oral & written communication.

DESIRABLE: 1st aid certificate, computer skills, experience working with women in crisis and in SAAP Services. Koori, CALD & Lesbian Women encouraged to apply. Remuneration as per SACS Award.

For info pack contact: (02) 9389 4431.

Applications end close of business 7/3/07.



HOUSING NSW

AREA PLANNING COORDINATOR

Clerk Grade 9/10

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

Hunter Area, Newcastle

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-10857

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (salary \$79,188 pa - \$87,263 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Responsible for developing, implementing & evaluating a planning framework for the Area. Assists the Area Director in the housing assistance planning process & provides high level expertise & assistance in strategic asset & human services planning.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated planning and organisational skills.
- High level of written communication skills and demonstrated ability to prepare a range of business and project plans and reports.
- Sound knowledge of the role of human services agencies and a commitment to working with other agencies as partners in service delivery.
- Demonstrated skills in negotiation and development of partnership projects and processes.
- Strong analytical skills in portfolio analysis, conceptualising and delivering analysis methods.
- Demonstrated skills in project development and project management.
- Ability to manage and develop staff capacity in a small and diverse team.
- Current driver's licence.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. Enquiries: Anna Zycki on (02) 4925 6362

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package, or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing Date: Friday 7 March 2008.



HOUSING NSW

SENIOR HERITAGE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 11/12

Asset Policy and Technical Advice

Head Office, Ashfield

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-10855

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (salary \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

To develop policies, strategies, standards and practices and provide expert advice for the management of the Department's heritage assets to meet the requirements of legislation, government requirements and the needs of the business.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Extensive knowledge and experience in working with heritage assets.
- Sound knowledge of government legislation and regulation related to built heritage conservation archaeology and Aboriginal heritage matters.
- Experience in developing and evaluating policies and practices.
- Experience in application and assessment of heritage issues and decision-making in practical applications.
- Appropriate tertiary qualifications and/or equivalent skills and knowledge base.
- Project management skills and experience and sound analytical skills.
- Superior written and oral communication skills including sound presentation skills.
- Strong networking and negotiation skills to deal with a range of internal and external stakeholders and sound experience in directing, leading and managing expert consultants.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the PSEM Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Upali Mallawaarachchi (02) 8753 8676.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package.

Closing date: Friday 7 March 2008.

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EPM16635	Approx. 108 km NW from Clermont Centred at approximate: Lat.22°05'S Long.146°57'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Belyando	Area: 64 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 20 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1763 p, u, z 1764 l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1836 b, c, d, e, j, k, o, p	Zamia Resources Pty Ltd 110 759 503

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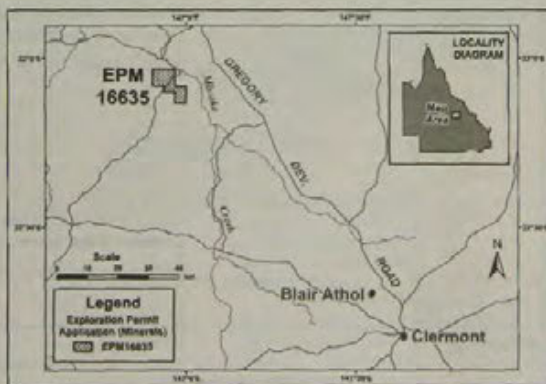
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JOIN OUR TEAM

Have you got the skills we need?

Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?
The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on:

www.nci.tafensw.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm


Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre Southern Metropolitan Region (CCRCSMR)

The CCRCSMR is the regional contact point for carers and the community in the Southern Metropolitan Region, providing information, support and service development.

Project Worker

Strengthening Aboriginal Respite Project

Negotiable to full time available until 30 June 2008

Regional role (Caulfield based)

Position paid as a Community Development Worker Grade 2B

The Strengthening Aboriginal Respite Project position aims to deliver the "Strengthening Aboriginal Respite" Project - Southern Metropolitan Region component; on behalf of the Victorian Carer Services Network including:

- Evaluating and increasing the uptake of respite services by Indigenous carers living in the Southern Metropolitan Region by:
 - identifying respite and support resources available to Indigenous carers in the Southern Metropolitan Region
 - proposing and trialling methods of adapting mainstream respite and support services to meet the needs of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander carers.
 - ensuring that staff are aware of and trained in best practice in delivering culturally appropriate services to Indigenous carers building on the learnings of the rural and State-wide aboriginal carers projects being delivered through CCRC's and Carers Victoria; and
- To work closely with the ATSI Community Engagement Worker at the CCRC - Northern Metropolitan Region to share learnings and deliver project outcomes cooperatively.

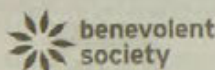
The successful applicant must have an understanding of and affinity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and be experienced in project work to meet the objectives as above. Experience in group consultation and training with high level report writing skills and working with others to develop a range of promotional and information provision activities for carers and service providers are required. An understanding of carers' issues broadly and a knowledge of community service systems is essential.

In line with Bayside Health policy, successful applicants must return a satisfactory police check.

For position descriptions: www.cgmcc.org.au

Enquiries and Applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria to: Bronwyn McPherson, Program Manager Access Information and Support Services, Ph: 9076 6888 or email: b.mcpherson@cgmcc.org.au
CCRCSMR, 260 Kooyong Rd, Caulfield 3167.

Closing date: by 5pm - Thursday March 6th, 2008.



Aboriginal Case Manager

Brighter Futures New England - Child & Family Service
Armidale - Part time (30 hours per week)

The Brighter Futures Program is a new initiative funded by the NSW Department of Community Services to provide targeted, long term support for vulnerable families. The position will provide case planning and support for families in Aboriginal communities in and surrounding Armidale.

If you are interested in being part of well resourced and innovative program, working within a supportive team environment, please visit our website or contact Sabine Altmann on 02 6771 4700 or 0417 416 495. As a not-for-profit organisation, we are able to offer generous salary packaging of up to \$16,050 tax-free. Applications close 17th March 2008. Working With Children Background Checks apply.

Coordinator

Community Aged Care Packages - St. George LGA's
Permanent Part Time - 24hrs

The Benevolent Society is seeking an enthusiastic and experienced individual to become part of our team of coordinators who case manage Community Aged Care Packages.

Essential: Tertiary qualifications in Health, Welfare, Nursing or Social Sciences; a high standard of team work; demonstrated, significant experience and knowledge of the needs of older people and people diagnosed with dementia; proven experience in staff supervision; recent or current coordinating experience in a similar environment; commitment to providing quality aged care within the community; excellent oral and written communication skills; current drivers licence.

For a position description see our website or call 9599 0710. Further enquiries to Lisa Kinsey on 9597 5399 or 0419 639 423. Applications addressing the essential criteria together with a detailed resume and stating the position being applied for should be forwarded to: The Manager, Community Care South, PO Box 193, Bexley 2207 or lisak@bensoc.org.au by 5pm on 20th March 2008. A Society vehicle may be available to the successful applicant.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

www.bensoc.org.au


BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY'S
HEALTH & WELLBEING

OUTREACH WORKERS

The Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP) is a community-based not for profit organisation promoting the health, safety and well being of sex industry while affirming their occupational and human rights. SWOP is part of ACON, a leading agency in HIV/AIDS policy development and program delivery.

SWOP is seeking two Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community members to work together as part of the outreach team to provide outreach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaged in sex work across NSW. The aim of this project is to encourage and support safe behaviours in the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community and empower these community members to protect themselves and improve their health and wellbeing.

The two positions will also work with and be supported by ACON's Aboriginal Project staff in joint activities such as outreach at Aboriginal community events.

- A willingness to travel within NSW is essential as is some outdoor and evening work.
- A current NSW Driver's Licence or willingness to obtain one is also essential.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine requirement of this position as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

This position is full time (70 hrs per fortnight) to be offered as 2 part time positions (35hrs per fortnight each) on an 18 month contract with a salary package range of \$36,793.74 - \$40,795.79 per annum (pro-rata) plus superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applications close 5pm Friday 28 March 2008.

Applicants are required to demonstrate that they meet the essential knowledge and skill requirements for the position.

To obtain an information pack for this position contact our Reception on (02) 9206 2000 or 1800 063 060 after 11am Monday - Friday or alternatively download an information pack from our website www.acon.org.au.

Contact SWOP Manager, Jo Holden, on (02) 93194866 between 2pm and 4pm, M to F for information about the position.

ACON and SWOP are EEO employers and encourage people living with HIV/AIDS, in particular, to apply.

www.acon.org.au
www.swop.org.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16240 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 14 km S from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°49'S Long.139°21'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 1: 45 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3256 p, u, z 3257 l, m, q, r, v, w 3328 e, k 3329 a, b, f	Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097
	Part 2: Approx. 23 km S from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°54'S Long.139°19'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 2: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3328 s, l, u, x, y	
EPM16241 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 11 km NW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°36'S Long.139°21'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 1: 61 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3040 u, z 3041 v, w, x 3112 e, k, p 3113 a, b, c, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w	Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097
	Part 2: Approx. 6 km N from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°39'S Long.139°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3113 y	
EPM16242 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 21 km SW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°50'S Long.139°13'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 1: 151 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 47 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3254 e, k, p, u, z 3255 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3256 o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3326 e, k, o, p, s, l, u, x, y, z 3328 d, h, j, n	Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097
	Part 2: Approx. 35 km SW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°52'S Long.139°05'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 2: 11 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3325 o, p 3326 l, m	
EPM16244	Approx. 62 km SSW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.20°13'S Long.139°08'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area: 594 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 185 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 13 e, k 14 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y 85 s, t, u, x, y, z 86 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 87 l, q, v 157 e, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 158 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 159 a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w, x 229 d, e, k, p, u, r 230 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 231 a, b, c, f, g, h 301 e, k, p 302 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 303 a, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q 374 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k Normanton 3398 x, y	Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097

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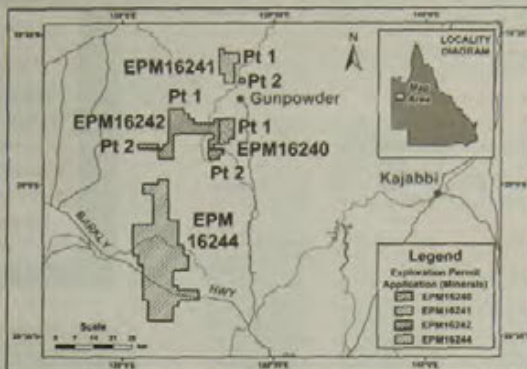
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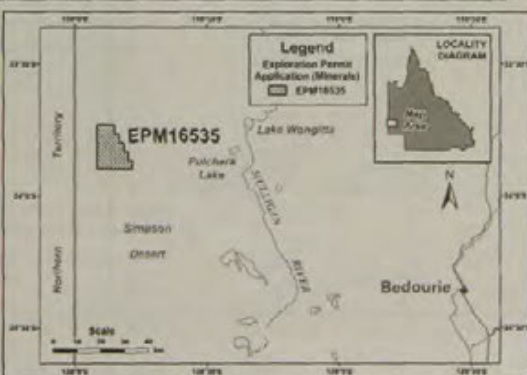
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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

SENIOR REGISTRY OFFICER (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Sydney CBD, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG08/113. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Responsible for the provision of high level client, listing and related support services to court users, judges and commissioners at the Land and Environment Court. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Strong commitment to the provision of excellent client service; Strong interpersonal and communication skills; Strong organisation, time management and problem-solving skills; Ability to work independently in a team-based environment; Ability to interpret legislation, regulations, court rules and practice directions; Computer skills; Previous experience in a court registry or similar high volume client service environment.

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Lesley Hourigan (02) 9113 8200 Email: lesley.hourigan@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Lesley Hourigan (02) 9113 8200.

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 14 March 2008.

SAI 75666

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.

SENIOR ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS OFFICER (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 9-10, Parramatta, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number AG08/119. Total remuneration package valued to: \$96,295 p.a. (\$79,188-\$87,263) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Assist the Program Manager, Aboriginal Programs Unit, in the development, coordination, implementation and evaluation of the Unit's Aboriginal crime prevention and justice programs. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; A good knowledge of crime prevention theory and practice; High level writing and communication skills; High level project management skills, including experience in the development of project performance measures and evaluation frameworks; Demonstrated capacity to effectively supervise and support staff; Superior interpersonal skills, experience in community engagement, consultation and the negotiation of community participation; Solid understanding of Aboriginal community culture, social and community representative structures, protocols and networks; Knowledge of the criminal justice system as well as NSW crime prevention, early intervention and human service agencies.

Notes: This is a temporary position for a period of up to two years. This is an identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Liz West (02) 8688 7179 Email: liz.west@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Closing Date: Friday 14 March 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

ABORIGINAL ELDER CULTURAL SUPPORT

(17.5HPW)

Clerk Grade 3/5, Wellington, Temporary Part-Time, Vacancy Number 08072. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) Salary is pro-rata. Total remuneration package includes employers' contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An environmental allowance of \$2,229 pa (pro rata), also applies during occupancy of this position.

Advise on the development & delivery of spiritual, ecological & educational programs for Aboriginal offenders. Provide leadership & encourage participation in programs to promote positive change & reduce the number of Aboriginal offenders in custody. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Extensive knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal culture. Proven experience and ability to consult with Aboriginal representatives, organisations and communities. Willingness to participate as a team member in working with offenders in custody and in the community. Effective communication and negotiation skills. Understanding of the NSW Justice System. Current driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW.

Notes: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants need to re-apply. There are two positions available for temporary appointment/employment under the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for a period up to two years. In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created for this location only and may be used to fill future vacancies. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries: Linda Ernst (02) 6840 2861 Email: Linda.Ernst@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Tracey.Caton@dcs.nsw.gov.au on (02) 6840 2856.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Human Resources Services Officer, Department of Corrective Services, Ground Floor, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 7 March 2008.

SAI 75666



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 CJ- 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
15/407	Frederick Charles Saunders	48.02ha	26m SWly of Widgeemoolha	Lat 31°52' Long 121°34'	Coogee
15/5167-8	Plutonic Operations Ltd	247.27ha	31m Nly of Hensman	Lat 31°51' Long 121°40'	Coogee
15/5190	Focus Minerals Ltd (ACN 005 470 798)	154.09ha	7m NWly of Coogee	Lat 31°53' Long 121°07'	Coogee
15/5241	Focus Minerals Ltd (ACN 005 470 798)	34.59ha	14m SWly of Coogee	Lat 31°52' Long 121°03'	Coogee
15/5215	Peter Ronald George Mire	160.59ha	40m NWly of Coogee	Lat 30°47' Long 120°58'	Coogee
15/5217-18	Pedington Gold Pty Ltd	61.54ha	41m NWly of Coogee	Lat 30°46' Long 121°01'	Coogee
16/2447	Pedington Gold Pty Ltd	200ha	54m NWly of Coogee	Lat 30°47' Long 120°54'	Coogee
16/2477	Pedington Gold Pty Ltd	161.14ha	44m NWly of Coogee	Lat 30°52' Long 121°03'	Coogee
24/4252	Pedington Gold Pty Ltd	1.9ha	25m Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°31' Long 121°23'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4306	Mandy Jane Duncan Harold Leslie Dowling John Michael Duncan	200ha	52m NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1933	Kalbarri Energy Ltd	176.99ha	20km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2002	Kalbarri Mine Management Pty Ltd	121.27ha	29km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°46'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3329	South Kal Mines Pty Ltd	156.29ha	19km Sly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°25'	Coogee/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3330-3	South Kal Mines Pty Ltd	680.8ha	19m Sly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3330	Kalbarri Mines Ltd (ACN 053 530 037)	14.05ha	10km SWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°47' Long 121°22'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3311-2	Kundana Gold Pty Ltd	367.8ha	10m Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3313	Kundana Gold Pty Ltd	117.89ha	15m Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1862	Delta Gold Exploration Pty Ltd	53.85ha	44m Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1863	Delta Gold Exploration Pty Ltd	5.39ha	39m Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1873	Kinross Mines Ltd (ACN 053 530 037)	199.96ha	30km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1895-6	Kinross Mines Ltd (ACN 053 530 037)	329.69ha	23km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°37' Long 121°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1899	Delta Gold Exploration Pty Ltd	157.62ha	43m Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1899-1901	Kinross Mines Ltd (ACN 053 530 037)	825.25ha	30m NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°31' Long 121°38'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1922	Empire Resources Ltd	119.16ha	49m NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1940	Great Gold Mines NL	72.2ha	16km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1940	Lyndon Scott Mahoney	4.94ha	10km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1145	Meriville Raymond Della Costa	50.83ha	96m NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°16' Long 122°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/1868-94	Jupiter Mines Ltd	1283.35ha	26m Nly of Menzies	Lat 29°40' Long 121°04'	Menzies
29/1812-3	International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 615)	298.31ha	10km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 120°31'	Menzies
29/1910	Andean Resources Ltd	96.31ha	90m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°44' Long 120°25'	Menzies
29/1920	Andean Resources Ltd	196.37ha	10km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°37' Long 120°30'	Menzies
29/1921	Andean Resources Ltd	14.43ha	88m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 120°27'	Menzies
29/1928-31	Kalki Energy Ltd John Robert Venn Mowly	521.03ha	6m Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°40' Long 121°04'	Menzies
29/1979	Julia Gold Pty Ltd	141.7ha	6m SEly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 121°05'	Menzies
29/2002	Golden State Resources Ltd				
29/2003	International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 615)	42.08ha	76m NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°12' Long 120°27'	Menzies
29/2004	International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 615)	72.18ha	73m NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°13' Long 120°30'	Menzies
29/2004	International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 615)	23.64ha	71m NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°15' Long 120°29'	Menzies
29/2013	Deviant Pty Ltd	123.91ha	30km Nly of Menzies	Lat 29°25' Long 121°07'	Menzies
29/2014	Charlie George Chilly	70.33ha	30km Nly of Menzies	Lat 29°25' Long 121°07'	Menzies
29/2016	Delta Gold Ltd	15.57ha	70m NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°16' Long 120°29'	Menzies
29/2016	Delta Gold Ltd	140.22ha	68m NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°16' Long 120°30'	Menzies
29/2017	Delta Gold Ltd	97.98ha	68m NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°14' Long 120°32'	Menzies
29/2018-9	Delta Gold Ltd	298.48ha	67m NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°15' Long 120°33'	Menzies
29/2020-4	Delta Gold Ltd	879.84ha	60m NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°18' Long 120°33'	Menzies
29/2020	Minning 2000 Pty Ltd	155.17ha	80km Wly of Leonora	Lat 29°57' Long 120°30'	Menzies
29/2021	Minning 2000 Pty Ltd	121.48ha	81km Wly of Leonora	Lat 29°58' Long 120°30'	Menzies
30/1017, 30/1021, 30/1024-7, 30/1029-348, 30/1030	Barr Resources Ltd	1739.09ha	43m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 120°35'	Menzies
30/1018	Barr Resources Ltd	21.1ha	50km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 120°31'	Menzies
30/1019	Barr Resources Ltd	48.59ha	45m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 120°33'	Menzies
30/1020	Barr Resources Ltd	36.87ha	45m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 120°34'	Menzies
30/1022	Barr Resources Ltd	116.84ha	45m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°35' Long 120°35'	Menzies
30/1023	Barr Resources Ltd	4.89ha	46m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 120°33'	Menzies
30/1025	Barr Resources Ltd	117.03ha	49m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 120°32'	Menzies
30/1025-6	Barr Resources Ltd	259.03ha	41m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°39' Long 120°37'	Menzies
30/1038	Barr Resources Ltd	10.41ha	47m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°41' Long 120°32'	Menzies
30/1040-1	Barr Resources Ltd	315.48ha	49m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°45' Long 120°29'	Menzies
30/1050	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	181.11ha	57m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°47' Long 120°27'	Menzies
30/1054	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	77.74ha	44m Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°47' Long 120°35'	Menzies
31/1789	Halcrow Group Ltd	176.15ha	72m Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°49' Long 121°46'	Menzies
31/1770	Halcrow Group Ltd	176.25ha	77m Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°50' Long 121°47'	Menzies
31/1787	Agallo Mining Pty Ltd	177.72ha	56m SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°45'	Menzies
31/1788	Agallo Mining Pty Ltd	15.68ha	78m SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°30' Long 121°48'	Menzies
31/1820-3	Newmont Nevada Operations Pty Ltd	366.11ha	11km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°48' Long 122°12'	Menzies
31/1817-30	Newmont Nevada Operations Pty Ltd	2501.7ha	76m SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°26' Long 121°48'	Menzies
31/1821	Newmont Nevada Operations Pty Ltd	116.74ha	78m Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°49'	Menzies
31/1820-4	Rubicon Resources Ltd	540.1ha	103km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 122°09'	Menzies
31/1823	Sanction Gold Mines Pty Ltd	130.75ha	127km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°53' Long 122°20'	Menzies
31/1864	Consolidated Resources NL	1.37ha	114km Ely of Leonora	Lat 29°38' Long 122°16'	Menzies
31/1890	DME Resources Ltd	186.54ha	144m NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°58' Long 122°38'	Menzies
31/1891	Medtech Global Ltd	178.48ha	146m NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°59' Long 122°37'	Menzies
31/1892	DME Resources Ltd				
31/1838-44	Golden Path Pty Ltd	1295.02ha	101m Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°31' Long 122°15'	Menzies
31/1947	Zandien Enterprises Pty Ltd	190.05ha	118m Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°32' Long 122°14'	Menzies
36/1579-82	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd	787.27ha	26m SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°07' Long 120°34'	Leonora
36/1600	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd	61.05ha	41m SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°13' Long 120°27'	Leonora
36/1644	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd	3.99ha	46m SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°16' Long 120°28'	Leonora
37/1184-6	City Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	161.95ha	1m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°03' Long 121°20'	Leonora
37/1189-22	St Barbara Ltd	442.41ha	14m Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°02' Long 121°21'	Leonora
37/1125-9	St Barbara Ltd	654.22ha	7m Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°07' Long 121°19'	Leonora
37/1130	St Barbara Ltd	97.81ha	13m Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°00' Long 121°19'	Leonora
37/1131-5	City Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	737.70ha	14m Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°00' Long 121°18'	Leonora
37/1209	John Miele Ltd	90.87ha	54m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°16' Long 121°34'	Leonora
37/1206	John Miele Ltd	23.54ha	60m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°19' Long 121°35'	Leonora
37/1220	Regis Resources NL	27.33ha	25m Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°16' Long 121°34'	Leonora
37/1236	Frederick Andra	118.37ha	10m Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°31' Long 121°25'	Leonora
37/1223	Leonard Claude Trent Jenne Jean Andra				
37/1224	Great Gold Mines NL	45.19ha	19m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°00' Long 121°25'	Leonora
37/1224	Mark Gareth Cassady Peggy Resources NL	167ha	30m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°00' Long 121°29'	Leonora
37/1235	Regis Resources NL	127.81ha	42m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°04' Long 121°42'	Leonora
37/1235	Mark Gareth Cassady Goldstream Mining NL	49.19ha	27m Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°34' Long 121°36'	Leonora
37/1237	Goldstream Mining NL	49.17ha	25m Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 121°37'	Leonora
37/1238	Goldstream Mining NL	170.05ha	34m Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 121°40'	Leonora
37/1239	Goldstream Mining NL	23.69ha	28m Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°37' Long 121°39'	Leonora
37/1240-5	Goldstream Mining NL	1674.75ha	25m Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°36' Long 121°36'	Leonora
37/1240-6	Goldstream Mining NL	1124.52ha	25m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°39' Long 121°36'	Leonora
36/3395-6	Miner Resources Ltd	215.72ha	9m SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 122°44'	Leonora
36/3320	Miner Resources Ltd	102.71ha	20m SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 122°44'	Leonora
36/3365	Aspa Resources Ltd	160.99ha	14m Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°29' Long 122°24'	Leonora
36/3365	Miner Resources Ltd				
36/3367	Avul Mining Management NL				
36/3368	William Robert Richmond	162.55ha	74m NWly of Cooma Newbury Mason	Lat 27°40' Long 122°14'	Leonora
36/3368	William Robert Richmond	6.34ha	75m NWly of Cooma Newbury Mason	Lat 27°38' Long 122°14'	Leonora
36/3326-9	Delta Gold Ltd	691.84ha	8m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 122°27'	Leonora
36/3330	Delta Gold Ltd	183.04ha	9m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°36' Long 122°21'	Leonora
36/3331	Miner Resources Ltd				
36/3331	Delta Gold Ltd	162.08ha	7m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°39' Long 122°27'	Leonora
36/3332	Miner Resources Ltd				
36/3332	Delta Gold Ltd	154.04ha	10m Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 122°25'	Leonora
36/3333	Delta Gold Ltd	697.13ha	73m Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 122°25'	Leonora
36/3334-7	Delta Gold Ltd	691.48ha	12m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 122°27'	Leonora
36/3335	Delta Gold Ltd	2.61ha	13m Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 122°27'	Leonora
36/3336	Delta Gold Ltd	7.09ha	15m SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°58'	Leonora
36/3337	Aurely Lynch Nicolene Stiel	24.1ha	59m SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°58'	Leonora
36/3338	Chen Allen Smith Wynne Christopher Ross				
36/3339	William Robert Richmond Sanction Gold Mines Pty Ltd	57.78ha	15m Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°10' Long 122°20'	Leonora
36/3340-1	Sanction Gold Mines Pty Ltd	228.14ha	88m SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°19' Long 122°34'	Menzies
36/3341	Zandien Enterprises Pty Ltd	42.62ha	10km Wly of Leonora	Lat 28°21' Long 122°39'	Menzies
36/3342	Zandien Enterprises Pty Ltd	45.8ha	17m Wly of Leonora	Lat 28°24' Long 122°43'	Menzies
36/3343	Zandien Enterprises Pty Ltd	113.17ha	15km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°21' Long 122°42'	Menzies
36/3344	Zandien Enterprises Pty Ltd	192.24ha	22m Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°32' Long 121°48'	Menzies
36/3345-7	Dundas Resources Pty Ltd	940.51ha	51m Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°22' Long 121°48'	Menzies
36/3346	Dundas Resources Pty Ltd	199.10ha	14km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°29' Long 121°46'	Menzies

Notice 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: 27 February 2008.

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification date to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 27 May 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to then negotiate and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to being a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9266 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification date (i.e. 27 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, 203 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9266 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Central Office

Accommodation Services Division

Project Officer

APS Level 5

\$49,254 - \$52,270 pa, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will possess good project management skills, be able to undertake financial analysis or grants administration, demonstrated liaison and communication skills and prepare reports or other written analysis. They will also possess an ability to develop, implement and review policy and procedure.

Further inquiries: Gail Knight

Telephone No: 02 6212 2082

Selection documentation: Gail Knight

Telephone No: 02 6212 2082 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 14 March 2008 and should be sent to: **Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30 Woden, ACT 2606.**

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Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

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Youth Officers working in Juvenile Justice Centres are responsible for providing a positive leadership role while assisting in the care, development and security of young people in custody in NSW. Selection Criteria: Online applications will not be accepted.

Notes: Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package from our website. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended violence order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Inquiries: Nigel Blackwood 1800 355 562 Email: tajinder.kumar@dj.j.nsw.gov.au.

Information Packages: Tannu Kumar (02) 9219 9486.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Youth Officer Recruitment, NSW Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket NSW 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 07 March 2008.

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APS 5

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Reference Number: 08-0027

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These positions will involve the responsibility for the project management of various programs within the section including assisting with the implementation and maintenance of needs based funding projects and the development of new services under a regional planning framework.

The successful applicants should have the knowledge of or the ability to quickly acquire knowledge in the Aged and Community Care Sector. In addition, strong ability to communicate sensitively and effectively, including the requirement for proper negotiation and consultation with various stakeholders is essential.

Contact officer: Christopher Galati on 08 8919 3487 or christopher.galati@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Rachel Turvey on 08 8919 3423 (rachel.turvey@health.gov.au)

Applications close 13 March 2008, 7pm EDT.

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online (www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or by phoning the contact person for the job.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents from the Department's TTY number (02) 6285 5945.

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Collective Agreement.

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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 1976:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1742	Wild Side (WA) Pty Ltd	552.59km ²	163km SWly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°19' Long 124°37'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1743	Westover Holdings Pty Ltd	371.45km ²	154km SWly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°25' Long 124°56'	Derby-West Kimberley/East Pilbara
04/1744	Wild Side (WA) Pty Ltd	278.05km ²	130km Sly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°22' Long 126°33'	Derby-West Kimberley
15/1042	Paul Doroopoulos Patricia Ane Ball	47.01km ²	24km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°06' Long 120°59'	Coolgardie
15/355	Davynhurst Gold Pty Ltd	5.92km ²	60km SWly of Menzies	Lat 30°30' Long 120°40'	Coolgardie
25/354	Huron Resources Ltd	26.5km ²	49km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/361	Heron Resources Ltd	8.82km ²	33km SEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°54' Long 121°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/363	Delta Gold Exploration Pty Ltd	23.67km ²	41km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/369	Great Gold Mines NL	5.92km ²	69km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°11' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1604	Teak Continuum Australia Pty Ltd	206.47km ²	170km Wly of Roefina	Lat 30°39' Long 123°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1734	Jackson Gold Ltd	5.91km ²	111km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 122°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1798	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd Independence Group NL	11.79km ²	131km Ely of Koroitide	Lat 30°54' Long 122°59'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1804	Heron Resources Ltd	8.89km ²	114km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°13' Long 122°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1863	Charles George Chitty	5.99km ²	39km Nly of Menzies	Lat 29°20' Long 121°06'	Menzies
28/1877	Haleyton Group Ltd	47.53km ²	50km NEly of Menzies	Lat 30°00' Long 121°24'	Menzies
30/318	Interimco Australia Pty Ltd	193.4km ²	105km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°57' Long 120°01'	Menzies
30/352	Mark Gareth Olesay	112.67km ²	63km Nly of Leinster	Lat 27°23' Long 120°54'	Leonora
30/353	Richard Forbes Donald-Hill	136.04km ²	36km Sly of Leinster	Lat 28°14' Long 120°34'	Leonora
30/356	Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd	3.02km ²	25km Sly of Leinster	Lat 28°05' Long 120°51'	Leonora
30/353	Russell Geoffrey McKnight Westco Resources Pty Ltd	9.07km ²	30km Sly of Leinster	Lat 28°11' Long 120°39'	Leonora
30/354	Leahy Haulage Pty Ltd	63.57km ²	18km SEly of Leinster	Lat 28°04' Long 120°47'	Leonora
30/361	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	163.15km ²	65km SWly of Leinster	Lat 28°21' Long 120°15'	Leonora/Sandstone
30/362	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	202.22km ²	64km SWly of Leinster	Lat 28°26' Long 120°24'	Leonora/Menzies
30/363	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	145.5km ²	72km Ely of Sandstone	Lat 28°09' Long 120°00'	Sandstone
30/364	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	209.71km ²	68km NWly of Leinster	Lat 27°42' Long 120°11'	Leonora/Sandstone
30/365	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	212.32km ²	52km Wly of Leinster	Lat 27°56' Long 120°10'	Leonora/Sandstone
30/366-9	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	406.13km ²	5km SEly of Leinster	Lat 27°57' Long 120°43'	Leonora
30/361-2	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	364.31km ²	72km Wly of Leinster	Lat 27°45' Long 119°59'	Sandstone
30/362	Scottie Nickel Pty Ltd	9.05km ²	62km SEly of Leinster	Lat 28°25' Long 120°57'	Leonora
30/369	Alan Paul Rudd	169.69km ²	36km Ely of Leinster	Lat 27°56' Long 121°05'	Leonora
30/370	St Barbara Ltd	21.06km ²	23km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 121°19'	Leonora
30/371	Golden Cuts Ltd	8km ²	6km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°23'	Leonora
30/373	Bernhardt Gunter Franz Wiese	39.15km ²	40km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°32' Long 121°35'	Laverton
30/374	Tobiasa Sudholz	6km ²	13km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°57' Long 121°26'	Leonora
30/375	Tobiasa Sudholz	6km ²	8km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°25'	Leonora
30/376	Ducklake Pty Ltd	36.01km ²	32km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°39'	Leonora
30/377	Pele Resources Ltd	12.03km ²	51km Wly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 120°50'	Leonora
30/378	Drake Resources Ltd	2.99km ²	18km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°01' Long 121°25'	Leonora
30/379	Brimby Resources Ltd	211.48km ²	68km SEly of Leinster	Lat 28°14' Long 121°17'	Leonora
30/380	Rubicon Resources Ltd	5.99km ²	15km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°58' Long 121°27'	Leonora
30/381	Jubini Metals Ltd	3.02km ²	45km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°30' Long 121°09'	Leonora
30/382	Michael Joseph Foley	186.13km ²	3km Nly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°58' Long 122°53'	Laverton
30/383	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	12.15km ²	100km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°32' Long 122°01'	Laverton
30/384	Bruce Robert Legendre	6.04km ²	29km Sly of Laverton	Lat 28°53' Long 122°23'	Laverton
30/385	Crescent Gold Ltd	6.01km ²	40km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°47'	Laverton
30/386	Crescent Gold Ltd	6.01km ²	37km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°46'	Laverton
30/387	Crescent Gold Ltd	3.02km ²	38km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°47' Long 122°44'	Laverton
30/388	Crescent Gold Ltd	12.03km ²	2km NEly of Laverton	Lat 28°30' Long 122°25'	Laverton
30/389	Sulphide Resources Pty Ltd	12.06km ²	63km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°09' Long 123°43'	Laverton
30/390	James Ian Stewart	611.68km ²	174km NEly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°45' Long 123°59'	Laverton/Walwa
30/391	Nature Harkup	72km ²	44km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 122°06'	Laverton
30/392-3	Royal Harry Gold Mines NL	71.88km ²	118km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°40' Long 122°34'	Menzies
30/393	Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	44.98km ²	151km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°49' Long 123°08'	Menzies
30/394	Lighthouse Investments Pty Ltd	107.5km ²	131km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°54' Long 123°24'	Menzies
30/395	Kali Nominees Pty Ltd	29.84km ²	135km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 123°24'	Menzies
30/396	Kali Nominees Pty Ltd	44.69km ²	155km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°30' Long 123°30'	Menzies
30/397	Kali Nominees Pty Ltd	14.9km ²	145km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°33' Long 123°27'	Menzies
30/398	Fox Radio Hill Pty Ltd	156.58km ²	31km SWly of Karatha	Lat 20°59' Long 116°81'	Roebourne
30/399	Fox Radio Hill Pty Ltd	223.05km ²	32km NEly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°23' Long 116°29'	Asburton/Roebourne
30/400	Fox Radio Hill Pty Ltd	223.12km ²	54km NEly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°21' Long 116°44'	Asburton/Roebourne
30/401	Fox Radio Hill Pty Ltd	222.87km ²	18km NEly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°32' Long 116°27'	Asburton
30/402	Fox Radio Hill Pty Ltd	108.29km ²	47km NEly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°29' Long 116°44'	Asburton
30/403	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	317.9km ²	50km Ely of Paynes Find	Lat 29°11' Long 118°14'	Sandstone
30/404	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	173.92km ²	42km NEly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°18' Long 117°51'	Yalgoo
30/405	Ausimex Ltd	197.48km ²	49km NWly of Esperance	Lat 33°30' Long 121°25'	Esperance
30/406	Robin Christopher Cooper	31.97km ²	19km NEly of Norseman	Lat 32°04' Long 121°54'	Dundas
30/407	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	119.04km ²	19km Wly of Norseman	Lat 32°11' Long 121°34'	Dundas
30/408	Ausimex Minerals Ltd	177.04km ²	86km Ely of Esperance	Lat 33°40' Long 122°36'	Esperance
30/409	Ausimex Minerals Ltd	136.63km ²	64km Ely of Esperance	Lat 33°48' Long 122°35'	Esperance
30/410	Ausimex Minerals Ltd	279.59km ²	101km Ely of Esperance	Lat 33°38' Long 122°35'	Esperance
30/411	Saracen Holdings Pty Ltd	34.69km ²	46km Nly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°35' Long 121°29'	Dundas/Esperance
30/412	Image Resources NL	96.21km ²	33km Ely of Southern Cross	Lat 31°08' Long 119°59'	Yilgarn
30/413	Bulleyside Anomaly Mining Ltd	149.93km ²	55km SEly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 31°09' Long 119°58'	Koolyanobbing
30/414	St Barbara Ltd	92.59km ²	171km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°35' Long 119°42'	Kondinin
30/415	Cape Lambert Iron Ore Ltd	89.34km ²	117km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°46' Long 119°09'	Menzies/Yilgarn
30/416	Cape Lambert Iron Ore Ltd	17.83km ²	104km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°57' Long 119°07'	Yilgarn
30/417	St Barbara Ltd	8.71km ²	75km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°15' Long 119°40'	Kondinin
30/418	St Barbara Ltd	31.97km ²	85km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°11' Long 119°45'	Kondinin/Yilgarn
30/419	St Barbara Ltd	17.42km ²	81km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°16' Long 119°44'	Kondinin
30/420	St Barbara Ltd	5.8km ²	86km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°19' Long 119°48'	Kondinin
30/421	St Barbara Ltd	17.46km ²	90km NEly of Hyden	Lat 32°04' Long 119°47'	Yilgarn
30/422	Bidex Holdings Pty Ltd	62.21km ²	79km Nly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°18' Long 118°54'	Yilgarn
30/423	Whitetail Holdings Pty Ltd				
30/424	Quarry Park Pty Ltd	2.94km ²	25km Wly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°55' Long 118°49'	Westonia
30/425	Global Exploration Pty Ltd				
30/426	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	178.98km ²	35km SWly of Bullfinch	Lat 31°14' Long 118°53'	Yilgarn
30/427	Pebbles Mines NL	8.92km ²	101km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°57' Long 119°11'	Yilgarn
30/428	Westonia Mines Ltd	68.55km ²	45km SWly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°20' Long 118°55'	Yilgarn
30/429	Diamond Mining Ltd	88.11km ²	42km Wly of Bullfinch	Lat 31°07' Long 118°42'	Westonia
30/430	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	188.65km ²	45km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°54' Long 119°58'	Coolgardie/Yilgarn

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: 27 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 27 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 acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 27 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 9673, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 6226 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.



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 application applied for under section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
12/07-8 EP	STRIKE OIL LIMITED	79.6 km ²	The Application is located between Muiron Island and Exmouth Gulf. The south western corner (Lat 21° 44' 55.36" S, Long 114° 25' 04.69" E - GDA94) of the application is situated approx 36 km north east from Exmouth. From this point the application extends approx 9 km in a northerly direction to the north western corner (Lat 21° 39' 55.36" S, Long 114° 25' 04.69" E - GDA94). Area includes Sunday Island. The Application total area is approx. 79.6 km ² or 1 block (5' x 5') in the Northern Carnarvon Basin.	State Internal Waters (100%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

Notification Day: 27th 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 27th 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 native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that this act is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Each permit may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day 27th June 2008, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum and Royalties Division, Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 and ask for extension 23 813.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Northern Territory of Australia
Notification day: 12 March 2008



National Native Title Tribunal



D12007/007 Central Petroleum and others and Central Land Council ILUA re Exploration Permits 82, 112, 118 and 125

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 41,200 km² and is located approximately 10 km south of Alice Springs and extends south to Kulgera and approximately 60 km east of Uluru as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Local Government Authority of Tjapaltjatjara Community Government Council and the Unincorporated NT Local Government Area.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Central Petroleum Limited, Helium Australia Pty Ltd, Frontier Oil & Gas Pty Ltd and

Ordix Petroleum Pty Ltd, c/- Central Petroleum Limited, Suite 3 Level 4, South Shore Centre, 85 The Esplanade, SOUTH PERTH WA 6151

Central Land Council, 33 Stuart Highway, ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Article 3.4

The parties acknowledge and agree that while this ILUA is registered on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements all future acts carried out in accordance with this ILUA are valid to the extent that they affect native title in the area covered by this ILUA.

Article 3.7

To the extent that an Authorised Act is a future act as defined in the Native Title Act 1993, the Land Council consents to it subject to the terms and conditions of this Deed.

Article 3.8

The Parties acknowledge and agree that Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 [which relates to the Right to Negotiate] does not and is not intended to apply to an Authorised Act under this Deed.

Article 3.9

This ILUA covers all matters relating to the grant and use of the Permits and the terms and conditions applicable for any future Production Agreements on the Permit Area. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this includes:

(a) the validity of the grant of the Permits and all lawful exploration activities undertaken thereon in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum Act;

(b) the grant of a retention licence over any part of the Area in the event that such grant is a future act to which Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Act applies.

Definitions:

Authorised Act means the grant of the Permits or any other thing authorised or required by this Deed, but does not include the grant of a Production Licence in respect of the Original Permit Area.

Permit means exploration permits numbered 82, 112, 118 and 125 granted by the Northern Territory Mining Minister [...].

Permit Area means the whole area of land the subject of the Permits from time to time.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Central Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as required by section 203BEE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Darwin NT 0801 by 12 June 2008.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the NT Department of Planning and Infrastructure. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact
Lorna Gregory on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Department of Planning and Community Development

Indigenous Community Engagement Broker - Two Positions Available

Fulltime / Ongoing
\$69,584 - \$84,190 plus 9% super

Two interesting and important roles are now available to assist with the implementation of new representative arrangements for Indigenous Victorians.

- Grampians Region based in Stawell or Ballarat or Hotham. Position no. VC1538
- Eastern Metro Region. Position no. VCAA13

Please note: These positions are being re-advertised, therefore previous applicants will be considered and need not re-apply.

You will facilitate the establishment of Local Indigenous Networks and the Regional Indigenous Council in your region, and actively broker access to programs, funds and services to build the capacity of local Indigenous communities, and strengthen the ability of local Indigenous people to be actively involved in economic, social and civic activity. This means being alert and responsive to community needs, and delivering practical solutions. Your well developed community engagement skills, ability to consult and communicate with people from all walks of life will be critical to this role. Detailed knowledge of and experience working with Indigenous communities is essential for this role. Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

To apply and access position description and key selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

refer to position number via the relevant reference number.

Closing date for applications is
Friday 14 March 2008



Department of
Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Community & Juvenile Justice

Aboriginal Support Officer x2 PTC (0.4) 50(d)

Community Justice Services

Position No: 002091, 002092 (both positions 50d)

Level/Salary: Level 2, PSQA, \$42,017 - \$46,686 pa, pro rata

Location: Fremantle 002091, Wangara 002092

Assists Juvenile Justice Team Coordinator with intake and referrals.

Advices Aboriginal youth and their families regarding the Juvenile Justice Team processes and schedules Juvenile Justice Team meetings for Aboriginal youth.

Supports the young person and family to achieve desired outcomes identified in the action plan as directed by the Juvenile Justice Team Coordinator.

Attends Juvenile Justice Team meetings to ensure Action Plans and meetings are appropriate for Aboriginal youth and their families.

For further job related information: Please contact Moira Clancy on (08) 9464 3165.

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 10 March 2008 at 4:30pm.

ACCOUNTANT

- National Organisation based in Adelaide
- Corporate Environment
- Package \$74-\$87K (inc super)
- Diverse & Interesting Opportunity

A rare opportunity has arisen to join the Finance Team of a national organisation with its head office based in Adelaide. The organisation conducts business across Australia and uniquely operates in both the public and private sector.

This organisation has been successful in building a solid team of professionals who believe in delivering outstanding customer service. This role will offer you a diverse range of responsibilities that can further progress your career within a corporate accounting environment. Reporting to the Manager Finance and working closely with the Chief Operating Officer and Director of Business, Employment and Training, you will be responsible for providing:

- Significant support for month end reporting and annual statutory reporting.
- Assistance in the annual budget preparation and ongoing analysis and forecasting for our commercial properties; and
- Additional ad-hoc reporting as required;

Experience in statutory reporting, a good understanding of Australian Accounting Standards, and well developed excel and financial reporting skills will be essential. Experience with Financial Information Management System administration is desirable.

We are looking for a person who has a good eye for detail, can back their own judgement and work in a collaborative manner within a team environment. To be successful in this role you will need to be degree qualified and have ideally completed or commenced the CA/CPA program.

The commencing salary will be within the range above depending on your skills and experience. For further information, please contact Jodie Lindsay, Chief Operating Officer on 08 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490. Position documentation and more information are available on our website www.ik.gov.au.

Applications are to include a detailed current CV and covering letter only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ik.gov.au

Or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to:

Mr Adam Jenkins, GPO Box 652, ADELAIDE SA 5001

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 14 March 2008.

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

General Practice Position x2

Two exciting General Practice positions are available within The South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) located at Bunbury WA in the spectacular South West of Western Australia.

SWAMS is seeking two skilled and highly motivated team players to lead a flexible and innovative primary health care program in the region.

SWAMS is fully computerised & AGPAL accredited

The GP's will work within the SWAMS team to achieve key Primary Health Care goals, and provide an appropriate mix of health services to the Indigenous and non Indigenous population.

The successful applicant will work with a broad PHC team including experienced nurses and talented Aboriginal Health Workers. This core clinical team is supported by a range of allied health services such as drug & alcohol services, family violence services, health education, and other social health programs.

Applicants should possess relevant medical qualifications, highly developed interpersonal skills, a commitment to culturally appropriate holistic primary health care, and an appreciation of community development principles.

An attractive package will be negotiated for the position including 6 weeks annual leave, relocation costs, comprehensive orientation and training, and rental assistance.

An application package can be obtained by telephoning Michelle Munns on 9791 2779 or e-mail on michellem@swams.com.au

Written applications addressing the Selection Criteria should be forwarded to SWAMSAC Attn Tom McDonald, marked Confidential, P O Box 1444, Bunbury, 6231; or can be emailed to the above e-mail address. Applications must be received by 5pm, Friday 7th March 2008.



Senior Project Officer Aboriginal Languages Program

Clerk Grade 11/12,

Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 147314.

Total remuneration package valued to:

\$116,886 p.a. (\$91,589-\$105,923)

Including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Administering the state wide funding program for Aboriginal languages in schools and supporting the development, planning, implementation and evaluation of these language programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Extensive experience in one or more of financial management, administration and information systems relevant to meeting Australian Standards and public sector statutory provisions. Extensive knowledge and experience in the diversity of Aboriginal languages - the complexities and diversities surrounding language and culture. Highly developed skills in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of programs/projects that have a variety of inputs and stakeholders. Experience in computing applications with sound spreadsheet and word processing skills and the capacity to collect and analyse data and research findings to report on the effectiveness of Aboriginal Languages Program. High level communication skills with demonstrated experience in preparing reports, submissions, briefing notes, Ministerial correspondence and speech notes. Well developed interpersonal skills with proven ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal communities relating to languages and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively within teams. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies and strategies.

Notes: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Inquiries: Merv Donovan (02) 9244 5638 Email: merv.donovan@det.nsw.edu.au. Information Packages: Wayne Blacklock (02) 9244 5378.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Merv Donovan, Leader, TAFE Programs, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010.

Closing Date: Friday 07 March 2008.

The department is a non-smoking workplace.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 12 March 2008

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. **Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.**

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 12 June 2008.** After 12 June 2008, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 12 June 2008, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Robin Arnheim

Non-native title interest: Permissive Occupancy 165287

Federal Court File No: NSD2443/07

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 0.6 hectares, being that land contained within Crown Plan 2228-3035, adjoining the eastern boundary of Lot 1037 on DP750152, north of the junction of Bogan Road and the Newell Highway as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Parkes Shire Council local government authority.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact Carissa Kok 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
EPM16422	Approx. 27 km NNW from Yaamba Centred at approximate Lat. 22°54'S Long. 150°19'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Livingstone	Area: 47 km ² Block Identification Maps: Rockhampton Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1° lat. x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2452 m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u 2453 l, q, v, w 2525 a, b	Accord Mining Pty Ltd 119 085 497

* 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.

Native title 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), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

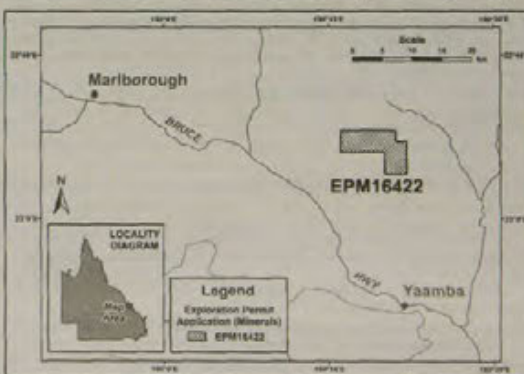
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 19 March 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

PROGRAM OFFICER

Indigenous Women's Program (IWP)
Women's Legal Services NSW

Permanent Full Time
(Job share applications will be considered)

Women's Legal Services (WLS) NSW is a community legal centre for disadvantaged women in NSW. The Indigenous Women's Program, which is part of WLS NSW, provides specific services for Aboriginal women, developed in consultation with Aboriginal women. We are looking for a full-time project officer to be the first point of contact in answering the Indigenous women's legal contact line, to do community legal education, service development and project work.

Selection criteria include: An understanding of social justice issues; demonstrated oral and written communication skills; demonstrated experience in dealing with client issues over the telephone; knowledge of issues affecting Aboriginal women & children regarding access to legal justice.

WLS NSW considers that being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

We offer flexible working conditions and fringe benefits. Please telephone (02) 9749 7700 for a full job package and selection criteria.

Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be forwarded to The Manager, WLS NSW, PO Box 206, Lidcombe NSW 1825 by 21st March 2008.

FEMINIST WANTED

Women's House Shelta - 29hrs pw

- Like to work with women and children who have recently escaped Domestic Violence and are living in a Refuge?
- Passionate about social change?
- Excited about working in a deadly women's collective?

Call 07 3391 0005/ Closes 11th March.

Mac Silva Centre Aboriginal Corporation Waterloo

We cater for Aboriginal/TSI males.

Short to long term accommodation with many programs provided, eg. finding direction, living skills, drug and alcohol etc.

Contact Charlie on
mobile: 0402531353,
phone: 02 9310 1912
or fax: 02 9310 1470



Equal Opportunity Commission
Government of Western Australia

Assistant Project Officer

Position No: 008400

Level/Salary: 4 PSCA \$54,510 - \$57,600 pa

Location: Perth

Application Package: Please visit jobs.wa.gov.au

or Ph: (08) 9216 3900.

BUGALMA BIHYN

formally Lismore Aboriginal Women's Refuge

Bugalma Bihyn has recently been restructured and is inviting applications from Aboriginal women interested in working with women and children for the following positions.

GENERAL SUPPORT WORKER

(Permanent part-time 28hrs pw,

SACS (NSW) Award Grade 3, \$19.15 - \$22.10 ph)

Provide a culturally appropriate response to women and children who are victims of family violence and/or sexual assault. Participate on 24hr on call roster.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

(Permanent part-time 21hrs pw,

SACS (NSW) Award Grade 3, \$19.15 - \$22.10 ph)

Provide culturally appropriate children's programs, activities and case management for children who have experienced family violence. Willingness to assist with the support of women in the Refuge when required.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

(Permanent part time 25hrs pw,

SACS (NSW) Award Grade 5, \$25.38 - \$26.50 ph)

Provide and coordinate programs, projects, groups within the local Aboriginal community. Undertake community development activities that are culturally responsive to the needs of Aboriginal women and children experiencing family violence. Enhance the links between the Refuge, community and service networks.

ABORIGINAL COUNSELLOR

(12 month contract, 15hrs pw,

SACS (NSW) Award Grade 5, \$25.38 - \$26.50 ph)

Provide a comprehensive counselling service to women and children who have experienced family violence.

CLOSING DATE: 4 pm, Friday 21st March 2008.

All applications must address the selection criteria to be eligible.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATION PACKAGES CONTACT:
Pat MacArthur, 02 6621 8473 or 02 6621 5187.

To be an Aboriginal woman is a genuine requirement for these positions under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "Working with children's check" and a Police criminal record check.

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
EPM16323	Approx. 109 km NNE from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.19°52'S Long.143°46'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Flinders and Richmond	Area: 206 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 64 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 71 c, d, h, j Normanton 3381 t, s, t, w, x, y, z 3382 h, n, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 3452 a, p, t, u 3453 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o 3454 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p 3455 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, r, s, t, w, x, y	Strategic Minerals Corporation NL 008 901 380
EPM16639	Approx. 95 km N from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.19°52'S Long.143°06'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Richmond	Area: 322 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3301 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3302 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 3303 a, f, l, q, v 3373 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3374 a, b, c, f, g, l, m, q 3445 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y	Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857
EPM16708	Approx. 99 km NE from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.20°06'S Long.143°49'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Flinders	Area: 68 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 21 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 70 w, x 142 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 143 a, h, f, g	Glengarry Resources Limited 009 468 099

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

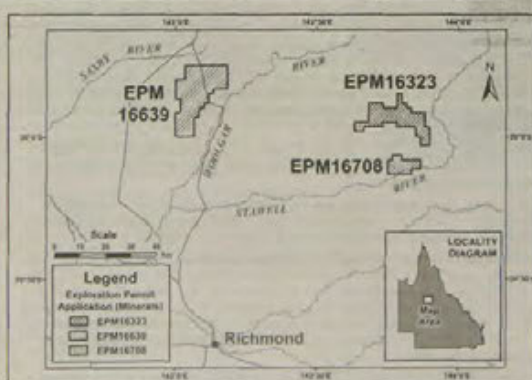
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 19 March 2008



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. Indigenous Family & Child Support Service (IFACSS), auspiced by AICHS, ensures Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families have the right to culturally appropriate advocacy, support, resources and information during the child protection and alternative care process.

Business Services Officer

Indigenous Family & Child Support Service (IFACSS)

The Business Services Officer is responsible for ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the Human Resources, Financial Management and the general office administration functions of the Indigenous Family and Child Support Service (IFACSS).

This position is classified in accordance with the Social and Community Services Award (SACS) - Level 6 (\$947.34 per week gross). AICHS (IFACSS) is a non profit organisation which offers access to Salary Sacrifice Fringe Benefits Tax entitlements.

Please contact Di Moore on (07) 3217 4112 if you have a specific enquiry regarding the vacancy. For a Position Description please e-mail vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact Tania Rodgers on (07) 3217 4112.

Closing Date and Submission Details:
The closing date for applications is close of business 5 March 2008.

Please submit your Resume and application addressing the selection criteria to:

Confidential
HR Officer
AICHS Brisbane Ltd
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.



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

National Calendar

To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, send 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 must be home before 8pm. Ages 5-18 with uniform supplied. All welcome. Details: Linda Crawford on (02) 9228 8106 or Strathfield Girls High School on (0401) 988 409 or (02) 9629 6538.

Until 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, Bulleen, Victoria. Details: Andrew Baker on (07) 3252 2292 or 0412 990 356 or email info@andrew-baker.com or visit www.andrew-baker.com

Until 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 16 March: The Dirty Mile. This is a walk that takes you through the history of Aboriginal advancement as it relates to Fitzroy and the rest of the country. Held at Ilbjerri Theatre, Gertrude Street, Fitzroy and cost \$20-\$30 per person. Details call (03) 9685 5111 or visit www.malthouse theatre.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 6950 or fax to (08) 9433 4582. Details: email Stacia.Gonionon@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 leading voice on Indigenous drug and alcohol'. There is a \$5000 prize

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT PSYCHOLOGIST, SPECIALIST PSYCHOLOGIST

Tabulam, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08101. Total remuneration package valued to: \$94,378 p.a. (\$48,684-\$85,526) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Position provides a psychological service to offenders. **Selection Criteria:** Minimum four year qualification in psychology with current full or provisional registration with NSW Psychologists Registration Board. Knowledge and ability to apply current psychological literature relevant to assessment, treatment and research appropriate to work with offenders. Skills and experience in psychological assessment including writing reports. Ability to provide treatment to offenders including those with psychological disorders. Ability to apply functional analysis and behavioural management skills. Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team. Excellent communication and organisational skills. Possess a current NSW driver's licence and be willing and able to drive throughout NSW if required.

Notes: For appointment as a Specialist Psychologist you must satisfy the additional selection criteria and qualifications detailed in the information package. Please ensure you address those criteria in your written application. Please ensure you read the information package prior to submitting your written application. Certified copies of your qualifications and registration must be included with your written application. Applicants are required to provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries: Julie Webber (02) 6622 1277 Email: Julie.Webber@dcs.nsw.gov.au **Information Packages:** Julie Webber (02) 6622 1277.

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 07 March 2008.

0401 301706

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP TRAINEE CO-MANAGEMENT ADMIN OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Traineeship Level A, Narooma, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-074. Total remuneration package valued to: \$27,004 p.a. (\$10,905-\$24,472) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

The position supports the Joint Management Coordinator and Area Administrative Officer in providing a range of administrative functions to the Gulaga and Biamanga National Parks Boards of Management. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job, with demonstrated knowledge of the Aboriginal cultural significance of Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks. Demonstrated capacity to undertake administrative work and an ability to work as part of a team. Good organisational and communication skills and an ability to relate to the public. Ability to use a range of computer applications, such as word processing and spreadsheets, and a knowledge of the operation of data bases. Ability to maintain computerised and manual filing systems. Current driver's licence or a demonstrated capacity to obtain one.

Notes: Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The Trainee will be required to undertake a Certificate in Business Administration (Certificate III). Employment is initially for a period of twelve months and involves a combination of work and structured training. The successful applicant will be required to enter into a formal Traineeship agreement.

Inquiries: Greg Hayes or Trisha Ellis (02) 4476 0846 or 0427 166 835. Email: greg.hayes@environment.nsw.gov.au **Information Packages:** Rebecca Grumley (02) 4476 0832 or rebecca.grumley@environment.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au. **Closing Date:** Friday 07 March 2008.

0401 302006

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 30/3606 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

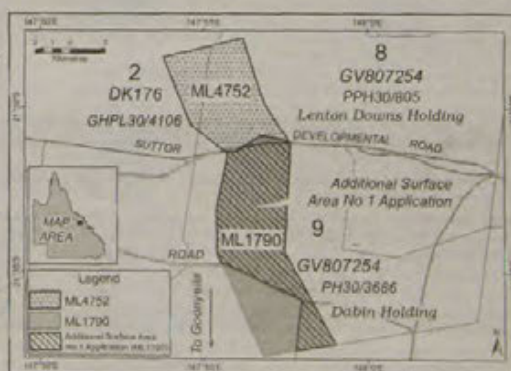
Further Information: Further information about the proposed inclusion of the Additional Surface Area and the approval to conduct drilling and other activities within a Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Additional Surface Area application within Mining Lease 1790, 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) 4967 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: nldreg@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) 3216 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 27 February 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



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 application/s applied for under the section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
17/07-8 EP	LUCAS ENERGY PTY LIMITED	7978.7 km ²	The Application is located in the western part of the Great Sandy Desert between Lake Aud and Pincus Lakes. The south western corner (Lat 21° 34' 55.02" S, Long 123° 30' 04.68" E - GDA94) of the application is situated at an approx distance of 63 km in a northerly direction from Trewhite Hills. From this point the application extends approx 65 km in a northerly direction to the north western corner (Lat 20° 59' 55.02" S, Long 123° 25' 04.68" E - GDA94). From there, the application extends 11.1 km in an easterly direction to the north eastern corner (Lat 20° 59' 55.02" S, Long 124° 30' 04.68" E - GDA94). From this point the application extends approx 64 km in a southerly direction to the south eastern corner of the application (Lat 21° 34' 55.01" S, Long 124° 30' 04.69" E - GDA94). The Application total area is approx 7978.7 km ² or 100 blocks (5' x 5') in the Canning Basin.	East Pilbara (100%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date this grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

Notification Day: 27th 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 **27th 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 native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **27th 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 29813).

National Calendar

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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@ancd.org.au visit www.ancd.org.au/nidac

Until 23 March:

Southern Indigenous Artist Exhibition. A collaboration between Karpa Ngarrattendi (Aboriginal Health Unit) and Arts in Health at FMC. Held at Promenade Gallery, Level 2, Flinders Medical Centre, Bedford Park, SA. Details: Laney Mackean on (08) 8204 5012 or Sally Francis on (08) 8204 3096 or email arthinhealth@fmc.sa.gov.au

Until 28 March:

Coast Indigenous Art and Design Award. This years theme is Dhagun ya Borrogora (Land and Sea

of the Gold Coast). All are encouraged to apply. Details call Bianca Svantesson on (07) 5581 6075 or email bsvantesson@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

Until 29 March:

Meen'thama; Coming Out for Ceremony Exhibition. This is the first exhibition of men's work to be held in Australia. Featuring artists Lawrence Omeeny, Silas Hobson, Adrian King, Sammy Clarmont and many more. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery from 11am onwards. Details call (07) 3891 5551 or email wag.harryscollar.com or visit www.wag.harryscollar.com

Until 4 April:

Indigenous Visual Art Awards - Calling for Entries. The Indigenous Visual Art Award provides an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to tell their cancer story through art. Works can include painting, photographs, craft or sculpture. Details: Peta Reynolds on (03) 9635 5316 or 1300 656 585 or visit www.cancervic.org.au/artsawards

Until 24 April:

Painting Workshops. Pole Depot Community Centre invites the Aboriginal community to join in on these workshops. All welcome. Held every Thursday at St George Creative Art and Craft Centre, Penshurst, Victoria, from 12.30-2.30pm. Details call James Bassam on (03) 9330 6069 or Annette Webb (0419) 034 084.

Until 30 June:

2009 Statewide Senior Football Netball Carnival expression of interest. Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreational Co-op would like to commence the planning and development of the carnival as early as possible to ensure that all communities are given adequate time to prepare their teams to participate. Details: Richard Young on (03) 9484 5351 or email vaysr@bigpond.com

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, Glebe from 6pm onwards. Details: Thomas Newman on (02) 9660 3444 or (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

Until 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

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

27 February-29 March:

'Old Girls from Lockhart River' and 'Giiru' Queensland Art Exhibition. Featuring Denise Fruit, Elizabeth 'Queenie' Giblet, Alice Guinness and more. Held at Hogarth Galleries, Walker St, Paddington from 6-8pm. Details call (02) 9360 6839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

28 February:

Lismore Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting. All members of the community interested in offering a positive contribution are encouraged to attend. Held at the PCYC from 10am onwards. Details call Greg Moore on (02) 6626 0599.

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

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

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EPM16563	Approx. 50 km S from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat. 22°01'S, Long. 138°16'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 316 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1' lat x 1' long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1587 f, u, y, z 1588 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1589 q, v 1659 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1660 a, b, c, d, e, f, i, q, v 1661 a 1731 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1732 a, f, i, q, v 1803 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1804 a, f, i, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1875 d, e, j, k, o, p 1876 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u	Ventnor Mining Pty Ltd 120 835 387

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2; 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a); 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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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 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

Correction

In the in our last edition, an image associated with the Michael Riley exhibition to be featured during the Adelaide Festival of Arts (29 February to 16 March) was captioned 'Moth'. This detail was supplied to us. The image, from Michael Riley's cloud series, is actually called 'Untitled, from the series cloud (locust)'. We apologise for any confusion caused.

3 March: Developing, Exhibiting and Selling Art Workshop. This workshop provides an introduction to different types of galleries, spaces to show work and gallery-artist relationships and how to get an exhibition. Held at Robina Community Centre, Robina from 6-8pm. Details call Bianca Svantesson on (07) 5581 6075 or email bsvantesson@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

4 March: Aboriginal Tourism. Showing and sharing the oldest living culture on earth is a proud and evolving Aboriginal tourism industry - uniquely Australian. Speakers include Aden Ridgeway from Gumbayngirr Nation and Shane Phillips from Bundjalung Nation. Held at Lane Cove Civic Centre from 7-9.30pm. Details call (02) 9428 1197 or (02) 9428 1150 or visit www.indigenoustourism.australia.com or www.tribalwarrior.org

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 Morningside in 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

5-6 March: 5th National Consumer Congress 08. This is a special workshop to give an expert insight on Aboriginal Art, purchase of artwork, artists, dealers, consumer regulators and industry as a whole. Held at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre. All welcome. Details: Peta O'Sullivan on (08) 9282 0769 or (08) 9282 0604 or email posullivan@docep.wa.gov.au

6 March: 100th Anniversary International Women's Day. This is a fundraising night that will be screening a Dixie Chicks Film "Shut Up and Sing" plus a project launch of "Cut it Out". All welcome. Held at the Start Court Theatre, Lismore from 6pm onwards and costs \$15 per person. Details: Andrew Brooks on (02) 6621 9800 or email whc@versa.com.au

6 March: The National Consumer Congress Session on buying Indigenous art. Held at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre from 12-1pm. Free entry but booking is required. All welcome. Details: (08) 9282 0604.

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 Durmush on (02) 9599 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 5351 or Rob Fry on (03) 5361 4000.

7-9 March: WOMAdelaide Festival. The magical ambience of WOMAdelaide is indescribably lush; thousands of people of

all ages bliss out as they enjoy the sounds of the planet while catching up with friends in the sunshine, lazing under the trees, shopping, eating, drinking and having fun with their family. Under 12 free. Details: (08) 8271 1488 or email apadmin@artsprojects.com.au or visit www.womadelaide.com.au

8 March: Officials and Volunteer Training. NSW Sport and Recreation are looking to train coaches, parents and volunteers who would like to participate in the Nura Mani Athletics Carnival. Held at Campbelltown Athletics Centre from 9am-2pm. Free event and all welcome. Details: (02) 9006 3819 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

11-14 March: Good Tucker, Good Health National Nutrition Networks Conference 08. Provide an environment that enables Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share thoughts, knowledge and experiences in food and nutrition. Held at Alice Springs Convention Centre, Barrett Drive, NT. Details: (02) 6285 4660 or email conference@ruralhealth.org.au or visit www.ruralhealth.org.au

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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 Ngutkata title claim. Details: (08) 8216 4444 or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

12 March: Nura Mani Athletics Carnival. The Nura Mani Athletics Carnival brings together Aboriginal young people from across Sydney and NSW to compete against one another. Held at Campbelltown Athletics Centre from 9am-3pm. Free event and all welcome. Details: (02) 9006 3819 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

14 March: Pamela Tate SC Human Rights in Australia - Public Lecture. Discussion on Human rights in Australia specifically 'What would a Federal Charter of Rights look like'. Cost for dinner: \$100.

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16486	Approx. 32 km S from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat.19°10'S Long.144°05'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge	Area: 314 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2594 q, r, s, v, w, x 2665 l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2666 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 2737 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 2738 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 2809 a, b, l, g	Bridge Mines Pty Ltd 125 263 676
EPM16501	Approx. 98 km SSW from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat.19°45'S Long.143°58'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Flinders	Area: 146 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 46 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks Normanton 3239 o, p, l, u, y, z 3240 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3311 d, e, j, k, p 3312 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o Townsville 3169 l, m, q, r, v, w 3241 a	Glengarry Resources Limited 009 468 099

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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Held at Southern Cross University, Lismore from 6pm onwards. All welcome. Details: Alice Hudson (02) 6626 9607 or email alice.hudson@scu.edu.au or visit www.scupayments.com/alumni/index.php

14-15 March: CMC Rocks the Snowys. CMC will be rocking the Snowys to their foundations with a top shelf line-up – 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 Goonyboon 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: Yarrowarra 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: 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 and to foster closer relationships between broadcasters. Held in Auckland. Details: Hone Paul on (0495) 397 108 or email hone.paul@maoritetelevision.com

2-6 April: The Brooklyn Project: 'Young Australians and The Next Hundred Years'. Aim of event is to Revisit the process of forming our nation, consider the formation of ourselves as Australians, give a voice to those who were excluded at the time the Constitution was framed, highlight issues that currently affect these groups and promote understanding and healing. Details: Liz Jacka on (02) 9745 9700 or email lizj@erc.org.au or visit www.brooklyn.org.au

4 April: Indigenous Visual Art Awards. This is a great opportunity to promote the Indigenous Visual Art Category for The Cancer Council Victoria's Arts Awards. There is prize money for the outstanding entrant of \$1000. Entries are not restricted to Victoria, but open to all artists across Australia. Details: Peta Reynolds on (03) 9635 5316 or visit www.cancercouncil.org.au/artsawards or call (03) 9496 1060.

5-13 April: Youth Week in NSW. Youth Week provides young people throughout the state, no matter where they live, with an opportunity to participate. It is organised by young people, for young people in local communities across the state. Details: (02) 9716 2872 or email youthweek@community.nsw.gov.au or visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au

8 April: Resuscitation Course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park from 5.30-7.30pm. Details: 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

12 April: Social Justice in Early Childhood Group 5th Annual Conference. The program this year focuses on State and Federal issues in anticipation of changes imminent for the field in 2008 and beyond. Cost \$20 per person. Details: Miriam Giugni on (0404) 852 151 or Lorraine madden on (0406) 768 426 or email conference@socialjusticeinearlychildhood.org or visit www.socialjusticeinearlychildhood.org

19 April: Women's Health Forum. This forum will cover topics on Women's Safety, Health, Financial Health and Health Esteem. Entry by gold coin donation includes Morning tea and light lunch. Held at Murwillumbah Civic Centre from 10am-3pm. Details: Betty Priest on (07) 5524 5374 or email easypeas@bigpond.net.au

5 May-13 June: Free Show for Aboriginal Communities - Muttacarr Sorry Business. This is an award winning theatre performance about road safety. There will be a Metro tour and a Great Southern tour. Details call Michelle or Meredith on (08) 9202 1966 or (0439) 948 183 or email meredith@yirraaakin.asn.au

5 May: Resuscitation Course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park from 5.30-7.30pm. Details: 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

14-15 June: Education Expo. This Expo enables you to reach out and connect with a time-poor audience in a new way. It enables you to build name awareness and establish relationships with a targeted crowd that is totally focused on learning. Held at Rosehill, Sydney. All welcome. Details: Lynette Eggins on (02) 6643 4643 or email info@edexpo.info or visit www.edexpo.info

6-13 July: NAIDOC Week 08. The national theme is, Advance Australia Fair. NAIDOC celebrates the survival of Indigenous culture and the Indigenous contribution to modern Australia. All Australians are encouraged to participate in NAIDOC Week activities. Details: www.naidoc.org.au

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Notice of Proposed Grant of 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 grant of Mining Leases shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
ML95507 Nella	Approx. 28 km South from Emmet Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Isisford	Current Land Tenures: Lot 1934 on PH848 – Pastoral Holding 3/1934 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 2.57 ha	Stephen Philip COMBE
ML95531 Margie	Approx. 83 km West North West from Jundah Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Barcoo	Current Land Tenures: Lot 3 on FR14 – Pastoral Holding 28/348 (mining and access) Lot 5336 on PH1777 – Pastoral Holding 28/5336 (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 11.3896 ha	Jaroslav DOKTOR
ML95534 Red Abbie	Approx. 42 km South West from Kynuna Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Winton and McKinlay	Current Land Tenures: Lot 6 on KN43 – Pastoral Holding 45/5359 (mining and access) Lot 373 on PH2077 – Pastoral Holding 45/373 (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 3.9395 ha	Wayne Andrew LANGE

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years for ML95534 and for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years for MLs 95507, 95531.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases 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, Queensland, 4002.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease applications, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216; DME, Court House, Vindex Street, Winton, Qld 4735. Telephone: 07 4657 1727.

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 Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

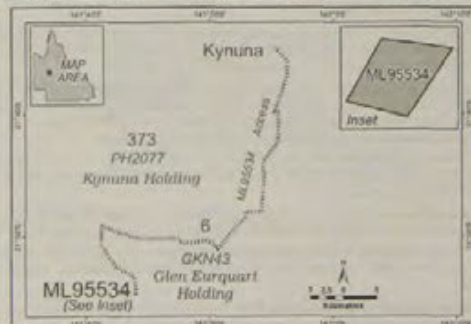
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Sport

Our place in sport under microscope

Experts to speak at seminar

A PUBLIC seminar on Indigenous football and its place in sport, civil society and community building, will be held in Sydney on Monday 10 March.

Barry Judd will speak about Australian rules and Heidi Norman will focus on rugby league.

The seminar has been convened by the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) and will be held in Building 4, Level 2, Room 11 at the university's Broadway campus at 745 Harris Street.

Barry Judd has completed a doctoral thesis where he examined the significance of Australian football and its overwhelming Aboriginal participation, the issues of race and racism and national identity.

Heidi Norman's study of the long-

running NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout reveals the significance of rugby league in community development, capacity and the renewal of cultural practices and identity.

Australian football has been called a touchstone of Australian society, an important marker of Australian national identity and the values considered particular to the national character.

In recent decades Aboriginal players have dominated the sport at the elite levels. Their presence and influence on the modern game has made a significant impact in reshaping attitudes on race and racism.

In this respect, the Australian Football League (AFL) is an all too rare example of a 'social space' where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal men have been in dialogue across-cultures from a position of relative equality.

In his research on Australian Football, Judd argues that the

game and its likely Aboriginal origins has always held the possibility for racial reconciliation.

Heidi Norman is a Senior Lecturer in the Social Inquiry program of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at UTS.

People wishing to register for the seminar can do so by sending their registration to ccs@uts.edu.au

The seminar is a free event and open to all members of the community.



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):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1736	Mark Gureth Orsney	9.4ha	19km Wly of Karabaddi	Lat 31°14' Long 121°28'	Coogee
15/436	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	146.71ha	30km Wly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°39' Long 121°10'	Coogee
16/445	Kevin Michael Paulovich	116.28ha	43km Nly of Coogee	Lat 30°35' Long 121°00'	Coogee
24/734-740	Constar Mining & Exploration Ltd	6368.23ha	63km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°16' Long 121°08'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/541	Hampton Nickel Ltd	1.17ha	30km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°16'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/348-9 & 29/362	Heron Resources Ltd	3855.72ha	88km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 122°19'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
47/820	Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd	856.72ha	74km Wly of Newman	Lat 29°17' Long 119°00'	East Pilbara
	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd				
	Hampshire Resources Ltd				
47/821-5	Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd	4173.19ha	70km Wly of Newman	Lat 29°09' Long 119°05'	East Pilbara
	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd				
47/826-828	Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd	10079.21ha	71km NWly of Newman	Lat 29°05' Long 119°05'	East Pilbara
	Hampshire Resources Ltd				
	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd				
52/1037	Mineral Investments Pty Ltd	8222.51ha	56km SWly of Newman	Lat 28°40' Long 119°12'	Meekatharra
53/570	Australian Gold Resources Pty Ltd	210.79ha	7km SWly of Newman	Lat 28°11' Long 121°42'	Dundas

Nature of the Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 27 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 27 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) 9208 2100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 27 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 3828.

Notice Of Proposed Grant Of A Mining Claim

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of Mining Claims shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Claims to which this notice applies:

Mining Claim Number and Name	Location of Mining Claim (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
MC70798 Hope So	Locality of Mount Britton Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Nebo	Current Land Tenures Lot 167 on USL44425 - State Land (mining only) Lot 1009 on NPW566 - Homevale Resources Reserve (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Claim: 0.9816 ha	Michael John DALY
MC71206 Of Course Mine	Locality of Mount Britton Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Nebo	Current Land Tenures Lot 1000 on NPW566 - Homevale Resources Reserve (mining only) Area of land applied for in Mining Claim: 0.9293 ha	Keith Patrick SMITH
MC71440 Ernie's Run	Locality of Mount Britton Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Nebo	Current Land Tenures Lot 1000 on NPW566 - Homevale Resources Reserve (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Claim: 1.0 ha	Christine Maree ROVELLI
MC71583 Father's Gold n Dreams	Locality of Mount Britton Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Nebo	Current Land Tenures Lot 174 on USL44425 - State Land (mining only) Lot 109 on MB2891 - State Land (access only) Lot 110 on MB2891 - State Land (mining only) Lot 35 on MB2891 - State Land (mining and access) Lot 108 on MB2891 - State Land (access only) Lot 22 on MB2891 - R30 Township Reserve (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Claim: 0.8558 ha	Katherine Betty BURGESS
MC71720 Artunga	Locality of Mount Britton Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Nebo	Current Land Tenures Lot 1000 on NPW566 - Homevale Resources Reserve (mining only) Lot 174 on USL44425 - State Land (mining only) Area of land applied for in Mining Claim: 0.7727 ha	Barbara Jean MARESH (50%) Paul MARESH (50%)
MC71750 Sili	Locality of Mount Britton Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Nebo	Current Land Tenures Lot 1000 on NPW566 - Homevale Resources Reserve (mining only) Lot 174 on USL44425 - State Land (mining only) Area of land applied for in Mining Claim: 0.8099 ha	Peter George HUNT

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Claim under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years for Mining Claims 70798, 71206, 71440, 71720 and 71750 and for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years for Mining Claim 71583.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Claims be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Mining Registrar, Emerald Mining District, Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, PO Box 245, Emerald QLD 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9300.

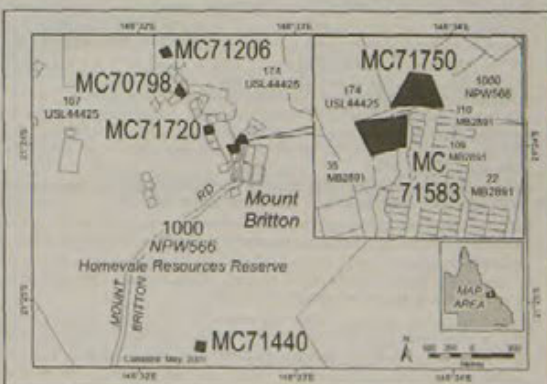
Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Claims, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim applications, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Office of the Mining Registrar, Emerald, Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, PO Box 245, 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 the Mining Claims. 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.

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Calendar

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20 July-2 August: 10th Festival of Pacific Arts. Arts Queensland and the Australia Council are offering Indigenous artists and groups in Queensland the chance to be part of this festival. The event attracts artists and delegates from 27 Pacific nations and features performances, presentations, forums and advocacy events during its 10 day program. Details: (07) 4772 4800 or email Farvadin.Daliri@bigpond.com or visit www.festival-pacific-arts.org

13-16 August: International Unity in Diversity Conference. The conference will address the need for collaboration, communication and co-operation across cultural, religious and ideological barriers. The program has immediate relevance to work, community, education, health and Indigenous partnerships. Details: (07) 4772 4800 or email Farvadin.Daliri@bigpond.com or visit www.unityindiversityconference.com

13-17 August: Cultural Fest 08. The theme is 'Unity in Diversity'. During five fun filled days of dance, food, music, arts, workshops and sports. Held at Strand Park, Townsville from 10am-10pm. Entry fee \$2 and kids under 10 free. Alcohol and drug free event. All welcome. Details: (07) 4772 4800 or email culturalfest@bigpond.com or visit www.culturalfest.org

12-13 September: National Indigenous Legal Conference. Held at the RACV Club, Melbourne. Bookings essential. Details: Aislinn Martin (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email amartin@liv.asn.au or visit www.qldbar.asn.au

13 September: Inaugural Indigenous Legal Ball, Town Hall, Melbourne. Bookings essential. Details: Aislinn Martin on call (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email amartin@liv.asn.au or visit www.qldbar.asn.au

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXPLORATION PERMIT (PETROLEUM)

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) that an application has been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, an Exploration Permit (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the Petroleum Act (NT) as follows.

Application(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit 144 sought by CONARCO MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 102 750 890 over an area of 193 Blocks (15280 sq kms) depicted below, within the NEWCASTLE WATERS locality.



of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973, Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Notification Day: For the purposes of section 29(4) of the NTA, the notification day is 27 February 2008.

Nature of act(s): The grant of a permit under the *Petroleum Act*, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including (but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A permit may be renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801, or Centrepoint Building 40-50 Smith St Mall, Darwin NT 0800.

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.

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
EPC1161	Approx. 65 km ENE from Dysart Centred at approximate Lat 22°20'S Long 148°56'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Broadsound	Area: 962 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1° lat x 1° long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1930 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 1931 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 1932 v, w, x, y 2003 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 2004 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 2005 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 2006 v 2074 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 2075 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 2076 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 2077 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 2078 a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w 2147 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 2148 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 2149 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x	BHP Coal Pty Ltd 010 595 721

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Number) 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 'j'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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Sport



Sonny Morey:
"Through my life, if people had a problem with my heritage, I just tried to move on - because it was their issue, not mine - it was more effective than getting angry." He said the PM's apology showed that as a nation, we can go forward.

Time to move on

By PETER ARGENT



ABORIGINAL statesman, civic leader and SANFL sporting icon Sonny Morey didn't think it would happen in his lifetime, but he has accepted Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen

Generations made this month in the Federal Parliament. It showed that, as a nation, we are ready to move forward," he said.

"We all need to be a lot smarter than we have been. This is a recognition that the laws enacted by Australian governments over the years were wrong and the previous governments didn't respect the values of the individual.

"The Aboriginal perspective is the land is my mother and my mother is the land."

Morey has every reason to feel aggrieved, being ripped away from his mother as a seven-year-old and taken to the Anglican mission in Alice Springs from Snake Creek.

The apology was a time of reflection for the 62-year-old - and a very emotional experience.

"It was a closure for me," he said.

"Personally, I needed to reflect on the positives and the negatives that I'd been through.

"This is a step towards reconciliation.

Heritage

"Through my life, if people had a problem with my heritage, I just tried to move on - because it was their issue, not mine - it was more effective than getting angry."

At the age of 14, Morey was listed in the local Adelaide evening paper of the time, *The News*, as up for adoption and was taken in by Ada Maguire, in Gawler.

Australian rules football was a chance to gain social acceptance for Morey and he excelled, firstly with the Gawler Central Football Club in the Gawler and District Association, then in the statewide competition in the embryonic stages of Central District football club at league level.

Morey was still a teenager when he debuted for the Bulldogs in their inaugural game in 1964, being recognised as the man who had the first kick for the club at league level.

"Football has always been a great social equaliser," Morey said. "Naturally, prior to 1967, with the laws of the day, it was much harder.

"But the game gave me acceptance into the community and became an important part of my life."

Morey, through his football and work careers, which included 13 years with the police, has been a highly respected member of his community, an educator and a member of the Stolen Generations. The way he has conducted himself over years shows the character, strength and integrity of the man.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER & ENERGY

An application for a Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, has been received from:

Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source

BRYDEEMUR PTY LTD for 1 x Bore at Lot 1 DP1035954, Parish Wahgunyah, County Denison for Irrigation. (Application No. 1667).

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. GA2-537431

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

Remote community delivered swimming aids

NT
AUSTRALIAN netballer Bianca Franklin joined the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) Indigenous Sport Program

(ISP) and the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation to deliver swimming equipment to the remote Aboriginal community, Areyonga, near Alice Springs.

Ms Franklin is one of a team of ambassadors which includes Sydney Swan Adam Goodes, Brisbane Bronco Sam Thaiday and Olympic sprinter Patrick Johnson helping to promote the work of the Indigenous Sport Program.

The equipment donated by the ASC and Laureus includes kickboards, flippers, goggles, swim-noodles, lane ropes, pool buoys, backstroke flags, a pace clock and an equipment trolley.

In addition to the donated equipment, Northern Territory Swimming, through a partnership with the ASC, will continue to provide ongoing support by running learn-to-swim programs and assist communities to run the programs.

Australian Sports Commission CEO Mark Peters

said activities in Areyonga were an example of the work the ASC's Indigenous Sport Program did in Indigenous communities across Australia.

"The ISP and partners like Laureus and the State/Territory governments are committed to providing better sporting opportunities for Indigenous Australians and helping communities to develop the resources to sustain sport for the future," Mr Peters said.

"Our Indigenous Sport Development officers, many of whom are from these communities, assist in identifying and developing sporting opportunities that bring with them wider social and health benefits for the community."

The Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, founded in 2000, is an apolitical charitable initiative that uses the positive influence of sport to tackle society's most pressing challenges. It celebrates the universal power of sport to bring people together as a force for good and uses the passion that sport inspires to effect social change across the globe.

The ASC's Indigenous Sport



Joshua Smith, Bianca Franklin, Susan Long and Deanne Campbell at the Areyonga Aboriginal community. Areyonga has a population of 240 people and is 250km west of Alice Springs.

Program aims to increase Indigenous Australians' participation in structured sport at all levels, builds the capacity of Indigenous people to run

sustainable sporting programs and supports talented Indigenous sportspeople to achieve their sporting goals.

● For more information on

the ASC's Indigenous Sport Program and opportunities in sport for Indigenous Australians, go to <http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/all/indigenous>

July All Blacks cricket carnival in pipeline

BY ALF WILSON

QLD
A CRICKET carnival for Indigenous men's and women's teams will be held in Charters Towers

during NAIDOC Week celebrations in July – right at the business end of the rugby league season.

The inaugural carnival is being organised by Elder Dick Davidson, who was the founder of the Black Bream XI – one of 208 teams to contest the Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival held at Charters Towers over the Australia Day long weekend.

It was estimated that about 500 cricketers of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent lined up for teams there.

They came from as far away as Napranum, Mapoon, the TSI, Mount Isa, Camooweal, Mackay, Cloncurry and Hughenden.

"There are many

Indigenous cricketers around and myself and a couple of others have talked about it and we think it would be great," Davidson said.

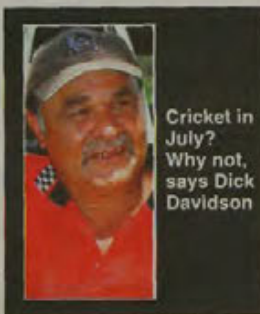
Davidson said he expected a lot of interest from teams with players living locally, at Townsville, and Hughenden.

"Hopefully, we can get the main York Street Complex here which has three turf wickets and I will be contacting the Charters Towers Cricket Association about it soon," he said.

If too many teams entered and the turf pitches were insufficient, there were 67 fields used at the Goldfield Ashes, most concrete wickets.

The Koori Mail has spoken to interstate cricketers about the carnival and a representative of a team from Tasmania has expressed interest in competing.

"I have played up there at the Goldfield Ashes and would have no trouble rounding up a team of players to go up there, especially seeing it is off



Cricket in July? Why not, says Dick Davidson

cricket season," said former Imparja Cup player Colin Lamont, from Latrobe, in the Apple Isle.

Another player from Port Lincoln, in South Australia, said it would be easy to arrange for a team from there.

However Davidson said while interest would be welcomed from teams throughout Australia, first preference would be given to those from north Queensland.

Mindful of the fact that the Goldfield Ashes began in 1948 with a humble six teams,

Davidson said organisers wouldn't want to bite off more than they could chew in the inaugural year.

"It would no doubt grow into a bigger carnival so we are going to see what happens," he said.

In a bid to prevent talented A grade cricketers dominating, the carnival will be run under the Twenty/20 format with half-day matches.

Davidson said women's sides would be invited to compete, which would make the carnival a genuine family event.

He doesn't believe that having a cricket carnival two months before the rugby league finals series begins will be a problem.

"I think we will attract lots of young fellas and those who have retired from football," he said.

Anybody interested in entering a team at the NAIDOC carnival can contact Dick Davidson on phone (07) 4787 7751.

Challenger says he's ready to take on Mundine



AFTER a career-high 158 rounds of pre-fight sparring, an excited Nader Hamdan says he's ready to deliver the fight of his life in his world title clash with Anthony Mundine.

Although regarded as the underdog for tonight's fight with WBA super middleweight champion Mundine in Sydney, Hamdan is bubbling with belief and confidence.

He has been trading many blows with fellow world-ranked super middleweight Sakio Bika and outstanding lightweight prospects Billy Dib and Lenny Zappavigna amongst others and is thrilled with his readiness.

"I've been a pro for 10 years since the end of 1997 and it's been my best preparation ever, not just by a little bit, but by quite a lot," Hamdan said.

"I feel good. They've actually had to rein me in a bit and actually had to slow me down because I've never been where I am at now in terms of fitness."

I'm ready for the fight of my life, the biggest night of my boxing career.

"I'm very, very excited, the nerves haven't actually kicked in yet, but every now and then I get a little bit of nerves, but I'm more excited than anything."

Hamdan has great respect for fellow Sydneysider Mundine's ability, but he's convinced his own time has arrived.

"He (Mundine) is one of the best athletes and one of the best fighters to come out of this country, love him or hate him," he said.

Annual meeting for one of NSW's league knockout organisers

NSW
THE New South Wales Aboriginal Rugby League & Sports Inc – one of two organisations claiming ownership of the NSW Rugby League All Blacks Carnival – will hold its annual meeting on Sunday 2 March.

It will be held in Newcastle.

Retiring president Danny Thorne is urging all delegates to attend.

The NSW Aboriginal Rugby League & Sports Inc organised last October's All Blacks carnival at Kempsey – the same weekend that the rival All Blacks carnival was held in Lismore, organised by the Merritt-Patten Redfern All Blacks and Northern United.

The Newcastle All Blacks won the Kempsey carnival to also win the hosting rights to this year's carnival, which will be held in Newcastle.

The Lismore knockout was won by Wollumbin Warriors, a team from the Tweed region. The Warriors have the hosting rights to this year's knockout.

But Mr Thorne said his organisation

had been sanctioned by the NSW Rugby League and Country Rugby League, and therefore was the legitimate controller of the All Blacks knockout.

He said he would be stepping down as president at the Newcastle meeting on Sunday, citing health and family reasons, but would continue to support his organisation.

World title tilt for Pittman



Jamie 'Mr Business' Pittman, who will challenge for the WBA world middleweight title in Germany on 5 April.



TOPLINE Aboriginal boxer Jamie 'Mr Business' Pittman will challenge for the World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight title in

Germany on 5 April.

Pittman will take on 29-year-old German Felix Sturm in the Burg-Waechter Castello Stadium in Dusseldorf.

Sturm is a three-times world title winner. As an amateur he represented Germany at the 2000 Sydney Olympics before turning pro and winning the WBO middleweight title in 2003.

Sturm lost the belt in a hotly disputed bout against all-time great Oscar De La Hoya in the United States.

Sturm then won the coveted WBA world middleweight crown before losing the belt to Spaniard Javier Castillejo in 2006.

But the German showed his class by avenging this defeat against Castillejo in a rematch in April 2007 to reclaim the WBA title.

Sturm's last bout against the American Randy Griffin in October 2007 ended in a draw, with the German's record now

standing at 31 fights, 28 wins, two losses, one draw with 12 KOs.

But the Australian camp is confident that Pittman, from Gosford, on the NSW central coast, can cause an upset.

A 2004 Athens Olympian and captain of the Australian boxing squad, Pittman's amateur credentials are impressive, winning the NSW title eight times, five Australian titles and Oceania championships on three occasions.

He represented Australia in more than 40 countries, amassing an amateur record of 137 fights for 111 wins.

'Mr Business' now brings a perfect professional record into the world championship bout with 16 fights, 16 wins with seven KOs.

Along the way he won the Australian super middleweight title, WBF world super middleweight title, PABA middleweight title, WBO Asia Pacific middleweight title and the WBA Pan African title.

Manager Dean Singleton said that with the Southern Hemisphere now conquered, 'Mr Business' had his sights set on world boxing domination.

The Dusseldorf fight is expected to draw a crowd of 10,000.



Jamie Pittman throws a right-hand at South African William Gare during a World Boxing Federation world super middleweight title fight. If Pittman wins his forthcoming WBA world title fight, the WBF title will fade into insignificance.

Rugby sevens are on



TWELVE men's and four women's teams have

entered the Ella 7s rugby union carnival at Coffs Harbour on 1 March.

Organisers said the men's competition had been capped at 12, but they would continue to take nominations from women's teams.

They said one of the men's teams was short of numbers and was looking for players.

Two of the female teams also were looking for players.

All players will be required to make their own way to Coffs Harbour and find their own accommodation.

The men's draw has been broken into three pools of four teams. The best performed will advance to the semi-finals.

Admission to the alcohol-free event at the International Sports Stadium in Coffs Harbour's south is by a gold coin donation.

The men's teams are: La Perouse, Kempsey, Darwin Taipans, Moree/Newcastle, UTS Waterloo Storm, Penrith/Moree/Parramatta, Brisbane, Northern United RLFC Inc, Nambucca/Coffs Harbour, Sydney The Free Roamers, Coonamble (Peninsula), Coffs Harbour.

The women's teams are: UTS Waterloo Storm, Coonamble (Peninsula), Kempsey, Coffs Harbour.

Double hat-trick sinks Indigenous XI



BRISBANE grade cricket's most destructive bowler of recent seasons locked his radar on to the Queensland Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander XI on 18 February and finished with a double hat-trick.

Playing for the Queensland Academy of Sport in the annual one-day encounter, Ben Laughlin took four wickets in four balls to scythe through the A&TSI middle order, finishing with 5/20 off seven overs.

The A&TSI combination, with seven members of the national championship-winning Imparja Cup side, plus four players with Brisbane grade experience, was bundled out for 126 after copping the worst of the batting conditions.

Light rain, blustery winds and squalls made batting treacherous, although the A&TSI side was flying along at seven runs an over until Laughlin was introduced into the attack.

He took a wicket with his first ball, then two overs later struck



The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI which played the Queensland Academy of Sport.

with a vengeance.

He took two wickets in two balls, before a heavy downpour hit Allan Border Field and the players were forced from the ground for 30 minutes.

On resumption, Laughlin grabbed two more wickets, although his team-mates were unaware of the hat-trick ball

because his previous feat had been forgotten in the delay.

It could have been even better. Laughlin's fifth ball in the chain of wickets struck the batsman on the pads and a couple of centimetres further across and he would have been No 5 in a row.

West's first grade batsman and one-time Prime Minister's XI

representative Barry Weare top-scored for the Queensland ATSI combination with a powerful 36 off 35 balls, while teenage wicketkeeper Bradley Stout showed some fight with 28 off 29 balls and rookie leg-spinner Chris Swain chimed in with 27 off just 20 balls.

"They showed some good

talent today," QAS coach Justin Starnes said.

"Barry Weare hit the ball very well. He did a good job. Stout's only a teenager and he's a good cricketer and young Swain is developing really nicely."

QAS openers Nick Kruger (67 not out) and Andrew Robinson (51 not out) passed the A&TSI score without the loss of a wicket as the sun shone on AB Field.

Worin Williams bowled well without taking a wicket, finishing with 0-25 from seven overs, including two maidens, against the dangerous QAS opening pair.

It was a tough ask for several members of the Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander XI, with those players from the Imparja Cup team having to lift again after playing seven games in as many days in Alice Springs, and flying home the day before the match.

Several players were also affected by niggling injuries.

"It was always going to be hard, but it was a great experience for the boys," said Queensland A&TSI coach Michael Mainhardt.

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Changing of the guard

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Jack was a strong disciplinarian and he certainly established an aura of respect but, at his heart, he was interested in you as a person.

It will be interesting to see not only how the Broncos will respond to Bennett's announced departure at the end of the year, but also the effect his availability will have on the tenure of other coaches in the competition.

I do not think it is a coincidence that the Cowboys announced that Graham Murray's contract would not be renewed so soon after Bennett's decision.

At the moment I would like to restrict my comments to the effect of these two decisions on the principal clubs - the Broncos and the Cowboys.

These two clubs - along with Parramatta and Melbourne - form the four clubs I believe the premiership winners will come from.

The power of Bennett on the Bronco's culture cannot be underestimated.

The 'do-it-for-Benny' mantra has been adopted by Brisbane for the 2008 NRL season, according to Broncos legend Shane Webcke.

While senior Broncos may have publicly dismissed talk that they are determined to send departing coach Wayne Bennett out a winner this season, Webcke said Brisbane were striving for a memorable parting gift for the foundation coach's 21st and final season at the Broncos.

Webcke has also dismissed the potential negative impact of the loss of players like Cironcoeva, Thorne and Tate.

"What comes with new players is a certain degree of enthusiasm," he said.

I agree with Webcke in that I believe the uncertainty surrounding Bennett's future has now been removed, allowing the team to focus on football.

I believe this could also be the case at the Cowboys where another former coach of mine, in Graham Murray, has shown the pragmatism that comes from years of experience.

"The Cowboys have decided not to renew my contract," he wrote. "Not surprisingly, I disagree but the decision has been made."

"As a young fella playing cricket in the summer, I was always taught to accept the umpire's decision."

"Not every decision is going to go your way. This is just part and parcel of life as a career coach."

"I've been coaching at first-grade level for 16 years and learned you have to roll with the punches."

This has allowed Murray to move forward in a professional manner, accepting that all in the club have acted in what they consider to be the best interests of the club.

Murray is a coach who revels in the emotions of the game. He would like nothing more than to go out a winner.

His final words may well be prophetic. "There's a competition to win before I get on the horse and ride off into the sunset," he concluded.

At the same time, however, there will be a old Bronco a bit further down south hoping to make exactly the same exit.

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Australia Post team captain Hank Solien



Hank Solien never thought he'd play football against the legends of rugby league in front of 20,000 people.

But that's exactly what happened to the Torres Strait Islander man this month when he was part of the Australia Post Indigenous team that took on — and almost beat — a Former Origin Greats (FOGS) Rugby League squad in a special game of touch.

The Posties took on the big names during the official opening of Skilled Park, the new home of the NRL's Gold Coast Titans, at Robina in south-east Queensland.

Solien captained the Indigenous side, made up of male and female Australia Post workers from across Queensland. They fought out a 4-all draw with a Rugby League State of Origin (NSW v Queensland) Legends line-up that boasted some of the all-time greats of the game.

"There was Mal Meninga, Alfie Langer, Wally Lewis they were all there — the players I used to look up to," Solien told *The Koori Mail* at the new stadium.

"The game was played in good

spirit. It was a privilege to be there and it was an experience none of us will ever forget."

Australia Post organised the game as part of its mentorship agreement with the FOGS, designed to help recruit and retain Indigenous workers in Queensland. Also involved was didgeridoo master William Barton, who played for the crowd.

There are 163 members of the FOGS, 30 per cent of whom are Indigenous.

The teams. Australia Post Indigenous: Hank Solien (Erub Islander), David Gagai (Badu Islander), Adam Williamson (Kuku-Yalangi), Donna Carstens (Mununjali), Greg Broderick (Bidjara), Kris Kirk (Mulumjhal), Lyall Appo (Wakka Wakka), Mark Brimble (Birri Gubba), Maurie Horsburgh (Dirranbandi), Michael Jansen (Bidjara), Neil Holland (Erub Islander), Neil Locke (Mulumjhal), Rose Ogden (Gurindji), Shannon Lewis (Undumbi) and Terry McDonald (Wakka Wakka).

Former Origin Greats (FOGS): Steve Walters, Trevor Gillmeister, Mal Meninga, Gary Belcher, Kevin Walters, Greg Conescu, Steve Renouf, Gene Miles, Sam Backo, Allan Langer and Wally Lewis.



One of the Australia Post players scores in his team's 4-all draw with the Former Origin Greats line-up at the Skilled Park opening day on the Gold Coast.

Imparja Cup: Results and where the teams finished

Twenty/20 format

Round 1: ACT 4/131 d Victoria 7/129, Queensland 0/83 d Northern Territory 9/80, Tasmania 3/125 d NSW 6/104, South Australia 10/138 d Western Australia 6/133, Victoria 7/144 d Tasmania 6/142, NSW 5/151 d ACT 7/116, Queensland 5/131 d South Australia 6/127, Northern Territory 9/89 tied with Western Australia 8/89.

Round 2: Queensland 4/129 d Tasmania 7/128, Victoria 8/142 d Northern Territory 7/87, NSW 5/133 d South Australia 8/132, Western Australia 7/138 d

ACT 2/102, Victoria 8/124 d South Australia 110, NSW 2/135 d Northern Territory 7/133, Queensland 3/129 d ACT 2/126, Tasmania 9/142 d Western Australia 04.

40-overs format

Round 1: ACT 9/247 d South Australia 149, WA 1/79 d Victoria 76, Tasmania 8/272 d Northern Territory 194, Queensland 9/197 d NSW 144.

Round 2: Tasmania 7/259 d ACT 132, Western Australia 186 d NSW 109, Queensland 7/156 d Victoria 155, Northern Territory 121 d South Australia 70.

Round 3: Western Australia 5/69 d Queensland 67, Tasmania 3/141 d South Australia 138, Victoria 7/173 d NSW 8/171, ACT 187 d Northern Territory 143.

Points: Queensland 31, Tasmania 25, Western Australia 21, Victoria 17, ACT 13, NSW 13, Northern Territory 6, South Australia 4.

Final: Queensland 171 (B Smith 38, E Mills-Grant 24, B Stout 26, T Hardingham 18, A Blucher 13, P White 10; B Lovell 5/13, D Wall 3/36) d Tasmania 79 (B Lovell 20, B Lamont 17, G Grey 11, S Schumann 10; P White 6/16, A Holt 2/20, C Swain 2/39).

Panthers set to pounce

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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At the start of each season it is always interesting to see how the playing rosters of clubs have changed and, in particular, how many brothers have joined the ranks. There is no doubt that the Panthers decided that they needed an injection of 'black magic' into their team chemistry with 'Uncle' Rhys Wesser being joined by

the likes of Brad Tighe, Joe Williams and Richie Williams, and the hugely talented Maurice Blair cementing his position as an established first grader.

I phoned my former Rabbitohs team-mate Joe Williams to get the inside mail on how the team was progressing and it did not surprise me to hear that he had just finished a school visit with David Peachey at Lavender High, in Albury, after doing promotional work for the Panthers during the week.

"I had opportunity to call in to help a mate and I heard 'Peach' was in the area so we hooked up so we could talk to some of the kids at the high school," he said.

At the moment he is recovering from an operation to rid his system of golden staph while trying to establish himself at a new club.

Rather than complain about this and the fact that he is doing promotional work, he prefers to look on the bright side.

"I'm pretty lucky to get it out now," he said. "I'm looking forward to the season and hope to be back on the field next week."

With such an optimistic outlook, it is no wonder he has an impact on kids.

I like the way he and Peach inspire kids to believe and understand that change can start today.

"We try to tell kids that they can be good role models for other indigenous kids by the way they act now," he said.

"It's all about being positive."

And Joey certainly is positive when he talks up the Panthers' hopes for the coming season and in particular the prospects for the brothers he hopes to play alongside.

"Rhys has been on fire at training," Joey said. "He's looking really slick – powerful and fast."

"The way he blasts through defensive holes at training is amazing."

But it is not only Wesser's physical prowess that has impressed Williams.

"His knowledge of the game is amazing," Williams explained. "He has made us all feel welcome and is happy to share his experience in helping the younger blokes."

Wesser wisdom

Richie Williams is one player who Joey hopes will benefit from Wesser's wisdom.

"Richie is blessed with skills and attacking finesse," Joey said. "He's been great on the paddock and probably has had his best off-season so far."

"I think having the other brothers around him has helped him to stay on track."

I certainly join Joey in his hopes because Richie is one of the most gifted players I have had the privilege to see play the game.

This may well be his last chance to realise his talents.

One player who made the most of his opportunities last year was Maurice Blair and I was interested to hear Joey agreed

with my assessment of his abilities.

"Maurice is naturally strong" Joey said. "He is a headache to defend against and he also has speed to burn."

"He is also equally devastating in defence because he is just aggressive by nature on the field."

"He is just one of many putting pressure on for selection in the centres."

Adding to this pressure is a fit and eager Brad Tighe, who was released by the Knights after serving his NRL apprenticeship over the past few seasons.

I believe Tighe is on the verge of his best football and Joey's assessment added to my belief that Brad could be one of the buys of the season.

"Brad's looking great," he said. "He's slimmed down and is training like a champion."

"He had some awesome touches in the trial last week and is really looking slick."

This brings us to Williams himself.

"I'm confident I can secure the halfback position of given the chance," he said. "I have experienced the lows and the highs and now which is the better experience."

"I can't tell the kids to dream and then be negative about my own goals."

"I just can't wait to get out on the field." Joey Williams deserves his opportunity and – outside of his games against Souths – I wish him all the best for the season.

Like him, I just can't wait!



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The Wayne Bennett factor

ONE of Rugby League's great attractions is its simplicity. Sure, there is a lot of science in the preparation of the athletes on the training paddock and some of the subtleties in the skill of the players deserves the highest praise but, at its heart, league is not overcomplicated by the complex rules of rugby union or the many areas of interpretation.

At its heart it is a gladiatorial contest like no other and it is fought to

the death. As only he could, legendary commentator Rex Mossop put it in working-class language when he said 'rugby league is a game only one team can win'.

For those of you who are wondering why Wayne Bennett's name is in the title, I believe that one of the reasons for his great success over more than two decades at the Broncos was his ability to keep things simple.

I never had the privilege of being

coached by Wayne Bennett, but I did have the honour to be coached by another icon of the game in the great Jack Gibson.

I believe that Bennett was made in the same mould as Jack in that he appears to be a great manager of men – a teacher and a mentor at heart whose by-product is the development of successful football teams.

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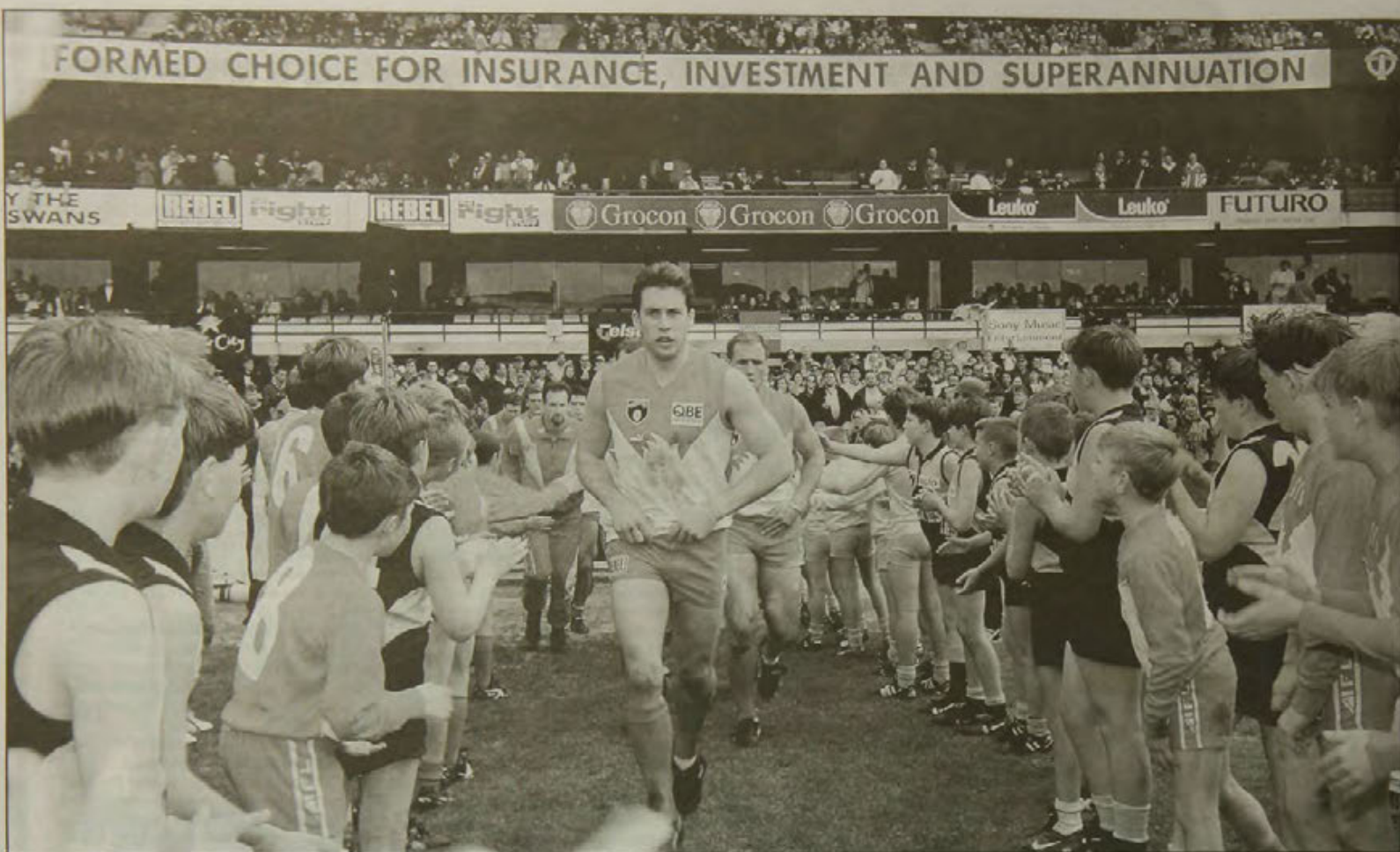
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A Sydney Swans team runs on to the ground ... Michael O'Loughlin says everyone from players, to staff and spectators, make football the special game it is.

We're all involved

AS I look forward to the start of another season, the more I believe that the longer you play at the elite level of the AFL, the more you actually appreciate the game for what it is.

For many of us, footy is more than a game – it is a way of life, a community of friendships and the gathering of people who share common passions and beliefs.

This does not mean the world of footy is perfect – far from it.

We reflect society's weaknesses as well as its strengths and will always have to combat the excesses of human nature under the microscope of the media and public expectation.

But at its most basic, footy is the game we grew up with and loved for the good times it provided and the friendships it made.

This is the footy we all know and love. Playing in the backyard or on the streets with your mates – or with your sister and her friends occasionally joining in to make up the numbers and then embarrass you with their skills.

Training down at the local oval with your mate's dad doing his best to coach, while the committee meets inside the sheds and organises the canteen and raffle for the weekend.

On the weekends the smell of onions as the sausage sizzle blasts into action and you wait for one of your mates to arrive with the jerseys because it was his mum's turn to do the washing.

The bitter-sweet taste of oranges cut into quarters to help resuscitate you at the break.

The splash of water from the sponge and bucket in those early unhygienic days to help get you back on your feet.

That was the footy we grew up with and loved.

Strangely enough, things aren't really all

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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that different at the AFL level. I remember after winning the premierships flag with the Swans the questions everybody

All around the country from the smallest remote community to the SCG, players are looking forward to the first game and dreaming of the last.

seemed to ask me were: 'What were you feeling?' or 'What does it mean to you?' The answer to the first question was fairly easy because when the siren went, all I can remember is being in tears, hugging and

kissing my team-mates and thinking this is what you play football for – to win a grand final.

Over time I have had the opportunity to reflect on what it truly means to me and I have realised that there is a lot more to footy than winning a grand final.

First, just like if I was a player in any country team, I look around me and realise it is the blokes I work with throughout the year – players and coaching staff – who make playing footy so special.

They are the blokes who you would like to be standing beside you if you were fighting in the trenches.

Like all good footy sides, it isn't money or fame that makes it special; it is that unique bond of mateship that only comes from training, playing and spilling your blood for each other.

The thing that continues to make the Swans special is the fact that the whole team is given an equal opportunity and everybody knows their role within the team.

We don't have blokes trying to win games off their own boot all the time because that just doesn't work in the long run.

You need to have blokes who step up and play their role.

Then you also realise that it isn't just the team.

I remember after the grand final the tears in the eyes of the trainers and the guys who run the water; some who just do it for the love of the game.

They were the same blokes who were

there to console the players when we were bundled out last year.

I realise what it means for them and the supporters whose emotional involvement is as strong – if not stronger – than the players.

They are the true believers who humble you and make you realise how truly privileged you are.

AFL is more than a game – it is all about team and community and you have to be a part of that family to truly understand what I mean.

This is reinforced when you are away from Australia and you become an anonymous person in the crowd.

It is good to remain grounded, though the sport itself often has a way of dismantling egos.

Last year means nothing once that ball is bounced in the middle of the field.

In terms of my own preparation, I am on track for the start of the season.

I am back running, enjoying helping the younger players, and feel the whole squad is in better condition at this time of the season than has been the case over recent seasons.

The start of a season is special time. It is full of optimism, enthusiasm and hope.

All around the country from the smallest remote community to the SCG, players are looking forward to the first game and dreaming of the last.

For me, I will be playing every game as if it is my last and savouring all the joy football has brought to my life.

To all the young kids out there, make the most of it – enjoy the footy and enjoy your mates.

And say thanks to your coaches, managers and officials who work hard so you can play our great game.

Until next time – keep dreaming!

Imparja Cup – Participating teams



There's no doubt that Queensland sets the benchmark in Imparja Cup cricket after winning the title for the fourth time. The Maroons were beaten just once in the qualifying rounds – by Western Australia – and thrashed Tasmania in the final.



A Tasmanian official told *The Koori Mail* that they 'came to play cricket'. That's just what they did, playing superbly throughout the Alice Springs carnival, qualifying second, but faltering at the final hurdle.



The West Australians came so close to qualifying for the final in 2007 and they weren't far off the mark this year, finishing third in the qualifying rounds. They were the only team to beat Queensland.



Defending Cup holders New South Wales were disappointing, finishing sixth to miss a place in the final. Officials said they knew the title was going to be tough to defend because their bowling lacked firepower.



The Victorians finished fourth in the qualifying rounds of twenty/20 and 40-over matches.



The ACT team performed solidly and finished in fifth place in the qualifying rounds, ahead of NSW on percentages.



It was a learning experience for the Northern Territory and officials said the carnival was of tremendous benefit to some of the younger players.



The South Australians looked smart in their red outfits, but their performances on the field were not good enough to threaten other teams.

— Pictures by Carmen Sharah, Northern Territory Cricket

Imparja Cup – Pictorial highlights



Ken Karpany lets one fly for South Australia against the Northern Territory at Traeger Park.



Star Tasmanian batsman Bernie Lamont drives Joshua Johnny, from the Northern Territory, at Albrecht Oval. Lamont gave Tasmania the firepower that carried them to the final. In this innings he scored 80 in 62 minutes, including seven fours and five sixes.



Queenslander Ben Mainhardt edges a Daniel Caldwell (NSW) delivery to Cameron Rosser in the slips and is out for four in the 40-over qualifying match at Traeger Park. Queensland won the match to avenge their grand final loss to NSW in 2007.



Tasmanians ready for a catch in the 40-over qualifying game against the ACT at Traeger Park. Note the jumper worn by Tasmanian wicketkeeper Guy Grey in the 35-degree heat. A team-mate said Grey had a 'crook' back and liked to keep warm.



Josh Walmsley, one of Tasmania's stars throughout the series, plays a cover drive off the bowling of Northern Territorian Jarrod Franey at Albrecht Oval. Walmsley scored 16.



● LEFT: South Australian opening batsmen Damian Ridney, left, and Matthew Stopp on their way to the crease in the match against the Northern Territory at Traeger Park. Stopp was out to the first ball he faced.



Johnathon Rioli, from the Northern Territory, takes a leg-side swing in the 40-over qualifying match against South Australia at Traeger Park.



West Australian Matt Abrahamson lifts Queensland bowler Nigel Beer over mid-wicket at Albrecht Oval.



NSW bowler Tim Croft follows through while bowling against Queensland in a 40-over qualifying match at Traeger Park. Preston White is the Queensland batsman. Croft finished with 0/12. Veteran John Duckett finished with the best figures – 5/23.



● LEFT: An occasion worth celebrating: Team-mates clap as Matt Abrahamson hits the winning boundary in WA's stunning win against the previously undefeated Queensland at Albrecht Oval.

● RIGHT: John Duckett (NSW) sweeps Victorian left-arm off-spinner Rohan Best to the square-leg boundary at Traeger Park.



Imparja Cup – Pictorial highlights



Queensland wicketkeeper and captain Bradley Stout jumps as he takes a delivery left alone by NSW batsman Andrew Gordon under lights at Traeger Park.



● LEFT: The Northern Territory's Jarrod Franey steps down the wicket while batting against South Australia at Traeger Park.

● BELOW: ACT batsman Darren Williams misses and so too does Northern Territory wicketkeeper Julian Jeakings.



● LEFT: West Australians Damien Senge, left, and Matt Abrahamson on their way to open the innings against Queensland at Albrecht Oval. Senge went cheaply (1), but Abrahamson remained 46 not out.



Queensland's Aaron Holt bowls to West Australian Matt Abrahamson at Albrecht Oval.



● LEFT: The Queenslanders looked smart in their maroon shirts at the Imparja Cup dinner at the Alice Springs Racecourse.

● BELOW: The Indigenous Development Squad, made up of promising young players at the Imparja Cup. They will receive specialised coaching.



The ACT's Brendon Cutmore plays an attractive square drive against the Northern Territory at Albrecht Oval. Julian Jeakings is the NT wicketkeeper.



The Indigenous Honour Team named at the Imparja Cup dinner at the Alice Springs Racecourse. The players were chosen following strong performances throughout the carnival. They were presented with baggy black caps.



Imparja Cup – Pictorial highlights



● LEFT: Tasmanian and New South Wales players taking part in the Imparja Cup parade along Todd Mall on the last day of the tournament. The parade was led by Drum Atweme.



● RIGHT: Tennant Creek players and supporters during the Imparja Shield major centres match against Katherine on 14 February at Sadadeen Oval.



NITV commentators Brad Cooke, left, from Koori Radio Sydney, and Paul Sinclair, also from Sydney, are joined by guest commentator Jim Holding, a director of Queensland Cricket, at Traeger Park during the 40-over qualifying match between Queensland and NSW. Cooke is an educator at Taronga Zoo. NITV will put together a 50-hour package of highlights of the Imparja Cup to be aired during March.



NSW players watch the action in the shade during their super 8 women's match against Bush Potatoes at Flynn Oval.



The tranquil setting on the lawn at the Alice Springs Racecourse, the venue for the Imparja Cup dinner on 15 February.



● ABOVE: Darwin players and supporters watching the action at Sadadeen Oval, where Katherine and Tennant Creek were doing battle in the Imparja Shield. Holding the sleeping child is the co-founder of the Imparja Shield, Shane Franey.

● RIGHT: The women who made up the Bellette Cougars, beaten by NSW in the final of the women's competition.



Imparja Cup – Pictorial highlights



NSW opening pair Nicole Honeysett, left, from Gulgong, and Samantha Stanley (Wellington) on their way to open the innings against the Alice Springs Bush Potatoes in the women's super 8 division at Flynn Oval. Honeysett was named women's player of the series. In super 8 cricket, teams are restricted to eight players and a ball that clears the boundary is worth eight runs. Each team bats for 14 overs.



The local children's drum group, Drum Atweme, led the parade of Imparja Cup players in Todd Mall, Alice Springs, on the last day of the tournament. Here, the parade passes under the Imparja Cup banner.



● LEFT: Harry Creek players and supporters at Head Street Oval, where the community division matches were played. Harry Creek is about 50km north of Alice Springs. Other teams competing were Tangentyere, Stuart Highway Mob, CAT Tigers, Timber Creek, Cooktown Crocs and Tiwi.

● RIGHT: NITV cameramen Nick Thomsen, left, of Sydney, and Jason Ramp, of Alice Springs, had a bird's-eye view of games at Traeger Park.



Imparja Cup co-founder Ross Williams might be past his prime, but he still knows how to handle a cricket bat. He is pictured here stepping down the wicket while playing for Tennant Creek against Katherine in the Imparja Shield major centres match at Sadadeen Oval.



● ABOVE: NSW women's captain Julie Muir, from Sydney, holds aloft the women's trophy after being presented with it by Vic Levi, right, representing Lord's Taverners. Looking on is Cricket Australia's General Manager, Game Development, Damien Bown.

● LEFT: Queensland left-arm opening bowler Preston White in action against West Australian Keren Ugle at Albrecht Oval.



● LEFT: Cricket ground settings don't come much better than those in Alice Springs, where the McDonnell Ranges provide a stark and spectacular backdrop to lush cricket ovals.





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West Australian Matt Abrahamson lifts Queenslander Preston White over mid-wicket for two runs at Abrecht Oval during the Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs. Abrahamson guided WA to an upset win, but Queensland went on to win the tournament.

Cyclone hits Tasmanians

By GRAHAM HUNT



TASMANIAN players thought they were well clear of a cyclone when they arrived in Alice Springs for the Imparja Cup cricket tournament, but they struck one nonetheless.

It came in the form of Queensland sensation Preston White, who cut a swath through the Tasmanian batting line-up.

The teenager from Rockhampton snared 6/16 in the final of the Imparja Cup, sending Tasmania to a heavy defeat at Traeger Park on 16 February.

Tasmania looked to be in contention when they held Queensland to 171 off the 40 allotted overs. Brad Lovell finished with the outstanding figures of 5/13.

But the Tasmanians were in trouble from the beginning of their innings.

Veteran Bernie Lamont, who more than anyone else was responsible for Tasmania

reaching the final, scored 18 of Tasmania's first 22 runs in their pursuit of Queensland's total.

But with the total at 22, Lamont became Queensland's sixth victim and the Tasmanians never recovered, crashing to 9/52 before a last-wicket partnership took the total to 79.

Other Queensland bowlers to figure in the harvest were leg-spinner Chris Swain (2/34) and medium-pacer Aaron Holt (2/20).

Earlier, the Queensland innings was held together by skipper Bradley Stout (26), Brett Smith (38) and Eddie Mills Grant (24).

The Tasmanians probably have Western Australia to thank for Queensland's ruthless display in the final.

The day before, the West Australians became the only team to beat Queensland in the run-up to the final.

Playing at the picturesque Albrecht Oval on 15 February, the Sandgropers bundled Queensland out for 76, then scored the winning runs off just 15.3 overs for the loss

of five wickets. That defeat was the kick Queensland needed to refocus, even though the Maroons knew they were already into the final.

Last year's winners, New South Wales, finished the tournament with disappointing results.

The consensus among experts was that NSW lacked the bowling firepower of the previous year, and struggled throughout the tournament.

The Blues finished the qualifying rounds in a distant sixth place.

Queensland picked up 31 points to head the qualifiers, followed by Tasmania (25), Western Australia (21), Victoria (17), ACT (13), NSW (13), Northern Territory (6) and South Australia (4).

The teams played each other in twenty/20 rounds over two days, then met each other again in 40-over games.

Bonus points were available if certain targets were reached.

The Imparja Cup wasn't the only cricket

being played in Alice Springs.

Three other competitions were held in conjunction, including a women's super 8 competition, where teams of eight batted for 14 overs.

There was also a competition for Northern Territory major towns and it drew teams from Darwin, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Alkupitja.

A competition for smaller communities drew teams from Harry Creek, Tangentyere, Stuart Highway Mob, CAT Tigers, Timber Creek, Cooktown Crocs and Titi.

New South Wales sent an Indigenous women's team to Alice Springs, and as expected, it was too strong for the Bellette Cougars in the final.

Other women's teams were CATz, Bush Potatoes and Pink Ladies — all from Alice Springs.

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