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AUSTRALIAN Indigenous
A'super-group' The Black
Arm Band brought the
house down at the South Australian premiere of its Murundak performance on the opening night of the 2008 WOMADelaide Festival on Friday. The artist list for the sometimes 32-piece outfit read like a 'Who's Who' of Indigenous music and non-Indigenous supporters: Ursula Yovich, Bart Willoughby, Mark Atkins, Archie Roach, Stephen Pigram, Lou Bennett, Peter Australian premiere of its Pigram, Lou Bennett, Peter Rotumah, Dave Arden, Shellie Morris, Kutcha Edwards

Ruby Hunter, Emma Donovan, Shane Howard, Rachael Maza-Long, Joe Geia, Dan Sultan and John Butler.

The Black Arm Band's stated mission of performing and celebrating contemporary music as a symbol of identity, resilience and hope was not resinence and nope was no lost on the reconciliation-friendly crowd. Murundak (meaning 'alive' in Wolwurrung) features Indigenous music accompanied by historic and contemporary film images. Singer/songwriter Kutcha Edwards also performed solo at WOMADelaide. His

the more moving by his sharing of some of his painful though ultimately triumphant journey as a member of the Stolen Generations. WOMADelaide is held over WOMADelaide is held over three days in Adelaide's Botanic Gardens and regularly attracts more than 75,000 people. British musician Peter Gabriel founded WOMAD in 1980 out of 'pure enthusiasm

for music from around the world'.

See our next edition for more photos from the weekend.



From left, Andrea Kellar, Lou Bennett, John Butler, Ruby Hunter, Shellie Morris, Dave Arden, Shane Howard, Archie Roach and Ian Whitehouse soak up the applause at the end of The Black Armband's hugely popular performance of Murundak at the 2008 WOMADelaide Festival on Friday night. • Photos by JACK GRIEVE

# Kimberley crisis



WA Premier Alan Carpenter Report led to a Cabinet

By DARREN COYNE

A DAMNING report detailing the atrocious living conditions in many Aboriginal communities in Western Australia's Kimberley region has promoted the Federal Government to announce income management

trials for selected communities.
In his report into the deaths of 22 Aboriginal people around Fitzroy Crossing in 2006, WA Coroner Alastair Hope was scathing of the WA and Federal Governments' efforts to tackle Indigenous disadvantage. Mr Hope made 27 recommendations to combat the scourge of alcohol- and drug-related deaths, prompting Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to announce the introduction of welfare quarantining in as-yet unidentified communities.

In response, WA Premier Alan Carpenter reshuffled his Cabinet, stripping Indigenous Affairs

### **WA Coroner's** scathing report sparks action

of her portfolios so she could concentrate on improving Indigenous housing and living conditions. Mr Carpenter also referred to recent commitments by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to channel additional resources into Indigenous housing, health and education.

But Aboriginal community leaders remain sceptical about whether either government is capable of the urgent and comprehensive

response required to address decades of bureaucratic mismanagement.
Aboriginal Legal Service of WA Executive

Director Dennis Eggington said the report did not go far enough, and called for the heads of relevant departments to be sacked if they didn't deliver on their responsibilities.

Bunuba (Fitzroy Valley) leader Joe Ross said he supported the recommendations and called for a 'single desk' approach to co-ordination of

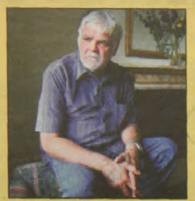
service delivery in the Kimberley.

Meanwhile, the Aboriginal Rights Coalition (ARC) maintained that any income management, which targeted only Aboriginal people, was racist and unworkable.

ARC will hold rallies at Centrelink offices around the country tomorrow, 13 March. The WA rally at the Centrelink office at Curtin University will take place today, 12 March.

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Gillespie plays last game in Australia

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**Gold Coast coach** won't rush Walker

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## INSIDE MY FAMILY Carmel Ryan – Alice Springs



name is Carmel Ryan and I live in Mparntwe, which means Alice Springs in Arrernte. In December 2007 I

travelled to Brisbane with my family.

I speak Arrente and Alice Springs is the country of my people. I am now a qualified language teacher and I work at the Alice Springs Language Centre, which is part of the

Springs Language Centre, which is part of the Education Department of the NT. The Alice Springs Language Centre is made up of one principal, one senior languages teacher, five language teachers, one language officer in the Arrente language, two exchange teachers from Indonesia and language of the secretary. The main fundamental conservators. two exchange teachers from Indonesia and Japan and one secretary. The main function of the centre is to teach languages in all the Government schools in Alice Springs.

I love my job, especially teaching my language and culture.

I've got lots of family in Alice – a son who has two children, two daughters who both have three children, two daughters who both

have three children. I also have a younger son, Liam, who is in the photo (above).

Last year I decided to go on a holiday to Queensland. I took my grandson Keane and my granddaughters Renee, Delvina and Tyeesha, my niece who is my eldest sister's decided to take all of them with me to Queensland because in Alice Springs I live with all of them. In Queensland we stayed at

the Yumba Hostel, which was very good.

On holiday we went shopping and toured around in Brisbane which was very exciting for the children. We also stayed with one of my friend's mum and we took the children to the sea. They were very happy because this was the first time that they had seen the sea and found out that the sea was salty.

The children were so excited with everything. We went to Dream World, Water World and the movies. They were just amazed to see all these things. We also spent a lot of time at West End, where this photo was taken. We had a great hollien; it was very taken. We had a great holiday; it was very

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## OUR CHILDREN



He's four, he's fabulous and he's ours. Kurtley White, of Kempsey, burned up the dance floor in Taree on the NSW north coast early this month. He was one of hundreds of young people to participate in the Taree Vibe 3on3 basketball, hip-hop and health event. Kurtley's shirt, emblazoned with 'Lock up your daughters', was no doubt a cheeky nod to a big future. Photo countesy of Vibe.

See page 35 for a full wrap-up of the Taree Vibe 3on3.

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# Women are winners



ABORIGINAL women are really making their mark on New South Wales communities, accounting for one-quarter of the finalists

in one of the State's top community

Three Aboriginal women were amongst 12 finalists in the 2008 NSW Woman of the Year Award, announced at a gala reception hosted by Premier Morris lemma at NSW Parliament House in Sydney on Thursday.

The theme for this year's award was

100 years of active women in paid and

unpaid work recognising the contributions that women in NSW have made towards improving workplaces and working conditions, as well as their tireless volunteering work which has contributed to the growth of more vibrant and robust

Finalist Bev Manton, who chairs the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, congratulated the overall award-winner, Dianne Madden.

Ms Madden is founder and president of Camp Kookaburra in the Sutherland Shire, which supports children aged eight to 12 living with a parent, brother or sister affected by mental illness. Ms Manton said Ms Madden was a

Three of our very best in final of NSW award

Women's Day on March 8 (Saturday). "The Camp gives the children a bit of a break and the kids are coming back as

"Pam Boney, a Murrqwari woman from Orange, was a finalist for the 'Bush Babies Program' and other initiatives, and Janny Ely, of the Wiradjuri people, was also a finalist for her work with Aboriginal women

International Women's Day after 15,000 women marched through New York City in 1908 demanding shorter working hours, better pay and voting rights," she said on

Turge all Australian women and men to take time out ... to consider the vital role played by women throughout the world in all aspects of human endeavour

The 100th anniversary global theme

was 'Shaping Progress'.
The 12 finalists from rural and regional NSW were Pam Boney, Skye Bortoli, Jean Cinis, Josephine Clark, Janny Ely, Dianne Madden, Bev Manton, Melinda Medway,

Alice Oppen, Catherine Hall, Tegan Wagner and Ruth Wilson.

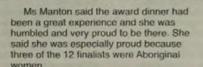
One hundred women contributing to a diverse range of community activities were nominated for this year's award and most were in attendance on Thursday night. As well as nominations from the community and peak women's organisations, all State MPs were asked to nominate a woman from their electorate for the

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understands that Bundjalung Elder Aunty Bertha Kapeen was named Ballina Electorate Woman of the Year, and Maclean Aboriginal woman Lenore Parker was named Clarence Valley Electorate

'I urge all Australian women and men to take time out ... to consider the vital role played by women throughout the world in all aspects of human endeavour'

- NSW Woman of the Year Finalist Bev Manton



in South Western Sydney," she said.

Ms Manton also praised Premier lemma, who demonstrated during his speech that 'he holds a special place for women in his heart'.
"This is the 100th anniversary of

### In honour of Alan Dargin



UNCLE Max Eulo plays the boomerangs during the memorial service last week for his UNCLE Max Eulo plays the boomerangs during the memorial service last week for his friend, virtuoso didgeridoo player and actor Alan Dargin, who died on Sunday, 24
February. Uncle Max also conducted a smoking ceremony during the service, held at Circular Quay, in Sydney, where Mr Dargin often busked over decades. It was attended by many of Mr Dargin's family, friends and fans. "He was a man of the world yet still possessed the cultural knowledge of his forefathers," guitarist Tommy Emmanuel said of Mr Dargin. Next month, friends of Mr Dargin are planning to release his unreleased MRD album, named after his daughter Madison Rose Dargin, to ensure that his legacy lives on. Photo by DARREN COYNE

See Page 30 for a full report on Alan Dargin's memorial service.

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# Action plan for



ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington: "When people like directors-general of government departments have got the improvement of Aboriginal disadvantage as part of their duty statements, and these things have to improve or they lose their jobs – that's when things will change."

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## Radical steps as WA **Coroner sheds light** on widespread woes

Report by KEN BOASE and DARREN COYNE Pictures by KEN BOASE



THE Federal Government will quarantining in selected Indigenous

communities in Western Australia following a scathing report into the deaths of 22 Aboriginal people around Fitzroy Crossing in 2006.

And the WA Premier has stripped Indigenous Affairs and Housing Minister Michelle Roberts of another of her portfolios so she can concentrate on improving ousing and living conditions of

Aboriginal people.
The measures coincide with the release of a damning report by WA coroner Alastair Hope, who blasted the lack of leadership shown in the past by both State and Federal Governments in addressing appalling living conditions in Aboriginal communities.

Mr Hope, who heard evidence from the families of the deceased, Aboriginal groups, government agencies and residents of several towns he toured during his inquiry, made 27 recommendations in his report, which found that most of the deaths were

alcohol- and drug-related. He was scathing of both the Commonwealth and WA Governments, saying there was no leadership, co-ordination or accountability in response to the disaster of appalling living conditions for Aboriginal people. And he said that despite

spending \$1.2 billion each year on the issue, the WA Government's approach was eriously flawed' because funds were allocated to 22 different agencies with no single person or organisation responsible for improving outcomes.

"The inquest revealed that at present there is an almost complete lack of leadership in the response by government to the disaster of Aboriginal living conditions," Mr Hope said in the

Mr Hope said almost half the deaths he investigated as part of his inquest occurred in Fitzroy Crossing and that most

of the alcohol consumed by the

dead had come from the Crossing Inn pub. As part of his wide-ranging recommendations, Mr Hope said consideration should be given to extending a ban on fullstrength takeaway alcohol in Fitzroy Crossing to other parts of the Kimberley. He had also suggested a voucher system in place of cash payments for child support to help limit the amount of money parents spent on alcohol.

In 2006, the suicide rate among Aborigines in the Kimberley rose 100 per cent to 21 deaths. There was no increase in the rate among the white population, which had just

In Fitzroy Crossing, there were eight suicides in 2006 among a population of just 3500

Alcohol abuse was so entrenched that foetal alcohol syndrome was 21.5 times higher than in the rest of Western Australia. Deaths due to alcohol between 2000 and 2004 were double those of

Institute Executive Director Dr Fiona Stanley said it was vital that governments at all levels be more accountable for service

delivery.
"The two outstanding issues. for me are leadership and accountability, and this Government must respond to

"The Coroner talked about a failure, a systemic failure of delivery of services across the whole of each of the systems that are important for people's living and health, education, child protection, and particularly

housing." Aboriginal Legal Service WA (ALSWA) Executive Director
Dennis Eggington said the
report did not go far enough,
and called for the directorsgeneral of relevant departments to be sacked if they didn't

"I think the report didn't really make anyone accountable and obviously there's been a failure of duty of care along a whole line of different government agencies," Mr Eggington said. "When people care and

when people like directors-general of government departments have got the improvement of Aboriginal disadvantage as part of their duty statements, and these things have to improve or they lose their jobs -that's when things will

change."
The lawyer who represented the families during the Coroner's hearings, John Hammond, said the report was a comprehensive blueprint for

positive change. "What it means for the families and organisations is that the ball has now passed to the State Government, and it's for the State Government to build up the facilities that the Indigenous people so desperately need," Mr Hammond said. "And that starts with a

wirmming pool in Fitzroy Crossing right through to a secure mental health facility in Broome. There's a whole range of infrastructure that needs to be built immediately.

Meanwhile, the WA Government has announced that the lead agency for co-ordinating the implementation of the recommendations will be the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA), a

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'The ball has now passed to the state government, and it's

for the state government to build up the facilities that the Indigenous people so desperately need' - Lawyer John Hammond

urban centres and hospital treatment due to alcohol was 5.5 times higher.

In response to the shocking findings, community leaders called for an urgent and coordinated response.

Bunuba (Fitzroy Valley) leader Joe Ross said he supported all of the recommendations and called for a 'single desk' approach to coordination of service delivery in the Kimberley.

There should be a task force set up led by an eminent person, and that could be anybody in our community black or white, but it needs to be people that are engaged and Aboriginal people have got to be able to participate in the process," Mr Ross said.

environments that have been created here. Perth Child Health Research

of the soul-destroying

That's where we've been marginalised and it's led to a lot

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# the Kimberley

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move which brought immediate criticism from Mr Ross and other Kimberley leaders.

DIA Director-General Jackie Tang said a

DIA Director-General Jackie Tang said a meeting of relevant directors-general had discussed the priorities and was working on a plan for an agency-specific strategy, with housing high on the 'to-do' list.

"Housing for this State has been a priority and certainly the Commonwealth's announcement about housing is particularly important and certainly welcomed by the State itself and the relevant agencies." Ms Tang said.

"Unless there is adequate housing then you can't begin to work with Aboriginal people about the other issues.

"So unless local government, State

"So unless local government, State government and the Commonwealth are working together, then we're fighting our own battles before we can even go out and work with Aboriginal people about what needs to be done."

Mr Ross said he welcomed the fact that the WA Government had moved to begin implementing the Coroner's

recommendations, but was critical of the lack of a definite plan and said that the DIA was not capable of delivering the changes

so vitally needed.
"They can't do a good job if there's no formal mechanism to do that, and that's

what's missing," he said.
"And in many ways ATSIC played that role. Since the demise of ATSIC there's been a vacuum created and at the moment there's no formal mechanism other than individual consultations with Aboriginal people in the Kimberley, and people know hat doesn't work.

WA Government backbencher Tom Stephens, whose electorate includes many communities in the Kimberley and Pilbara, said there was at least a decade of pain ahead for Kimberley communities, even if all the recommendations were

"Even if we did everything right as from today, we are still heading into hell," Mr Stephens said.

"We have a huge problem from the legacy of the past, and even just tackling everything right from now, we've got a descent into a chaos and crisis like you would never believe ever before

WA Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Kim Hames said the WA Government did not have the resolve to tackle the problems faced by Kimberley communities, particularly in remote areas

He said he had serious doubts about the Government's commitment to Implementing real change, especially as Premier Alan Carpenter had already ignored similar recommendations made by his own special adviser, former Governor Leutenant General John Sanderson.

One of the key recommendations of the Coroner's report, very similar to the Sanderson Report, is that you need somebody in charge, and the Premier



rejected the report of Sanderson in providing regional bodies," he said. There were also calls for the alcohol

restrictions at Fitzroy Crossing, due to end in early April, to be extended right across the Kimberley, a move supported by Mr

"I think it is a positive measure. I think an alcohol ban has to be tried. Let's see if it works. It's better than doing nothing, he said. "To date we've been doing very little. Now we need to actually take some are dying in all of those towns, just as

much as Fitzroy Crossing."
When announcing the welfare measures, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government's new approach must be based on partnerships between governments, Indigenous leaders, local communities and businesses.

"All of our policy making, all of our decision making in this regard will be based on thorough forensic examination of the facts and the evidence and once

criticised Ms Macklin's decision to roll out

welfare quarantine provisions.
The ARC said the measures, modelled on those currently in place in the Northern Territory as a result of the Federal intervention, were racist, denied fundamental human rights, would compound disadvantage and contradicted evidence-based research.

"The many Aboriginal communities we have been working with in the NT, who are experiencing quarantines first-hand, say the restrictions are racist and demeaning,

making people poorer and daily life harder," said Greg Eatock from the Aboriginal Rights Coalition.

Mr Eatock said the concept of the quarantine contradicted all the evidence-based research focused on addressing the issue of Indigenous suicide.
"Professor Stephen Carnell,

from Harvard University's Project on American Indian Economic Development, for example, has demonstrated that there is a direct correlation

between declining suicide rates and increases in resources allocated

"So where are the funding community based services," he said.
"So where are the funding commitments? Where are the plans to empower communities? Punitive. disempowering measures such as welfare quarantines will only compound the problems facing Aboriginal communities in Western Australia.

#### 'The two outstanding issues for me are leadership and accountability, and this government must respond to that'

- Perth Child Health Research Institute CEO Dr Fiona Stanley



Mr Eggington warned that the problems faced by the community in Fitzroy

taced by the community in Fitzroy.

Crossing were common to many communities right across Australia.

"The (Coroner's) report itself needed to be done, and we needed to remind people of what's happening in this State," he said.

"The real tragedy, though, is that there are a thousand Fitzroy Crossings right across this country and Aborioinal people.

across this country and Aboriginal people

implemented (we) will make sure the programs are rigorously and regularly evaluated," she said. But the Government would not spend

money without ensuring those who received it were kept accountable.
"Spending buckets of money and

hoping for the best does not work," she

The Aboriginal Rights Coalition (ARC)



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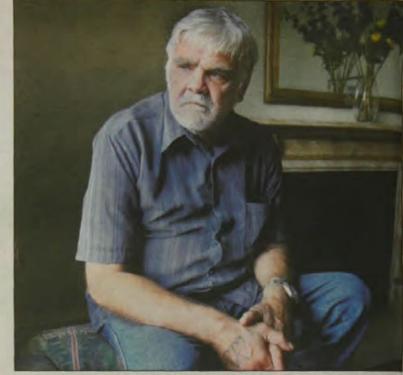
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## SA Government to appeal over Trevorrow payout

# 'They've opened a can of worms'



Bruce Trevorrow was 'shocked and speechless' to learn of the SA Government's decision to appeal the decision in his successful compensation case.

By KIRSTIE PARKER



STANDING in a leafy courtyard of Parliament House in Canberra on 13 February Bruce Trevorrow was elated after hearing the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's national apology to the Stolen

"I feel that a lot of our Stolen Generations people can move on now," said the man who last August won \$525,000 in compensation from the South Australian Government for his own forced removal from his family.

"A lot of people have said we made up our

stories but the court case proved it was wrong, they done wrong."
Then, optimistically, 'I believe that all members of the Stolen Generations people should get compensation.

"Hopefully they won't have to go through a lengthy court case like I did; a lot of the Elders are getting on in age," Mr Trevorrow

said of his 10-year legal battle.
The chances of a less-traumatic process,

though, are now rapidly slipping away. Even before the national apology, the PM ruled out a compensation fund or reparations tribunal. And, to Mr Trevorrow's dismay, the SA Government has since announced it will appeal the SA Supreme Court's ruling for his

compensation.
The SA Government says Mr Trevorrow

can keep his compensation plus a further \$250,000 in interest awarded to him by SA Supreme Court less than a fortnight before

But SA Attorney-General Michael Atkinson said that Mr Trevorrow's matter was a significant case in the State's legal history

that set an important precedent.
"We need to be clear just what the State's future liability should be," he said on 28

"Although it is important for the State to appeal, I wish to make it absolutely clear that the Government will not seek the return of the award of compensation. Moreover, a further award by the court of interest of \$250,000 has also recently been paid to Mr

"Mr Trevorrow has had a harrowing life and the Government understands that. We want to let him get on with his life.

Following the announcement, Mr Trevorrow said he was 'shocked and

"Now they've opened a can of worms," he told media in Melbourne.

On Christmas Day in 1957, the then-13-month-old Mr Bruce Trevorrow suffered stomach pains at the family home at One Mile Camp about 150kms from Adelaide. He was driven by a neighbour to the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

Hospital notes tendered to the court showed staff recorded that the child had no parents, was neglected and malnourished – all claims that were false. Two weeks after being admitted to the

hospital, young Bruce was fostered by the Aborigines Welfare Board to a white couple, Florence and Frank Davy, who already had two children of their own but had been

looking to adopt.

In the SA Supreme Court, Mr Trevorrow sued the SA Government for pain and suffering, claiming he had lost his cultural identity, suffered depression, became an alcoholic and had an erratic employment

history after being taken away. The court heard the now 51-year-old was depressed due to chronic insecurity and had been treated with antidepressants and tranquillisers since he was 10.

On 1 August last year, Judge Thomas Gray found that the State of South Australia had breached its duty of care, illegally imprisoned Mr Trevorrow and was liable to compensate him. He laid blame for Mr Trevorrow's problems on his forced removal, and the lack of support from the Government both when he was taken and when he was

later returned as a child.

The SA Government's appeal against the decision will be based on the judge' interpretation of the powers and duties of the Aborigines Protection Board under the (now repealed) Aborigines Act 1934-1939 and whether the extension of time under the Limitations of Actions Act 1936 should have

been allowed to enable Mr Trevorrow to make his claim.

Minister Atkinson said the State would also appeal matters relating to the judge's finding of misfeasance in public office by various parties, and his finding of a duty of care owed to Mr Trevorrow by various officers and offices.

"We are appealing on a point on law, because we're stewards of taxpayers' money and we have to be sure that only meritorious claims succeed," he said on ABC Radio in

"We're not arguing that Bruce Trevorrow wasn't a meritorious claimant. He keeps his damages and he keeps his interest.

"But state governments of Australia are still taking children away from their parents where those parents are abusive or drug-addicted or alcoholic or serial criminals.

We're doing that every week in Australia. "We don't want a situation in 40 or 50 years where the children who were taken way from those parents are able to recover

The appeal will go before the Full Court of the SA Supreme Court on a date to be fixed. In the meantime, Bruce Trevorrow said his

compensation had made a very big difference to him and his family. It had enabled he and his wife to 'buy a motorcar.

pay our house off'.

"These are things that we couldn't even dream of having a long time ago."

## Utopia by name... Utopia by nature



INDIGENOUS people in a pocket of the Northern Territory are turning around alarming health statistics and researchers put it

down to the people living a traditional Aboriginal lifestyle

The death rate at Utopia, made up of 16 homeland communities in the desert north-east of Alice Springs, is strikingly low compared with other Indigenous populations in the

Research published by the Medical Journal of Australia found that the average adult mortality

rate for Utopia residents in the 1995-2004 period was just over 1000 deaths per 100,000 population – nearly half that of the general NT Aboriginal population.

The research also found there had been no increase in diabetes and obesity over the past 20

In the ten years from 1995 to 2004, death rates from cardiovascular diseases at Utopia were about half those of Aboriginal people in the NT

Hospitalisation for cardiovascular disease also occurred at a much lower rate and was close to that of the

Territory's non-Indigenous population.

The results were unique because they bucked national trends, even though Utopia residents had the same levels of housing, income and employment as other remote Aboriginal communities, said Professor Ian Anderson, from the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal

He attributed Utopia's impressive health record to a pro-active health service, and the decentralised layout of the community, which provided access to traditional lands for hunting and gathering

increasingly being understood as a major determinant of ill-health," Professor Anderson said.

"Mastery and control over life circumstances is a fundamental determinant of good health.

"People in Utopia have designed their own community, have freehold title to their land and control of the way health services are delivered.

The community-controlled Urapuntja Health Service has a weekly roster for doctors who check on Aborigines as they five a mostly traditional lifestyle.

"People at Utopia have access to their traditional lands and hunt

for food regularly, especially those on the more remote outstations," said Ricky Tilmouth from the Urapuntja Health Service.

There is also a great sense of pride in the community's achievements and in the strong cultural practices that continue in

"This study gives hard evidence that community outstations and a community infestyle do actually work if the primary healthcare is delivered properly. We're very strong on our law and culture here, bush tucker and bush medicines too, and all that empress are community. that empowers our community."
- With AAP

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THE death of an Aboriginal Elder in custody has sparked a number of changes to Western Australia's prisoner transport

services after a review by the WA Department of Corrective Services. But there are claims the measures don't go far enough.

lan Ward, 46, of Warburton in the Goldfields, died during a Global Solutions Ltd (GSL) Kalgoorlie in hot conditions on January 27. It is unclear if the air-conditioning in the van was off, or

Drivers of the van took Mr Ward, who had been picked up for drink-driving on 26 January, to Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital after they found him collapsed. He died a short time later.

The review was not an inquiry into Mr Ward's death but was necessary to give the community some assurance that prisoner transport was as safe and humane as possible. WA Corrective Services Minister Margaret Quirk said. A number of measures, including

breaks in journeys of more than two hours, physical checks and interaction with prisoners during journey breaks will be implemented by 28 March.

\*After a stringent review of operating procedures which have duty-of-care implications, I have directed that additional measures be implemented by March 28," Ms Quirk said.

# Changes after Elder's death

The Department of Corrective Services will have to obtain advice from WA police to ensure everyone leaving custody is fit

to travel by 14 March.
All vehicles used to transport prisoners will undergo comprehensive roadworthiness tests and have remote temperature monitoring from offender compartments to the staff cab, as well as

fail-safe duress buttons fitted by May 31.
"I have also directed that all options for expediting the full replacement of the fleet be considered and progressed," Ms Quirk

WA Custodial Services Inspector Richard Harding wrote to GSL last year outlining six concerns including 'GSL's capacity to cope with the logistical challenge of running a transport service across such huge distances as are involved with WA

Mr Harding described the Government-owned fleet that GSL would have to rely

A public meeting was expected to be held yesterday at the Derbarl Yerrigan medical service in Perth to allow the local Aboriginal community to plan a campaign to get justice for Mr Ward.

Organised by the WA Aboriginal Rights Coalition with the endorsement of the WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) and others, the public meeting was expected to report back on a meeting on 22 February between representatives of the Aboriginal Legal Service and DICWC and Minister Quirk.

Judging from the outcomes of that meeting, statements Ms Quirk made to Parliament and from a list of recommendations given to us, we now have a clear idea of the WA Government's response to the death and there's not much to be happy about," a flyer for the meeting read.

\*The transport of prisoners long distances in the same vehicles is taking place as we speak."

The public meeting was also expected to report back on the 12 February Canberra Convergence against the Northern Territory intervention and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen generations.

Ms Quirk said police had

already investigated Mr Ward's death and she had written to Attorney General Jim McGinty asking that he canvass State Coroner Alastair Hope to expedite an inquiry. She had also asked if autoosy information could be released to Mr Ward's family before the inquest.

The Minister said she understood Mr Hope had advised Mr McGinty that the cause of Mr Ward's death was still to be determined.

"When more is known, information will be provided to Mr Ward's wife and the Clerk of Courts Kalgoorlie will convene a meeting at the Warburton community to discuss the cause of death and the inquest hearing process," she

The Coroner advises that there may be some delay in the forensic pathologist determining a cause of death and for police to finalise its investigation.

"I wish to express my deepest sympathy to the wife and family of Mr Ward and the Warburton community, of which he was he was an important and

respected member A funeral was held for Mr Ward in Warburton on 29 February.

- With AAP

# Link-Up file dispute

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government has moved to assure Top End members of the Stolen Generations Previously, the

that their personal and confidential client files will not be transferred to a new Link-Up body without their consent.

Link-Up services assist Stolen Generations members and Aboriginal children separated from their families under the past laws, policies and practices of governments with family history research, access to records and services to assist and facilitate family

tracing and family reunions.
The need for Link-Up programs was emphasised in the 1997 Bringing
Them Home report on the Stolen Generations

The Darwin-based Karu Aboriginal Family Support Agency has provided a Link-Up service to Top End families for almost 24 years but recently learned that it had lost the contract, believed to be worth about half a million dollars a year

The successful tenderer was the Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (NTSGAC), which counts several hundred Stolen Generations survivors amongst its members.

Under the new arrangement, the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing's Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) will provide the NTSGAC with about \$80,000 in once-off funding to establish an office, and another \$340,000 a year for

corporation had been forced to operate out of the Darwin home of its Chairperson. Cynthia Sariago.

Karu Director Natalie Hunter said Karu was 'extremely disappointed' to have lost the tender and questioned the new service's capacity to deliver the Link-up program, although she did not specifically name the NTSGAC.

In a broadcast email forwarded to The Koori Mail, Ms Hunter said that compared to Karu's 24 years of experience and four full-time staff, the 'new



these files to the new service

"Karu does not believe that any good purpose will be served in the new service provider having possession of over 1100 closed files many of which contain the most intimate and personally extremely sensitive files could continue on ad infinitum with no regard to Aboriginal culture or

Ms Hunter has sought community support for a campaign for the files to be retained by the Australian

"The department is attempting to work with Karu and NTSGAC to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of Link-Up services in the Top End," a spokeswoman said.

The department said that following the evaluation of applications, the NTSGAC was found to be the most suitable applicant to provide Link-Up services in the Top End'

Cynthia Sariago told The Koori Mail that the NTSGAC had tendered to provide the Link-Up program partly because Karu had done little to promote its Link-Up program, relying instead on word-of-mouth. She said many people thought Karu only ran childcare programs. "Our submission was

from a grassroots community-based Stolen with minimal funding for

She said a senior Link-Up worker with ten years' experience would work with the corporation for the first three months and the CEO of the Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Corporation, Jackie Baxter, had agreed to advise as a consultant to the NTSGAC for the same

Ms Sariago disputed the number of files involved, estimating there'd be no more than 250 files relating to the period since Bringing Them Home was released. She agreed with Ms Hunter that clients should be able to decide for themselves if their files were transferred.

However, she said that since news had gotten out that the NTSGAC had won

the tender people had rung her asking when the new service was beginning because they want to become our

"We have been told to hit the ground running and provide the service to Stolen Generations people as

soon as possible," she said. "Our first priority is to get the Link-Up program up and running so we can take on clients who are still in the queue for their link-up.

Ms Sariago said NTSGAC would continue to work with the Danila Dilba Aboriginal Health Service on the provision of counselling to Stolen Generations clients; something she hoped would be the subject of a memorandum of understanding before too long.

'Our submission was from a grassroots community-based Stolen Generations organisation which provides support, guidance, compassion and understanding for its members and their families, with particular regard for Stolen Generations Elders'. - NTSGAC Chairperson Cynthia Sariago

service' had no staff. manager, board or audited accounts and had only administered a total of \$40,000 in Sorry Day funding over two years.

"Of more concern to Karu is the fact that the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health is insisting that Karu hand over all of its confidential files to them including files that have been they can redistribute all of

embarrassing details of Aboriginal people and cannot understand why the Department of Health and Ageing is so intent on allowing this material to be passed around.

"It is conceivable that the new service provider might lose the tender in 2009 to yet another organisation, who, presumably will then be provided with the over 1100

"The transfer of these

Archives and not opened or examined without the express written permission of the individuals concerned or, if deceased, their direct descendants'

However, the department told The Koori Mail on Friday that 'no files will be transferred to the new service provider until after a review process is completed and until such time as informed consent is provided

Generations organisation which provides support. guidance, compassion and understanding for its members and their families. with particular regard for Stolen Generations Elders.

Ms Sariago conceded that the NTSGAC was 'green' in terms of some of its new responsibilit However, she said the corporation had been running voluntary programs

# Tas partnership a first for Australia

Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



A NEW Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) Tasmania which focuses on land management

training is being touted as a first for the nation.

Signatories and other representatives from Tasmania and interstate gathered on Hobart's eastern shore in late February to sign the agreement. which unites three tiers of government and private sector investment, seeking to fulfil community aspirations for better engagement in land and sea management through building natural resource management capacity of the Aboriginal community.

Commonwealth and Tasmanian Government agencies, and three regional partners, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (TALSC), Natural Resource Management (NRM) South and the Local Government Association of Tasmania are involved.

The agreement is already attracting interest from other States considering having a go at similar initiatives.

Federal Aboriginal and Torres



Ministers David Bartlett and Jenny Macklin with Lee Prouse were all smiles as Hobart Mayor Mike Gaffney signs the agreement.

Jenny Macklin, who travelled to Tasmania to sign the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Management Team RPA, said the partnership was a practical example of what

could be done.
"What you have done here exemplifies very good practice."

The three-year agreement consists of three one-year training programs. This year, nine recruits have started six months' training at TAFE, working toward Conservation and Land Management Certificates one to four, with the option of further

This will equip them for six months of work placements with government and non-government organisations. Placements will be in the field of land conservation and restoration and cultural heritage management, extending to education and tourism

doors for meaningful long-term employment opportunities through trained-up, experienced and job-ready land managers, but to bring about institutional change and the engagement of the Aboriginal community in NRM. Although recruits have begun

this year's program, which is being administered by TALSC, the Hobart based-organisation is yet

to sign the agreement.
TALSC representatives joined a group of other Aborigines outside the official signing, taking the opportunity to protest about the Federal Government's Aboriginal affairs policies while Ms Macklin was in town.
While Ms Macklin spoke, the

crowd outside could be heard chanting 'Jenny Macklin go back home'. However, State Education and Skills Minister David Bartlett told the Minister that she was always welcome in Tasmania.

TALSC has postponed signing the paperwork to a 'more appropriate time', requesting that it be sorted out with a local representative of the Commonwealth Government.

"Something lower-key is planned." TALSC Manager Hank Horton told *The Koorl Mail* late

"We're looking forward to refocusing back on to the project at hand and getting those young Aboriginal people trained up as

# Chilly reception for Minister

TASMANIAN community concerns about the Rudd Government's continuation of the Northern Territory intervention saw the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin receive a frosty reception on her first official visit to the island State

Ms Macklin not only braved an unusually chilly Hobart February morning, but made her way through around three dozen chanting

protesters to attend to official business.
Earlier, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC)
Legal Director Michael Mansell had 'banned'
her from entering Aboriginal-owned land,
saying she was not welcome in Tasmania.

A letter handed to her during the protest by Tasmanian Land and Sea Council (TALSC) Acting Chairman Jim Everett supported Mr Mansell's sentiments

The letter advised Ms Macklin that TALSC would not be participating in the official document signing she was there for, as previously arranged, postponing it to a 'more appropriate time

"Moreover, I advise that when we do sign the (paper) that it will be done under protest due to your inaction in rectifying the Howard Government's policies and actions of intervention in NT remote Aboriginal

communities," the letter read.

Mr Everett called on the Minister to meet him and TALSC Committee members in Canberra at her earliest convenience to discuss programs and visions for the council's role in Aboriginal community development and self-determination.

Mr Everett said that Ms Macklin was not welcome in the State while she refused to



The TALSC's Jim Everett hands Minister Jenny Macklin a letter explaining why the organisation he chairs was not taking part in the day's official proceedings.

make changes to how the Government

engaged with Aboriginal communities.
The Howard policies that affect white
Australia are being changed immediately by the Rudd Government, yet Howard's policies are being used by (Prime Minister Kevin) Rudd to continue the immoral and inhumane treatment of Australian Aborigines," Mr Everett

"Ms Macklin is 'selling' the policy of

quarantining of welfare incomes as one that can include all Australians, yet these policies are being implemented on Aboriginal people

only, and with focused vigour.

"This is racism in practice, and must be opposed by all Australia if we are to resolve the terrible situation many Aboriginal people

TAC spokeswoman Sara Maynard accused Ms Macklin of being 'weak' and

suggested she ought to be replaced by Labo colleagues Nicola Roxon or Warren Snowdor

Jenny Macklin has the power to after the life expectancy of Aboriginal people. To do that she must take on the establishment, putting conservative people off side," Ms Maynard

Mr Mansell also called for a change of

"We need a Federal Minister who is sensitive to the impact outside influences have on Aboriginal communities," he said.

"Jenny Macklin is blind to ulterior motive behind the push for private ownership on Aboriginal lands. It never was about the Aboriginal lands. It never was about the children: opening up collective ownership land to market forces through private home ownership provides mining companies in the NT with the cheaper option of eventually buying the land instead of negotiating expensive royalties. It is also part of the assimilation push.

"The push from the conservative sector with its vested interest now has Federal Minister Jenny Macklin eating out of their hand, which in turn will place enomous pressure on Aboriginal land owners to use their land titles where Macklin closes off

resources to those communities.

"From our point of view, we are better having someone else other than Jenny Macklin who, quite frankly, is a flop."

Ms Macklin said she was not trying to den there were issues and that people (the protesters) had a right to express their points

### **Northern Territory Intervention Update**

# Action a **'costly** bandaid' health official



Barbara Shaw during the Canberra Convergence rally against the NT intervention on 12 February. "We are collecting stories from community members about how the quarantining of welfare payments is affecting them and making life harder."

#### By DARREN COYNE



THE intervention into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities is proving to be a 'very expensive bandaid', according to Katherine-based Sunrise Health Service chief Irene Fisher

Ms Fisher, who attended a meeting on 5 March with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, said that as the CEO of 'a health service lighting for every dollar, the extravagance of the intervention had been frustrating to

She was one of 25 people at the Darwin meeting at which the Minister

was told of the 'unintended consequences of the intervention', such as problems revolving around welfare

Speaking to The Koori Mail,
Ms Fisher was critical of what
she described as a lack of
strategic planning relating to the
introduction of welfare

guarantining.

She said people living in isolated areas – such as the ten communities served by Sunrise Health – were finding it difficult to find transport into town to use food

vouchers, and were limited to shopping at Woolworths because local stores could not

process the vouchers.
"The Minister was sympathetic but we are not really expecting any great change until after the review in June," Ms Fisher

"There are also still concerns about the exemption of the Racial Discrimination Act were raised at the meeting

Ms Fisher said however that Aboriginal

people in the Northern Territory felt targeted and demoralised by aspects of the

intervention.
"We feel like they are experimenting on us to get the systems and processes right (before welfare quarantining is extended into Aboriginal communities in other States)," she said.

"It's been a demoralising process because a centralised structure has been proven not to work for Indigenous service

delivery."

Ms Fisher said the trigger for the intervention had been reports of sexual abuse in Indigenous communities, yet she pointed out to the Minister that a recent study showed one in four girls in very slow, yet they should have been addressed before the quarantining was introduced," Ms Fisher said.

We would welcome added resources and infrastructure but it hasn't happened yet. We've just got another expensive layer of bureaucracy.

Meanwhile, Ms Macklin described the meeting as 'very productive', but was forced to defend Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's

Mr Rudd had promised to visit the Northern Territory to speak with the group every three months, when he announced the formation of the new advisory body last

But only Ms Macklin was on hand, telling

she had 'heard the whole gamut of issues' "Whether it's the changes that are happening in relation to income management, the health checks, the changes to the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP), policing the full range of issues was discussed," she

'We think it's a very important part of making sure we get the intervention right." Ms Macklin said the Government

was still awaiting the outcome of income-management trials to find the system 'that works best for children'.
"I think it's important to look at the

different arrangements we have put in place and look at how effective they are at

achieving our fundamental goals, which is making sure that children are safe, that children are well looked after, that children go to school, that homes are maintained," she said

Meanwhile, opposition to the intervention continues, with rallies planned at Centrelink offices around the country on 13

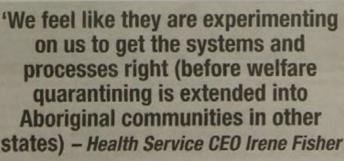
The rallies are being organised by the Aboriginal Rights Coalition of Sydney, the group which organised the

Canberra Convergence to coincide with the opening of Federal Parliament.

Barbara Shaw, who lives at Mt Nancy Town Camp, near Alice Springs, and organised the delegation of central Australian Aboriginal people to Canberra last month, is again rallying against the intervention.

In an email to The Koori Mail, Ms Shaw said it was as if the politicians in Canberra

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mainstream Australia were molested, along

with one in seven boys.

Despite those concerns, Ms Fisher said those attending the meeting had welcomed some softening of the intervention, such as the replacement of the permit system on Aboriginal lands.

They also wanted practical measures in place, such as improved public transport, better community stores, and more sultation at a regional level

"Improvements in outback stores are

reporters in Darwin that the PM was in Papua New Guinea and had an 'enormous

Mr Rudd announced the special body to advise the Government on the reforms to combat child sex abuse in December last year, soon after winning government.

He said the leaders would meet every three months to 'discuss issues' with the

roli-out of the wide-ranging measures. Ms Macklin hailed the talks as a practical way to get immediate feedback, adding that

Marijuana use fears as NT grog and petrol bans kick in - Page 10

# Grog, petrol bans spark fresh fears



some remote communities have led to an increase of smoking cannabis, according to a new study. And more adults are taking up the drug, the Australian Journal of Rural

Using research from one Arnhem Land community in the Northern Territory, the report authors have argued that the growth in cannabis use follows alcohol restrictions imposed by the Federal intervention, and the roll-out of non-sniffable Opal fuel to combat petrol sniffing.

Report authors Dr Kate Senior and Dr

Richard Chenhall, from the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin, said marijuana was smoked at home and often

## Cannabis use increasing, new health study shows

violence and neglect than alcohol.

The move from alcohol and petrol sniffing to marijuana use has created a new set of problems, many of which arise in the domestic setting, not outside the community," the report said.

"Rather than being a practice confined to

distinct sub-populations - as was the case for drinking and sniffing petrol - marijuana

use is widespread among both adults and

As a result. Dr Senior said the prohibition of alcohol in the remote Aboriginal community 'without any attendant efforts to address underlying social causes' had created a new set of

\*The existing marijuana market has grown and its use has extended beyond

According to national statistics, manijuana use is highly prevalent in Australia, with at least 11 per cent of the urban non-Indigenous population using the drug. This compares to 22 per cent of Aboriginal people.

As part of the Commonwealth intervention, alcohol was banned in remote communities with harsher penalties for grog runners and restrictions on takeaway

But the report said efforts to control substances such as alcohol in remote communities needed to be addressed 'in the context of the dynamics of alcohol and drugs' and taking into account the 'underlying structural and social

# Rallies planned around nation

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were not listening to her group's stories about the intervention.

"We met with Minister Macklin, made our protest march and statements and met with politicians in Senate meeting rooms at Parliament House where we each told our stories and asked for the intervention to

please be stopped," she said.
"It is like no-one was listening and so the fight goes on in central Australia. We are collecting stories from community members about how the quarantining of welfare payments is affecting them and making life harder."

Ms Shaw issued an appeal for

people to support the actions at Centrelink tomorrow, 13 March, and also to lobby their local

"The support I and my group received from around the country to help us travel to Canberra was overwhelming and demonstrates that many people also believe that this intervention is wrong," she

In a statement issued last week, the Aboriginal Rights Coalition also criticised welfare quarantining associated with the intervention

"Many women from 'prescribed communities' speak of the intense shame they felt having to use the store cards 'when everyone else has cash', or the inability of many people, especially in remote areas, to even use the cards, leading to an effective halving of incomes, mass shortages of food and an exodus to population centres," the Coalition said.

"The cry for immediate review of the intervention has gone unanswered, the Racial Discrimination Act is still suspended, Aboriginal land has



A crowd confronted Federal Minister Jenny Macklin in Tasmania last week, telling her to 'stop the intervention, human rights rule' and to 'go back home, leave our pakuna kids alone'

been compulsorily acquired and non-Aboriginal business managers continue to have extraordinary powers, referred to as 'analogous to a police state' by many from communities.

"Compounding this, new powers have been given to a intervention, which are similar to those introduced in draconian anti-terrorism legislation, including

denial of the right to silence." The ARC was referring to new 'Star Chamber' powers which were granted to the Alice Springs-based task force running the investigation into child sexual abuse and violence in Aboriginal communities.

According to reports in The Australian newspaper, the

granting of the status of a special intelligence operation came only after members had to argue their case in front of Australia's eight police commissioners.

The new powers put violence and child sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities on a par with outlaw motorcycle gangs and international crime syndicates, and are similar to those granted to people investigating a terrorist

#### Brutality

Aboriginal rights activist Les Malezer described the decision to grant the powers as 'brutality and torture against members of the Aboriginal race by colonisers'. "It is absurd to bring in powers

invented to deal with treason and

terrorism, to provide police with extraordinary controls over Aborigines," Mr Malezer said.

The targeted people are not criminals, just victims of poor government policies based upon racial superiority and intolerance

of cultural diversity. This is racial warfare where intimistation of Indigenous peoples is being pursued for modern objectives of political colonisation and domination of all the

Aboriginal people in Australia,
"It is an attack on land rights
and Aboriginal self-determination,
through misuse of political powers, policing and military interventions, to intimidate all Aboriginal aspirations by attacking the most vulnerable, harmless and exposed people in the Aboriginal

population of Australia."

Mr Malezer said the investigation, which was now nearly two years on, had still not provided any substantial evidence of organised crime nor manifest child abuse.

"Requests for copies of reports or statistical evidence have not resulted in any documentation being produced," he said.
"The Australian Crime Commission should be investigated by the

Commission should be investigated by the Commonwealth Ombudsman for its failure to give any public account of its activities and outcomes to Aboriginal people and should be condemned for the manufacture of false and misleading information to the misleading information to the

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# **Barton Opera House-bound**



HE has played didgeridoo in dozens of countries and with many of the world's greatest orchestras. He's wowed the critics and given Aboriginal Australia's own instrument a worldwide level of respect that could not be

consider level or respect that could not be magined just a decade ago.

Now William Barton — at just 26 recognised as one of the world's foremost didgeridoo nasters — is set to take his phenomenal career

It happens next month, when the Brisbane-based Aboriginal man performs his own composition, co-written with Australian composer Matthew Hindson, as part of a

composer Matthew Hindson, as part of a sacked Sydney Opera House program.

Called Kalkadunga, Barton says the work moompasses his cultural heritage. Named for is tribal grouping. Kalkadunga will feature Barton's didgeridoo playing, as well as electric quitar – which he also plays – and voice.

When Barton takes the stage in Sydney with the instrument he has made his own, it will be the latest chanter in a musical trip that has

the latest chapter in a musical trip that has taken him from Kalkadoon country around Mt isa, where he grew up, to the world's great music stages.

It's a challenge he's looking forward to. "Sometimes it all seems like a dream," Barton told *The Koori Mail* last month. "I've done so much but there's other challenges – the next slep – and I'm always working towards them."

Kalkadunga is a vital part of Barton's goal to highlight the richness of Australian Indigenous sulture at home and abroad.

"We have such a strong and vital culture, it's ood to be able to use the didgeridoo and music promote it around the world," he said.

Barton started playing the didgeridoo when was just a boy. He attributes his skill to his te uncle, Arthur Petersen, a Waanyi man and aster of the instrument.



Didgeridoo master William Barton playing late last year for two young Aboriginal boys.

"He taught me how to play, and even now I am learning," Barton, who featured last year on the ABC TV program Australian Story, said.

"You get better with playing over time. It's something I'll be doing 10, 20 and more years

Barton lists playing in Turkey at the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings as the greatest highlight among many in his career. Another was performing with the world-renowned London Philharmonic Orchestra. His first major classical concert was 10 years ago, as a 17-year-old, with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

Barton says great musical maestros and

players treat him as a professional and with respect. And they regard the didgeridoo as they do any other instrument in the orchestra.

"Those few who don't soon change their mind when they've heard the playing," he said. Barton's packed 2008 program already

includes more overseas trips and concerts at home, and he's working on yet another CD he's already featured on six – and his first DVD. But despite the fame and the travel, Barton

has his feet planted firmly on the ground.

As he says: "I'm a Kalkadoon man. I love my family (his mother is respected Queensland Elder Aunty Delmae Barton) and I love playing the didgeridoo. Everything flows from that.

#### Protocol blow for didg player

PROVING that no-one's perfect, William Barton found himself caught up in a hullabaloo about cultural protocols last week.

Bundjalung man Bill Drew Snr, from Grafton, took exception to the musician's plans to perform in the northern NSW town on 16 March without first clearing it first with the Bundjalung people.

"Only a Bundjalung man can play didgeridoo in Bundjalung country," Mr Drew told a local newspaper, declaring that he might even picket Barton's show at Grafton Regional Gallery.

"It's a taboo thing; didgeridoos are very sacred and are only played in certain places for certain ceremonies," Mr Drew said.

"William Barton is an
Aboriginal man from a western
Queensland nation; for him to
come here and play the
didgeridoo is disrespecting
Bundjalung culture, our country,
our forebears and our Elders."

The Koori Mail was unable to contact Barton for comment, but the organisers of his planned concert said they understood that he was unsure from whom to seek permission but had been trying to contact the Bundjalung



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# Trouble in paradise



THE administrative chief of an island in the Torres Strait says she hopes the region will not be stereotyped as violent and unsafe, following a claim that the sexual assault of a nurse on the

island was not an isolated case. A 22-year-old man is in custody after being charged with rape and burglary over the incident on Mabuiag Island on 5 February, while the nurse has been

relocated for treatment. Another registered nurse who worked in several Torres Strait communities for six years from 2000 said last week that health workers were often threatened with

violence by local community members.

Asked if the attack on the woman was the first he was aware of in the region, the man, who asked to remain anonymous,

"Not only rape, but threats of violence,"

Queensland Nurses Union (QNU) members have delivered an ultimatum to Queensland Health to improve safety measures on Torres Strait islands within a month or they will pull out of the region.

OBuild has been called in by Northern Area Health Service General Manager Roxanne Ramsey to assist in the maintenance of health facilities in the

However, Mabuiag Island Council Chief Executive Officer Paleta Luffman said on Friday that she was aware of no such threats. While careful not to talk about the incident which sparked the claims, Ms Luffman said she believed the former health worker's comments were wrong and could unfairly stereotype Torres Strait

Mabulag Island is about 65 kilometres north of the main island of Thursday Island, accessible by a two-hour boat trip or a 20-minute flight.

It has about 250-300 residents, almost exclusively Torres Strait Islander people. Apart from day contractors, the only non-Indigenous people currently there are the local school principal and his wife, several carpenters and a nurse. There is also usually one or two Torres Strait Islander nurses. Both of the island's current nurses

Ms Luffman, a mother and grandmother, told *The Koori Mail* the Mabulag, like the rest of the Torres Strait, was 'not a dangerous place, it's a wonderful, peaceful place'. "Looking at the recent media coverage,

I think it is just outrageous. We're not that sort of people, we don't threaten people," she said. "The way I see it, it is telling other people the Torres Strait is not safe.

"If two or three people spoil things most of us - our culture, our practices handed down from generation to generation - we're not like that. It is not the whole community. It is stereotyping

"We like to socialise and share our culture. We would not want (the claims) to stop people from visiting the Torres Strait. And we really do need an RN (registered nurse) on the island.\* Ms Luffman said non-Indigenous

people sent to Mabuiag to work were

"If they are working in the Council, we welcome them and tell them what to expect and what we expect of them," she

Ms Luffman said the only tensions she could envisage were if people failed to



respect cultural protocols such as not visiting taboo or sacred places

The former health worker whose comments Ms Luffman was responding to said when he was working on Badu Island, not far from Mabuiag Island, in 2002 he had to evacuate a woman from the island himself after she was

threatened with violence.
"I was told her life and my life were at risk that night, so I took her away myself,"

The man, who is currently on recreational leave after receiving workers' compensation for two years, said complaints about security and the quality of living and working facilities were often dismissed because of a lack of funding.

He said when he was at Badu, 'there was no key to the flat, there were no locks on the windows ... there were no screens'. Ms Luffman said Mabulag was the sort of place where residents did not need to

lock their doors but she thought the nurse's quarters had lockable security

The Koori Mail was awaiting comment from the Torres Shire Council and the Torres Strait Regional Authority at the time

of going to press.

Meanwhile, the Qld Government has admitted the nurse assaulted on Mabuiag

admitted the nurse assauraed on Madulag had her cut afterwards because of a bureaucratic 'stuff-up'.

Premier Anna Bligh said on Friday that she was distressed by the nurse's case, and disappointed with her treatment since the alleged assault.

"There's no doubt in my mind that the treatment of this nurse was unacceptable," Ms Bligh told ABC Radio. "That's been rectified and it's no way to

- KIRSTIE PARKER with AAP Photos by ALF WILSON

# **Democrat pushes** for Stolen compo



Government refusal to compensate members of the Stolen Generations Democrats Indigenous

Affairs spokesman Senator Andrew Bartlett is not giving up the fight.

Senator Bartlett reintroduced his Stolen Generations Compensation Bill into the Senate on 14 February, the day after Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised to the Stolen Generations. "Victims of the Stolen Generation

can never be fully compensated for these past wrongs but we can certainly provide a mechanism for some reparation and recognition of the great harm done," Senator Bartlett

"I urge the Government and the Opposition to look favourably on this Bill and show some leadership in giving Indigenous issues the practical priority they deserve."

Despite that plea, the Government appears unwilling to even consider compensation, with Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin repeatedly saying the Government wants to work towards practical solutions to Indigenous disadvantage

Ms Macklin has also indicated that states could set up their own

Tasmania is the only one to have done so, setting up a \$5 million fund.

Queensland and Western Australia have ruled out compensating the Stolen Generations, and South Australia recently lodged a challenge against key elements of the judgment that awarded Aboriginal man Bruce Trevorrow \$775,000 for being illegally taken from his parents 51 years ago.

Meanwhile, a class action has begun involving Western Australian and Northern Territory members of the Stolen Generations

#### Hurdles

Despite those hurdles, Senator Bartlett said it was vital that the Federal Government reconsider its stance against a compensation fund.

This important piece of legislation recognises the vital need to address unfinished business and to do what's right by our First Peoples," he said. "This Bill offers a practical step that

offers a solution to redress the ongoing harm caused by past wrongs and clear the path to healing.

"The Government has shown its commitment to symbolically healing the hurt which is an important first step, but it is now time to deal practically with the unlinished

business of many uncompleted recommendations from the Bringing Them Home report."

Senator Bartlett took a swipe at Labor for appearing to ignore its own pre-election promise to provide a comprehensive response to the report.

"I am not saying the Bringing Them Home report has to be adopted in totality, or that there are no other ways to address the many serious consequences of the harmful and racist practices detailed in the report,"

'However, I think it is weak and counter-productive to just promise to make an official apology, as recommended in the report, while casting aside without consideration all the other unimplemented recommendations which link directly to the same issue."

Senator Bartlett said the Bill was intended as one mechanism for keeping the issue alive and demonstrated how readily a national compensation scheme could be

"The Bill will remain on the Senate Notice Paper after my term in the Senate has expired (at the end of June 2008), and can be promoted by any other senators who support compensation," he said.

## **NT Govt acts on** tourism survey



ONE per cent of tourists who visit the Northern Territory

expect to meet and interact with Aboriginal people, a new survey

says.
The NT Governmentcommissioned Nielsen Research survey also found 77 per cent of holidaymakers consider this interaction a vital part of their Territory trip. To capitalise on these

expectations, the NT Government has launched an Indigenous tourism development tool kit which offers Aboriginal operators information on visitor research, training fact-sheets, grant applications accreditation, licences and permits.

"Indigenous tourism is becoming a significant point of difference for the Territory's tourism industry leading to the development of a new resource to help operators grow," NT Tourism Minister Kon Vatskalls said.

"This tool kit will

enable Indigenous operators to better work with a range of government agencies an service providers by understanding their role, function and the full range of tourism support and resource programs available to them."

The growth of the niche industry is expecte to include a wider range of cultural tours with Aboriginal guides, who tourists can visit ancie rock art and sacred sites. They can also taste bush tucker, listen to story telling and watch traditional dance

performances. Mr Vatskalis said the NT Government and th region's land councils were currently working with more than 40 Aboriginal communi and outstations to develop new tourism

There are more than 80 Indigenous tourism businesses already operating in the NT, offering basic bush accommodation, luxury accommodation, mainstream and charter tour operators and fishin tours. - AAP

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# **Ex-PM** history: Casey

By KEN BOASE in Perth



THE outgoing CEO of the WA Museum, Dawn Casey, says history will be a harsh judge of the era of former Prime Minister

hin Howard and his Government, nd not just over the issue of the

blen Generations apology.

Ms Casey's credits during her last ree years as head of the WA luseum include a critical review into e WA Department of Indigenous Mairs and successfully planning for a lew state-of-the-art museum at the at East Perth Power station site.

"My initial contract was for five ars, my job was to bring the useum into the 21st century, and I'm mery pleased that the new museum see has been announced before I go," Me Casey said during her last week in WA before heading off to Sydney to head up the city's Powerhouse

WA covers about one-third of the nent so there's an enormous range of diversity in Indigenous communities and the environment, so t's a very exciting area for potential

ontroversially stood down from her osition as head of the newly opened lational Museum of Australia (NMA) Canberra because of her strong and on Indigenous issues in what e former PM described as 'the black

The Taeuckla (north Queensland)

woman said that while she did not woman said that white she did not hold any bitterness against Mr Howard or the NMA Board for her divisive dismissal, history would show that the Coalition Government, and Mr Howard in particular, was wrong in trying to impose only a colonial view

of Australian history.
There's no doubt that the previous 10 years fed on people's fear in a whole range of issues, whether it be the Iraq war, the refugees coming to this country or the issues around Indigenous people," Ms Casey said. "And that won't last. It might have lasted for 10 years, but that period will be written up really badly in history. "There will not be anything good

come out of those few years, because when you build on people's fear and you're anti-refugees and a whole range of areas and you bring in laws like Workchoices, people inevitably react ongatively." react negatively.

#### Denial

Ms Casey said that even the wording required by Howard Government bureaucrats was a denial of contemporary beliefs and opinions of Australians on a whole range of

"It was almost like George Orwell's 1984, like you weren't allowed to talk about massacres," she said. "There was no Stolen Generation;

kids were taken away for their own good, so these were words that were actually required to be used in

government."

Ms Casey said that she was looking forward to showcasing

at the Powerhouse Museum, but it would concentrate on specific technical aspects of culture rather than the broad brush of the Indigenous view on colonisation.

"I'm going to continue to tell Indigenous history as well as other history based on scholarship and the community's tradition and oral history that's been handed down, but they're the issues that I like to get into, said. "The debate around oral history versus the official written record where we all know the official written record is written like the officials want it. So there are some of those debates that, yes, I want to

encourage."
Ms Casey said Indigenous people should embrace the work of museums, despite their dubious reputation as the keepers of stolen artefacts and human remains from Indigenous communities around the

"Museums are very important and offer a chance for Indigenous communities to repatriate artefacts and also present history from an and also present history from an indigenous perspective and record the oral histories of individuals and communities," she said.

"The timeline for human habitation

in Australia is now set at about 80,000 years and so museums should present that history as well as the European history of Australia, and in many museums around Australia this

is already happening."

Ms Casey takes up her position at the Powerhouse Museum next month.



Outgoing WA Museum CEO Dawn Casey claims history will not be kind to former PM John Howard or his Government ... "There's no doubt that the previous 10 years fed on people's fear in a whole range of issues, whether it be the Iraq war, or the issues around Indigenous people, but that period will be written up really badly in history.





# Keeping culture strong.

The Australia Council for the Arts offers grants to Indigenous artists, arts organisations and community groups to help keep culture strong. To apply for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts grant programs visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants or call us on (02) 9215 9065 or toll free on 1800 226 912 for a copy of the 2008 Arts Funding Guide.

To express an interest in our new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts board's key organisations program contact Kerri McIlvenny at k.mcilvenny@australiacouncil.gov.au or telephone (02) 9215 9014. Expressions of interest must be lodged by 31 March 2008.

The Australia Council for the Arts is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body.

## Report right on the money - Macklin



Government has welcomed an initial report on a project to improve the

services for Indigenous Australians. The Indigenous Banking Reference Group (IBRG) was born from the collaborative efforts of Reconciliation Australia. Commonwealth Government agencies and the banking and finance industry.

The report, Banking for the

Future: A Background Paper on Financial Literacy and Financial Services for Indigenous Australians, was launched in Sydney late last month. It provides an overview of the

ongoing National Indigenous Money Management Agenda, the financial challenges faced by Indigenous Australians, what banking and services are currently available in remote areas and proposed next steps for the project.
The report recommends a

long-term investment in culturally appropriate face-to-face training for

school age children and adults.
Training needs to be relevant to Indigenous people's lives and delivered by people who are trusted by the community," it says.

It also says strategies are needed to encourage more

Indigenous people to work in the financial services industry. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin attended the launch in Sydney and said having access to saved money

was just as important as sticking to

a consistent savings regimen.

'This isn't a report that's just telling us what the nature of the problem is. I think we all know what the nature of the problem is in this area," Ms Macklin told the audience. "We have to recognise that many people's language skills are pretty basic and if we expect people to be able to fill out forms and do everything online from a long way away, we're not being realistic about people's capacities.

"If you don't have a Medicare

card, if you haven't a tax file number, if you haven't got a birth certificate, if you haven't got a licence, if you haven't got a passport, then it makes it very difficult to get a bank account."

Funding for the IBRG concluded in June last year but Ms Macklin said the Government would provide another \$100,000 for the group to further its efforts and recommend solutions that improve access to financial services for Indigenous

# Criticism for PM's summit



By KIRSTIE PARKER



PRIME Minister Kevin Rudd is riding out criticism that the panel to oversee his major summit to hammer out big-picture ideas for the next decade is 'too male

and too white'

One thousand of Australia's 'brightest and best' thinkers will attend the Australia 2020 Summit in Federal Parliament's Great Hall on 19-20 April.

They'll be split into ten groups of up to 100 people, which will look at key issues including the economy, sustainability, climate change, water, a long-term national health strategy, security and

Australia's first Aboriginal ear, nose and throat surgeon, Dr Kelvin Kong, is on the summit's steering committee and will lead discussions on 'Options for the future of

Indigenous Australia', Dr Kong hails from Worimi country in Port Stephens, NSW, and is well known for championing improvements in Indigenous health and education, particularly pertaining to Indigenous health. Currently working at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital, he spoke last year at national commemorations of the 1967 Referendum.

The summit steering committee also includes former Nationals Leader Tim Fischer, one-time Howard Government minister Warwick Smith, and former

Treasurer Peter Costello's brother Tim.

But equality advocates say the political bipartisanship is not matched when it comes to women and non-Anglo Australians. Actress Cate Blanchett, who'll head the arts discussion, is the only woman on the panel

Businesswoman Catherine Harris, whose son Lachlan is Mr Rudd's senior media

adviser, said the choice of panel was not only limiting points of view, it was not

providing role models. Touring Launceston late last month. Mr Rudd defended his feminist credentials. pointing out that ministers Julia Gillard, Penny Wong, Nicola Roxon, Tanya



Our man on the steering body

Dr Kelvin Kong, left, qualified as the first Australian Aboriginal Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, sub-specialising in otolaryngology, head and neck surgery. He hails from Worimi country in Port Stephens, NSW. He has championed for and been involved in the improvement of health and education, particularly pertaining to Indigenous health. He is a director on the board of Australian Hearing, the

Australian Indigenous Doctors Association, and indENT goorie dookle. He is currently working at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, partaking in a paediatric otolaryngology fellowship.

Plibersek and Jenny Macklin, as well as parliamentary secretary Maxine McKew, would co-chair sessions at the summit.

"I just note for the record that six of our 10 from the ministry happen to be women," he told reporters.

The intended agenda for the Indigenous session also came under fire. and preserve Indigenous culture, languages and traditions. And it will examine the role of the Northern Territory intervention and Cape York welfare

However, Aboriginal activist Les Malezer has warned any Indigenous person considering accepting a place at peoples because the agenda set out imited options and no opportunity for Indigenous self-determination.

There is no reference to or opportunity to advance the right of self-determination, the cornerstone of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," he

There is no reference to land rights instead there is the same emphasis as the Howard Government on 'practical' measures and 'mainstream' development

"Reference to economic development is restricted to remote Australia, denying 80 per cent of Aboriginal people the right to pursue economic development as

Mr Malezer said the fact that there was no specific opportunity to talk of a treaty or even reconciliation could suggest that the national apology to the Stolen Generations represented the reconciliator phase for the Government.

"The rights of Indigenous peoples to autonomous government, to free, prior and informed consent, and to recognition of Indigenous representation, institution and decision-making are ignored. preferring instead to advance the more-colonial concept of 'preserving indigenous culture, language and

tradition'," he said.
"Ultimately the 2020 Summit intends to leave the political future for the Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the vagaries of this 2020 Summit and its limited focus.

"The nine other topics at the Summit give no reference to the rights and role of Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islander Peoples on the important social, cultural, economic and political topics such as global development, economic infrastructor climate change, regional and rural communities, health and ageing, families,

homelessness, artistic development and

democratic governance.
"We have the right to self-determination. The Australia 2020 Sum is the path to continued colonial government of Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

'Ultimately the 2020 Summit intends to leave the political future for the Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the vagaries of this 2020 Summit and its limited focus' - Les Malezer

It will debate and develop ways to forge a new partnership with between black and white Australia; promote economic development in remote Australia and Indigenous economic independence; improve access to mainstream programs by Indigenous Australians, and promote

the summit to 'think seriously about their participation and goals, given the intent of the Government of Australia'

The Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) Chairman said last week that the summit would prejudice the rights of Indigenous

# ANTAR push for rights

By MARGARET SMITH



'REVIVE the Rights Agenda' speakers at ANTaR's annual general meeting in Sydney earlier this month.

Nicole Watson, a Gubba woman of the Yugambeh

uage group who is studying for a PhD at UNSW where she also works as a researcher for Jumbunna, told the gathering that the Howard years were one of the darkest recent eras.

"(Former Prime Minister John Howard's) Government ignored the historic march across the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the anti-war marches, but in the end ANTaR outlived the Howard Government," she said

Ms Watson was now cautiously optimistic about the Rudd Government's ability to overcome the legacies of the past, especially when she recalled how the Bourke Labor Government in Western Australia thwarted then Prime Minister Bob Hawke's national land rights legislation.

To prevent similar failures, she urged Indigenous people and their supporters to inform themselves about the Labor Party's national policies by reading their new policy platform on the web.

Ms Watson said she was buoyed by the ALP's commitment to the pivotal role o Indigenous health workers; increasing Aboriginal legal aid funding; and its promise to review the poor implementation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommendations

"WA and NT mandatory sentencing legislation is against these recommendations," Ms Watson said.

She spoke passionately about the need to hold governments to account, so that the 'monumental shift that happened with the

apology was built upon'.

Ms Watson's speech was followed by



From left, Mark McMillan, Nicole Watson and Gary Highland all spoke at the annual general meeting of the Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) in Sydney earlier this month.

Mark McMilian, a Wiradjuri man from Trangle, who holds two degrees, and is also a senior researcher with Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning. He reminded the audience that Australia's Constitution was founded on depriving groups such as women and Indigenous people of their rights.

"What is it about 1967 (the year of the referendum giving Indigenous Australians equal rights) that we need to recapture today,

with this apology which is somewhat akin to

Mr McMillan was concerned that self-determination had dropped off the Indigenous agenda, even under ATSIC. He explained that there was a whole raft of legal safeguard rights that had to be introduced into legislation, because mainstream Australians were inherently discriminating when it comes to others who are different

"Now that we have a whole history of these rights as legal rights, not just for Indigenous Australians, but for all Australians, we can move forward," he said. The convenor of the session, academic

Sean Brennan, followed these speakers with his comment that ANTAR, too, should pay close attention to Labor's national

He said some States had very poor track records on Indigenous rights, but believed that the three-monthly meetings between the Federal and State governments would prove a worthwhile initiative.

That kind of Federal leadership to

overdue," Mr Brennan said. ANTaR National President Gary Highland also spoke about rights when he said that sometimes good intentions did not translate into action, and ANTaR was very mindful of

He said now that the Federal Government had taken up some of the Close The Gap health initiatives, ANTaR would refocus on stolen wages, and the Northern Territory intervention

ANTaR plans to mount a new campaign. on 'building people not prisons'. In particular, it will oppose mandatory detention in Western Australia and the NT, and campaign against the Queensland Government's decision to build a new \$2 billion prison.

Mr Highland said the prison would house far too many Indigenous Australians, and would therefore contravene the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, and Queensland's own Indigenous Justice Agreement of two years ago.

He said ANTaR was considering whether to reform the Treaty push, because all three campaigns had failed in the past.

"We're weighing up how we can build on these past campaigns, and achieve the change we want," he said.

## Our 'Sorry' poll - Let us know what you think

MORE than a decade ago, the Bringing Them Home report recommended that a 'Sorry Day' be held to acknowledge the experiences of thousands of Indigenous Australians forcibly removed from their families as children.

And 26 May has been known and observed as National Sorry Day for almost half that time.

Following the Parliament's formal apology to the Stolen

there have been many calls and suggestions for that date to be commemorated

The Stolen Generations Alliance says it will celebrate 13 February each year as a National Day of Healing and has invited other Australians to join them.
The Koori Mail is asking

readers three questions

1. What do you think the anniversary of the apology

2. Do you think the anniversary should be made

a national public holiday?
3. Should there be any change to National Sorry Day

Send your response to these questions to us at PO Box 117, Lismore NSW 2480, emall us at apology@ koorimail.com, or visit the Koori Mail forum at www.koorimail.com to log your choices on our poll.



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

#### INDIGENOUS STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME INVITATION TO APPLY FOR STUDY IN 2009

Scholarship applications are now open for eligible Indigenous higher education staff across Australia who actively encourage Indigenous students to gain formal higher education qualifications

The Programme reflects the Australian Government's commitment to Indigenous education, and will provide professional development opportunities for Indigenous scholars.

How the scholarships will work:

- Five national Indigenous Staff Scholarships are awarded annually for a 12 month period:
- Provides up to \$11,300 to cover tuition fees and student contribution amounts for the year and a stipend payment (living allowance) of \$22,700. These amounts are indexed annually;
- Priority will be given to staff undertaking postgraduate awards and who have not previously received an Indigenous Staff Scholarship;
- Scholarships will be awarded on merit against the selection criteria detailed in the Guidelines:
- Scholarships will be awarded by the Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, on advice from the indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council; and
- Successful applicants can take one year's leave from their employment to undertake full-time study in their chosen academic or professional area.

Applications close on: 9 May 2008 (No late applications will

Programme information, guidelines and the application form are at: http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous\_education/ programmes\_funding/higher\_education.htm

www.deewr.gov.au



## **Our Apology** supplement

N edition 420 of The Koori Mail (27 February 2008), we published commemorative lift-out on the national apology to the Stolen Generations. We thought it was important to document this important day in

tremendous response that we're now We'd like to let all those us know that we'll be back in touch with them soon to advise timing of the reprint and any modest costs associated

If readers can help us identify people in some of the photos featured in the lift-out, we'd love to hear from them. Drop us a line by post at PO Box 117 Lismore NSW 2480 or editor@koorimail.com





#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

SUTHERLAND SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP PROJECT

Families NSW is an initiative of the NSW Government to support parents and carers who are raising children under eight years of age.

Expression of Interest: 2008/2011

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are invited from non-profit community organisations and local government councils for the provision of the Sutherland Supported Playgroup Project.

The Families NSW Supported Playgroups support families with preschool aged children, focusing on 0-3 year olds, from marginalised and isolated communities. Partnerships with existing agencies and services are key to this project and the auspice agency is expected to work in a community development model with other agencies, existing supported playgroups or may set up new supported playgroups.

The Sutherland Supported Playgroups Project will provide at least eight supported playgroups per week across Sutherland Shire and its areas of identified need.

Total funding allocated to the Sutherland Supported Playgroup Project will be \$620,000. This will include a one-off amount of \$20,000 for project establishment, and a three-year fixed term renewable funding allocation of \$200,000 per annum.

The closing date for the submission of Expression of Interest is (COB) Friday 4 April 2008. Information packages are available from Deborah McEvoy-Herbert Families NSW Community Project Officer by phoning 8303-7622 or email Deborah.McEvoy Herbert@community.nsw. gov.au or visit www.community.nsw.gov.au.

The act of inviting Expressions of Interest does not commit the Department of Community Services to the provision of funding for any prospective service provider.





#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**FAMILY WORKER PROJECTS** 

SUTHERLAND, NORTHERN SYDNEY and BOTANY BAY

Families NSW is an initiative of the NSW Government to support parents and carers who are raising children under eight years of age.

Expressions of Interest: 2008/2011

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are invited from non-profit community organisations and local government for the provision of the following three services in the Families NSW Metro Central Region. Applicants are encouraged to propose an integrated service delivery arrangement covering either one or more locations of the Department of Community Services Metro Central region, covering:

Sutherland Family Worker Project - Total funding allocated is \$350,000. This comprises a fixed term three-year renewable allocation of \$110,000 per annum as well as \$20,000 for establishment costs

Northern Sydney Family Worker Project - Total funding allocated is \$760,000. This comprises a fixed term-three year renewable allocation of \$240,000 per annum as well as \$40,000 for establishment costs.

Botany Bay Family Worker Project - Total funding allocated is \$350,000. This a fixed term three-year renewable allocation of \$110,000 per annum as well as \$20,000 for establishment costs.

The aim of the three family worker projects is to improve the outcomes and wellbeing of families with young children by providing support for parenting, supported playgroups and access to appropriate services.

Each project will be purchased for a three-year renewable fixed term period.

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# Stolen wage claimant is still waiting

By Cairns Correspondent CHRISTINE HOWES



WHEN The Koori Mail last spoke to former Gulf Country cattleman and stolen wages claimant Fred Edwards in early

2006, he was just on retirement age yet still hadn't paid off his house and was struggling to keep his car on the road

With a heart condition, asthma and diabetes, he said he had to 'throw a saddle on the horse again' to work off his debts, even though he still considered the Queensland Government owed him wages they had withheld from the first 23 years of his working life. But Mr Edwards has now

oudly revealed to The Koori Mail that his home was finally paid off in November last year.

"I think that's one of the greatest things," he said. "I'm very pleased and I think it's a role model to other people around me that I've got my own home.

"You just see where your money is going into the house instead of into the pub and there's two or three others here who have done the same thing.

"Everything I make goes straight into my bills and I'm looking at doing some improvements to the house.

You know, they say Aboriginal people are always sitting around waiting for a handout, but I'm not that type of

"If I'd have had those wages from my earlier years, it would have been a big help, I was looking forward to getting some money I was owed and even up until now, we hope we're going to still get it."

To this Normanton Elder, whose image appeared on the Stolen Wages Campaign Postcards in 2003-4, the Queensland Government's \$4000 offer he felt compelled to take for the money he was owed was, and still is, less than fair.

In 2002 the Old Government de a capped reparations offer of \$55.6 million to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people whose wages and savings were held for them 'in trust' by

The offer amounted to fixed payments of \$2000 or \$4000 to May 2002, which was the day the offer was first made, and closed in January 2006.

Last August, The Koori Mail reported that the future of more than \$35 million unclaimed from the fund was 'still up in the air'

Now, in March 2008, we can whether the residual funds will be distributed to claimants or invested. Elders across



Queensland stolen wages claimant Fred Edwards.

#### Decision 'is imminent'

A STOLEN wages meeting held in Brisbane last week heard confirmation that Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy Minister Lindy decision about the issue to be finalised this month.

Stolen Wages Working Group member Aunty Ruth Hegarty told Tiga Bayles on 98.9FM that other than that,

there to pass on.
"I've got nothing to tell you, no new information at she said.

Aunty Ruth said concern was high in the community about the time that the Government was taking to make a decision about money left over from the \$55.6 million Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations funds

We've got another funeral ... we're losing our older people and this is anxiety amongst the second generation groups you know. so we need to have this finished and we need Government to allow us to have it finished," she said. Aunty Ruth said a letter would go to the Minister

outlining their concerns. "We'll also send letters to

every Cabinet Minister again, we've done this once before, we're just reminding them," she said.

alive nearly six years after the original offer was made, are still waiting for the Queensland

"That's what womes me, because everything went sort of cold there and I'm just wondering what's going to happen," Mr Edwards said. "It's our money and it's all just sitting there.

He said he was concerned about reports that the money, or part of the money, may go back into trust. "We heard they had a meeting in Normanton to ask us about it but we didn't know

about it but we didn't know anything," Mr Edwards said. "I don't know what happened, no-one turned up because you have to notify the people first, when you come out you call and let the people know you're coming and then we get around and let people know, usually a good crowd turns up. But when this happened, no-one turned up and that was it, we had no input

Mr Edwards said putting any outstanding monies back into trust would amount to people having to work for it 'all over

"When they were talking about putting it into some sort of thing like CDEP, you know where everyone can work on it, I thought 'well we don't see thought 'well we don't see whatever is going to happen there, we don't see if at all," he said. "It's our money, we slaved for it, we're all retired pensioners now and we expect to get it."

In the meantime. Mr Edwards said, they were still waiting, and while he had survived a triple heart hypass in December.

heart bypass in December, others hadn't been so fortunate.

"A lot of our people waited, waited, waited and they couldn't hang on any longer and they've died," he said. Queensland Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr said a decision was likely to made on the reparations scheme later this month

I appreciate that people have been waiting for this announcement and I thank them for their patience," she said.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

# Second of Mabo plaintiffs dies

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



**AUSTRALIA** has plaintiff from the High Court case Mer (Murray)

Island man James Rice, also away last month at the age of 78.

More than 300 people attended his funeral service on Mer on 28 February. Mr Rice's fellow plaintiff Eddie

'Koiki' Mabo, after whom the 3 June 1992 decision is widely known, did not live to see it handed down. He died just five months prior.

The third major plaintiff in the

decade-long court case, Reverend Dave Passi, still lives

The Mabo decision found that Australia was not terra nullius, or 'a land belonging to no-one'

before white people came here. It found that native title rights were not granted, rather they were something which continued to exist in certain circumstances, essentially when no other form of lease or title had been issued over the land in question.
The decision led to the

passage of the Native Title Act

In 1992, the three major plaintiffs and Celuia Mapo Salee and Sam Passi (both now deceased) received a Human Rights Medal in recognition of their long and determined battle to gain justice for their people. Mr Rice was a teacher for

more than 45 years. He began as a government teacher until 1987, when he obtained his Associate Diploma in Brisbane, and then became a community

Mr Rice's son, Leo Akee, told The Koori Mail that his father set the standard for the family

something that we didn't take

lightly or forget about," he said.
"As we grow up, we want to make sure that we pass this history on to our kids, and to make sure they don't lose that history because it is vital to our

Indigenous people.
"Dad believed education was an important factor for our people. We hold him in high esteem, him and the other uncles, and Uncle Kolki

especially."
Mr Rice's daughter, Helen
Akee, said her family was proud of their dad taking on or their dao taking on responsibility for the case at such a senior age, 'and also the other uncles, that responsibility for all the people of the Torres Strait and all the Indigenous

people over this country'.

Mr Rice's legacy has given son Leo Akee and his family a purpose to work towards. Both

running in mayoral elections in different councils.

"Most certainly, I am a visionary, my brother is a visionary," Mr Akee told The Koori Mail. "I know that we have the capacity to fulfil the things that we put out for election. Mr Akee said he would

continue to work for his people and push for more from native title than had been delivered.

"I think you will find down the track the community will be pursuing some sort of autonomy. We want something bigger than what there is at the moment," he

"We talk about having sustainable community... we are still a government-dependant community, we are not a sustainable community, with business opportunities."

Mr Rice is survived by nine of

his 10 children and his wife,

#### Newsletter a natural resource

A QUARTERLY newsletter to help raise Aboriginal community awareness of activities and opportunities in natural resource management in south-eastern NSW has been launched by Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (SRCMA).

"SRCMA respects and acknowledges the Aboriginal people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land and sea country," said SRCMA Chair Pam Green.

"We also recognise the value and benefits that come through working in collaborative partnerships with Aboriginal

"Koori Catch uP is a koon catch up is a fantastic resource for those Indigenous groups wanting to know more about what is happening in their area or get more involved in environmental activities in their local

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#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**FAMILIES NSW** 

#### INNER / EASTERN SYDNEY CHILD AND FAMILY INTERAGENCY PROJECT

Families NSW is an initiative of the NSW Government to support parents and carers who are raising children under eight vears of age

Expression of Interest: 2008/2011

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are invited from non-profit community organisations for the provision of the following service in the South East Sydney Families NSW Area

The Inner/ Eastern Sydney Child and Family Interagency project will provide a forum for local agencies and service providers working in each sub-region to come together to share information and work collaboratively to ensure better outcomes for children

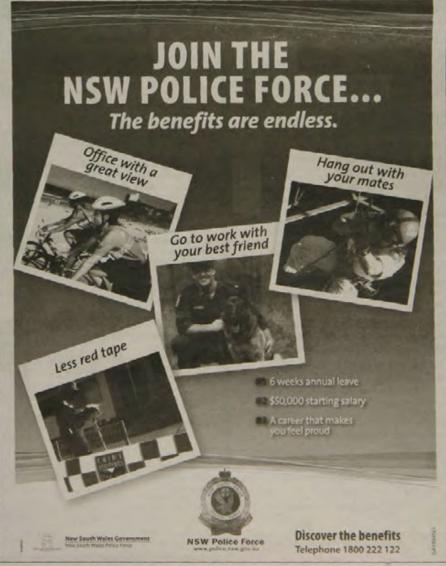
Total funding allocated to this project is \$195,000. This includes a one-off establishment amount of \$15,000 from the 2007/08 budget to enable the development of the web-based Information and Communication Technology component of this project.

The funding also includes a three-year fixed term renewable allocation of \$60,000 from each of the 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 Families NSW budgets.

The closing date for the submission of Expression of Interest is (COB) Friday 4 April.

Information packages are available from Deb McEvoy-Herbert Families NSW Community Project Officer by phoning 8303-6515 email Deborah.McEvoy-Herbert@community.nsw.gov.au or visit www.community.nsw.gov.au.

The act of inviting Expressions of Interest does not commit the Department of Community Services to the provision of funding for any prospective service provider.



# NLC ousts new CEO

NT

THE chief executive of one of the Northern Territory's most powerful Aboriginal land councils has been demoted after he unlawfully suspended the organisation's chief lawyer, Ron Levy.

lawyer, Ron Levy.
Northern Land Council (NLC)
Chairman Wall Wunungmurra said in a statement on 28 February that John
Christopherson had been voted out of the job by the executive council during an urgent

meeting the day before.

The Executive Council received legal advice from Raelene Webb, QC, that the suspension was unlawful and void, including because Mr Wunungmurra had directed that Mr

Christopherson could not take any disciplinary action against Mr Levy as he did without Mr Wunungmurra's written authority and because of denial of natural justice.

denial of natural justice.

Mr Christopherson, who was CEO since
November last year, had taken disciplinary
action against Mr Levy without the written

approval of the

Police were called as Mr Levy was forced out of the NLC building in Darwin the week before, but the NT Supreme Court later ruled his removal was unlawful. However, the court found Mr Levy could return to work,

Mr Wunungmurra said Mr Christopherson had been replaced by John Sheldon,

the NLC's senior policy officer from 2004 to November 2007. "Mr Christopherson will return to his substantive position at the NLC," the statement said.

**NLC Chairman Wali** 

Wunungmurra

Mr Wunungmurra said he had directed Mr Christopherson not to take action against Mr

"Affidavit material filed in the Supreme Court disclosed that Mr Christopherson was aware of Mr Wunungmurra's direction, including because it had been delivered to his office the previous evening," the statement said.

Mr Sheldon will sat as chief executive officer for about 10 weeks while the executive council

interviews applicants.

In November, the NLC's longest-serving chief executive, Norman Fry, denied being pushed out of the powerful Aboriginal organisation after 11

years in the job.

He announced his departure the day after
John Daly was voted out as its chairman.

At the time, Mr Fry said he didn't know whether traditional Aboriginal landowners, who the council represents, had lost faith in the organisation's leadership.

organisation's leadership.

The NLC came under fire last year for backing a controversial nuclear waste dump on Aboriginal land at Muckety Station near Tennant



At the forum were, from left, Muriel Bin Dol, Senator Andrew Bartlett, Janine Gertz and Max Lenoy.

# Mayoral hopefuls answer questions

Story and photos by ALF WILSON in Townsville



INDIGENOUS issues will feature prominently in key areas in the Queensland local government elections this weekend, especially in Townsville if the

turnout at an Indigenous Issues Forum held in the town last week is anything

to go by.

Three leading mayoral candidates for the new 12-member 'Townsville Super City', to result from the amalgamation of Townsville and Thuringowa, addressed a packed house on 4 March.

Townsville Mayor Tony Mooney,
Thuringowa Mayor Les Tyrell and
Community Voices' Jenny Stirling were
all asked the question 'If elected, what
will I do for Townsville's Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander community?' The
other mayoral candidates, Francis
Pauler and Rolando Taviani, didn't

Prominent Indigenous community leaders and Elders attended the forum to hear the mayoral candidates speak and had the opportunity to mingle with other council candidates after the event.

The forum, organised by the Townsville voluntary group GAP Strategies, was attended by more than 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people.

GAP Strategies was established to explore practical ways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to Get Active and Participate (GAP) in the political process as a way to close the gap' between Indigenous and populations.

non-Indigenous Australians.
After a traditional welcome to country by Linda Saltner on behalf of the Wulgurukaba mob, Mr Mooney, Mr Tyrell and Ms Stirling were each allowed seven minutes to address the audience.

One candidate from each team was also allowed to speak. Team Mooney was represented by Peter Whalley Thompson, Team Tyrell by Brenda-Anne Parfitt and Community



Sam Reuben of the Community Voice team at the forum.



Two of the forum organisers, Muriel Bin Dol, left, and Janine Gertz.



Randall Ross and Gracelyn Smallwood were there.

Voices by the only Indigenous

candidate, Sam Reuben.
Deputy Leader of the Australian
Democrats, Senator Andrew Bartlett,
gave the opening address.

"We were honoured to have

Senator Bartlett attend our forum. He has a strong record regarding social justice and human rights issues. He has also been a strong advocate for Indigenous people," said one of GAP's three core members. Max Lenov.

three core members, Max Lenoy.
Senator Bartiett said that whether fair or unfair, Townsville had a

reputation for race-related problems.
Mr Mooney said that his council had created jobs for Indigenous people and would increase communication with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents if

"I strongly support the Cultural Centre and there are plans for a North Queensland Indigenous Games with many sports to be held here," he said.

Ms Stirling said that if elected mayor she would issue a statement of reconcilitation in the same way Prime Minister Kevin Rudd recently said

'Sorry'.

"My election would be a perfect time to increase cultural awareness and we would erect signs for tourists to create more awareness and knowledge of this," she said.

Mr Reuben is attempting to become the first Indigenous person elected to Townsville Council and received loud applause when he spoke

applause when he spoke.

"I am speaking from the heart and we as a council would say sorry to Indigenous people," he said. "We would also start an Indigenous Chamber of Commerce. I ask you to leave here and tell your family, friends and neighbours that this is an opportunity to have an Indigenous person on council."

Mr Tyrell said that Thuringowa had a large Indigenous population, with many families and youths living in Upper Ross suburbs like Kelso.

"My council has been responsible for Riverways which is used a lot and we have school holiday programs and we have supported NAIDOC Week." he said.

"As mayor, I would be involved in Indigenous issues and would talk to people. There is also a large pool of Indigenous people who could be involved in jobs which would help the skills shortage."

# Captain is fired up

### **James leads** the way in **Brewarrina**



NSW reported on the appointment of Walgett firefighter Rodney Thorne as the first Aboriginal fire captain in New South Wales. That very elite club enjoyed a doubling of its membership at the end of February when James Walsh was appointed Captain of Brewarrina Fire Station.

Captain of Brewarrina Fire Station.
During a ceremony at the fire station on 28 February, NSW Fire Brigades (NSWFB) Commissioner Greg Mullins congratulated Captain Walsh, predicting that he'd perform well in his new position. "James is young and anthusiastic ... he will be a good leader for the firefighters of Brewarrina and in the community," Mr Mullins said.

Capt Walsh received an orange helmet and epaulettes, signifying his new rank, from NSWFB Regional West Area Commander Chief Superintendent Neil Harris.

"James is a credit to the community of

"James is a credit to the community of Brewarrina, the Indigenous community and to the NSWFB. I'm confident that under his leadership, Brewarrina Fire Brigade will move forward in leaps and bounds," Chief Supt

Harris said.
Capt Walsh, who lives in Brewarrina with his wife and two children, said that he originally joined the NSWFB because he wanted to do something for the community



Aboriginal Services Officer Terry Hill with Capt James Walsh, from Brewarrina, and Capt Rod Thorne, from Walgett.



James Walsh on his appointment as Captain of Brewarrina Fire Station.

"In 2004 I joined my local community fire unit and a month later decided to apply to be a retained firefighter," he said.
"I think that it is important to be involved in

the local community and I thought that I could

achieve that by becoming a firefighter "I also think that it's a good way to demonstrate to young people in the community the opportunities that are available to them if they are prepared take

advantage them."

Capt Walsh encouraged more people, particularly young Indigenous people, to join the NSWFB.

"Joining the NSWFB and becoming a firefighter has been a new and exciting challenge for me," he said. "I work with a fantastic team of people and

although the work we do is serious, we still have a lot of fun. And I enjoy getting out into the local community and teaching them how to protect themselves and their families from the threat of fire

"I believe that being a firefighter is well within most people's capabilities. You just have to be prepared to work hard and give

### **Home funds** boost for **Victorians**



VICTORIA'S Housing Minister, Richard Wynne, has announced a further \$7.5 million allocation to Aboriginal housing, a

measure expected to deliver 30 new homes in areas of need across Victoria.

The additional funds have been made available by the Premier in the 2007-2008 financial year, meaning the new homes will be acquired before 30 June, doubling our stock of Aboriginal housing," Mr Wynne said on 28 February.

"Two weeks ago, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced the new Joint Policy Commission's first order of business was to help deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal housing."

Last year, Victoria began offering Aboriginal tenants in public housing the option of having Indigenous-run Aboriginal Housing Victoria as their landlord.

The 30 new homes built or acquired with the new funding will also be managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria, a non-profit organisation dedicated to providing housing services to Aboriginal Victorians

AHV CEO Sharon Paten said the funding was a great boost and would be used to provide homes for 30 young families. "This highlights the Government's support for practical solutions to addressing the housing needs of the Victorian Indigenous community," she said.

The new funding is in addition to what

the Government says is a record \$510 million over four years committed to social housing in the last State Budget.





## International visual arts residency.

Indigenous visual artists are invited to apply for a new residency at the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation studio in Connecticut USA from September 1 to November 28 2008.

Expressions of interest close on 9 May 2008.

For more information contact Dennis Stokes at the Australia Council for the Arts on (02) 9215 9173 or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au/albersresidency

Keeping culture strong

The Australia Council for the Arts is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body. It supports and promotes excellence in the arts and community engagement with them.

## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



### **6 Quote**



'When people care and when people like directors-general of government departments have got the improvement of Aboriginal disadvantage as part of their duty statements, and these things have to improve or they lose their jobs — that's when things will change'

- Dennis Egginton, Executive Director, Aboriginal Legal Service WA

Unquote "

# A very rocky road ahead

HE honeymoon enjoyed by the Federal Government in the wake of its historic apology to the Stolen Generations is not exactly over, but signs are emerging that the shared road to improved Indigenous circumstance is going to be long and, at times, rocky.

going to be long and, at times, rocky.
The shake-up of Indigenous affairs in Western Australia in response to the findings of WA Coroner Alastair Hope following the inquest into a spate of tragic deaths and suicides in the Kimberley region should leave us in no doubt of that.
WA backbencher Tom Stephens'

WA backbencher Tom Stephens' prediction that, even if all of the Coroner's recommendations are implemented, 'we are still heading into hell' is unpalatable.

But Aboriginal people – especially the people of Fitzroy Crossing and surrounds – know it to be true because the level of dysfunction in some of our communities combined with decades of bureaucratic mismanagement and government apathy means we've been in hell for a while now.

As Bunuba leader Joe Ross said,

As Bunuba leader Joe Hoss said Fitzroy Crossing is not alone in its desperation.

The problems faced by Indigenous communities are huge wherever you go in Australia. Which is why level heads and an evidence-based approach are so important, as well as flexibility and a preparedness to admit to past failures and continuing limitations.

State and Federal Governments need to maintain a very steady hand in how they respond in this situation. They must resist the urge for heavy-handed and one-size-fits-all approaches, as epitomised by the 'emergency intervention' rolled out



by the former Howard Government in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities. Sunrise Health CEO Irene Fisher's

Sunrise Health CEO Irene Fisher's comment that NT communities feel as if governments are experimenting on them to get the systems and processes right before measures such as welfare quarantining are extended into Aboriginal communities elsewhere is absolutely on the mark

Clearly, many of the policies and philosophies of the Rudd Government are markedly different to those of its predecessor. And it has reversed some aspects of the NT intervention, such as the abolition of the permit system. However, its refusal to scrap welfare quarantining on the basis of postcode until at least June or July zemains plain wrong.

July remains plain wrong.

There are big differences of opinion in the Indigenous community about welfare quarantining on a case-by-case basis, as proposed in Queensland. But, despite there being little information available on what will be done to help people get on top of whatever demons have contributed to their and their children's perilous situations, it is an improvement on the NT experiment.

The local response to such situations will be as important as any other.

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## A Yarn With...



#### **Lindi Dietzel**

Indigenous Youth Employment Consultant Barwon Heads, Vic

Favourite bush tucker? Croc and Emu.

Favourite non-Indigenous food? Thai.

Favourite drink? Red wine.

Favourite music? Can't get enough, anything goes!

Favourite read? Biographies.

Favourite holiday destination? Anywhere.

What are you watching on TV? Spicks and Specks.

What do you like in life? Optimism, kindness, respect.

What don't you like in life? Pessimism, meanness.

What is your favourite memory? My mother's hands.

Which black or Indigenous person, here or overseas would you like most to meet? Any lost family.

Which three people would you invite around a campfire? Finding it hard to keep it to three! Love to have more!

Who/what inspires you? My children, my ancestors.

What is your philosophy in life or wisdom that you swear by? We are all microscopic in a catastrophic plan!

What would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples? Keep strong, keep working.

# Poverty comes first



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 www.stephenhagan.net and www.ngalgawarralu publishing.com.au/

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octor Kelvin Kong, Sunday Telegraph, November 12, 2006, on being identified as Australia's first Aboriginal surgeon, said: "The ideal day will be when it's not special – when there are thousands of Indigenous doctors."

The affable Kevin Rudd continues to outshine Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson in the popularity stakes. In every poll presented since his National Apology address, the PM has consistently recorded impressive ligures over 70 per cent while his opposite lags well behind in unfamiliar single-figure territory. His latest vision to bring

His latest vision to bring together 1000 of the best minds to the nation's capital on 19-20 April to debate innovative ways of addressing Australia's future challenges appears to have resonated well with the broader community.

Although the concept stumbled slightly when he erred by nominating only one woman (actress Cate Blanchett) as session leader of the 10 summit topics: Australian economy; infrastructure; sustainability and climate change; rural Australia; health; communities and families; Indigenous Australia; governance; and Australia's future in the world, Rudd does appear largely to have made all the right calls on this and other issues of national significance in his first 100 days in

Now that the important and somewhat controversial session leaders have been identified, including Dr Kong for the Indigenous session, I anticipate more fervent monitoring of the

next stage – the selection of the 100 delegates for each session – will be observed to ensure gender equity is evident.

On the Prime Minister's home page, Australia 2020, he talks about the complex challenges that Australia is facing and the 'need to get the best ideas we can from all Australians – business people, experts, community leaders – and just ordinary Australians.'

Dr Kong will have his hands full trying to maintain some

Dr Kong will have his hands full trying to maintain some semblance of order with 100 disparate Indigenous leaders and aspiring leaders who will bring to the table a myriad of issues and agendas to push.

I just hope that when he and his panel sits down to finalise the 100 Indigenous delegates to participate in this forum that he will not just select a predominance of the usual suspects.

I propose to Dr Kong that he allocate 20 per cent of available positions to the usual suspects and allocate the balance to new players – those generally not invited to State or National conferences, but who work tirelessly within their community for their people – who can add to the national debate.

I also hope that he would secure an equitably representation of our youth, women and Elders to be involved in the forum to address critical issues facing our people today.

#### Starting point

To make it a bit easier for Dr Kong, I'll provide my list of names of the 20 usual suspects as a guide, most of which I fully support, while some I have concerns about their politics, so he can do a cut and paste and then move on to the harder task of selecting 80 new names to come to the table with fresh ideas to complement established views.

My list of the 20 usual suspects, for want of a better word, comes from my observation from the past 12 months of media coverage identifying outstanding service and/or active participation at the national level on Indigenous issues and are as follows: Prof Mick Dodson, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue, Prof Marcia Langton, Dr Jackie Huggins, Marion Scrymgour MP, Sam Watson Jnr, John Toshie Kris, Mark Bin Baker, Prof Larrisa Behrendt, Grace Smallwood, Noel Pearson, Cathy Freeman, Michael Mansell, Klynton Wanganeen, Tom Calma, Linda Burney MP, Anthony Mundine, Pat Turner, Galarrwuy Yunupingu and Dennis

But who is Dr Kelvin Kong and is he the man to do the job?

The 34-year-old told The Sunday Telegraph in November 2006, when he made history by becoming Australia's first Aboriginal surgeon, that he hoped to inspire more Indigenous people to pursue careers in medicine and other academic arenas.

"I feel like a bit of an accidental hero because I don't like the limelight at all," he said.

"The ideal day will be when it's not special – when there are thousands of Indigenous doctors."



Dr Kong credits his mother, Grace Kinsella, a registered nurse, for inspiring him and his 34-year-old twin sisters to become

doctors.

I've not met Dr Kong, but going on his initial media interview and what I've subsequently read of him, I have a sense that he possesses fine attributes of benevolence and ambition. His palpable pride in his Indigenous heritage makes him an ideal role model for the younger generation and a popular choice as the 2020 Forum Indigenous session leader.

I wish him and the 100
specially selected Indigenous
delegates the very best for a
robust and fruitful debate which
hopefully will contribute to
long-term policy formulation that
will enhance living standards of all
Indigenous Australians

Indigenous Australians.
The Australia 2020 Summit goals for the Indigenous session include:

- How we forge a new partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia to overcome disadvantage and provide practical pathways to the future
- The role of targeted programs and interventions such as the Northern Territory intervention and the Cape York welfare reform trials in achieving change in remote communities
- How we might promote economic development in remote Australia to provide Indigenous community members with the opportunity to be economically independent
- Improving access to mainstream programs by Indigenous Australians
- Promoting and preserving Indigenous culture, languages and traditions.

Many cynics might argue that the 2020 Forum will be nothing more than a glorified yarning circle (talk festival) that will achieve no real outcomes other than providing the Government with an opportunity to say they've consulted.

I don't embrace that ideological notion, but rather adopt the glass-is-half-full position, with an open and positive mind. We need fresh ideas and any change in government policy that might emanate from this forum is a change in the right direction as far as I'm concern.

#### Narrow scope

If I did have any trepidation about the specific goals of the Indigenous session, it would be that it is narrow in scope with an over-emphasis on issues pertaining to the Northern Territory, Cape York Peninsula and remote communities generally.

The majority of Indigenous Australians living in rural and urban areas were overlooked by the previous government – loss of CDEP (work for the dole) and CHIP (housing) to name a few programs – with those funds being redirected into the above-mentioned areas.

I hope that we will not be overlooked by the new Labor administration when they sit down to carve up the Indigenous financial pie during budgetary deliberations in the coming

wonths.

While not wanting to detract from the urgency of the plight of our Indigenous brothers and sisters in those communities, it is necessary for governments and the media to be reminded from time to time that Indigenous people do live in greater numbers south of the boomerang-shaped line that runs from Townsville across to Port Hedland and loops down to include Alice Springs.

In fact, the 2001 ABS figures show that 8.8 per cent of our population lives in remote areas and 17.7 per cent live in very remote areas. Add in an extra 5 per cent for the communities not identified as remote or very remote, above the boomerang line, including Darwin, Cairns and Townsville, and you still only have a total population base of no more than 31.5 per cent.

In reality, we're talking about less than one-third of the Indigenous population receiving two-thirds of the budget and as much as 95 per cent of the headlines from the national media.

We're all very aware of the old saying that the squeaky wheel gets the most oil – and thanks to the media no-one would argue that the squeak in the Indigenous wheel has certainly been heard the loudest above the boomerang line in recent years.

#### Failed programs

We, as a discrete race of people, are today a product of old experimental social programs that have falled us dismally and are clearly evident in the social indicators produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The social indicators speak for themselves: Of a population of 458,500 we're dying 17 years younger than our non-Indigenous counterparts (men at 59 and women at 65); cardiovascular diseases (heart diseases, strokes) are 2.2 and 3 per cent higher than non-Indigenous people for women and men respectively, mental health problems affect 30 per cent of our population; and hospitalisations recorded for injury due to assault were seven and 13 times higher for Indigenous males and females respectively – just to name a few.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission has identified poverty as the main link to poor health. For example:

- Poor education and literacy are linked to poor health status, and affect the capacity of people to use health information
- Poorer income reduces the accessibility of health care services and medicines
- Overcrowding and run-down housing is associated with poverty and contributes to the spread of communicable disease
   Poor infant diet is associated
- with poverty and chronic diseases later in life

  Smoking and high-risk behaviour is associated with lower

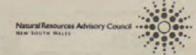
socio-economic status.

Research has also
demonstrated that poorer people
also have less financial and other
forms of control over their lives.

I believe the number-one goal for the 2020 Forum Indigenous delegates is to come up with concrete strategies to address the issue of Indigenous poverty.

As delegates warm to the challenge of the forum, I implore them to be practical in their goal-setting and to show compassion for their people in much the same way as Dr Kelvin Kong demonstrated on being identified as Australia's first Aboriginal surgeon: "The ideal day will be when it's not special — when there are thousands of Indigenous doctors."

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



#### Forging Partnerships Grants

cations are invited for the NSW Government nd Natural Resources Advisory Council's Forging Partnerships Grants program.

The Forging Partnerships program encourages community, business and other organisations to work in partnership to better support and manage our natural resources

Applications close on 21st April 2008

For more information about the program and for ation forms visit www.nrac.nsw.gov.au or phone

## Aboriginal Heritage -Alstonville Bypass

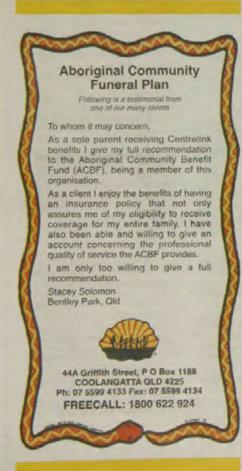
The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW proposes to realign the Bruxner Highway to bypass the villages of Alstonville and Wollongbar

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

The cultural heritage assessment will result in the RTA applying for approvals under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

Registrations from Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by 27 March 2008.

To register your interest, please contact Mr Lindsay Nash, Project Manager PO Box 576 Grafton NSW 2460. 131 782 Fax 02 6640 1006 or email Lindsay\_Nash@rta.nsw.gov.au



# Here's the full-fat facts on sharing that goss

was staring into the fridge contemplating the difference between full-fat milk and skim for my cuppa. Full fat is yum, but it's not like I need the extra padding! Thank God I was rescued from my dilemma when a girlfriend came in.

"You won't believe what happened to me," she said as she threw a packet of double-coat Tim Tams on the

I went out last night with this fulla, you know the one, Raina's\* friend? Well, no good, this morning when I checked my phone there were like three text messages and a missed call from her. I called her back and first thing she asked was how last night went I don't even know



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what's going on and now she

wants the goss!"
Going out with a mate of a friend is like a double-edged snear - it's both time-saving

time, especially the sussing-them-out bit. Your friend can give you a good summary of their background, and tell you the real reason his baby mumma left him.

On the other hand, it's also dangerous 'cos you are indebted to your friend. They will remind you that if it wasn't for them, you wouldn't have even met your new love. To limit the danger stuff

right from the start, don't talk about your date at all. All you gotta do is let your friend know that you had a nice (or bad) time and leave it at that. If they still want the goss, be honest with your friend and tell them you don't know what's going on and that you need time to figure it out.

And don't encourage them

to ask you things, either! Resist the urge to get the goss from them, It's not good to ask them 'so has he said anything to you about last nite?'. It's not good form at all if you don't wanna share the goss, to then ask them for the goss. My friend was happy with this advice, but I still had my own full-fat v skim milk dilemma. This was when my friend saved the day.

Look. Black people should eat black things, so forget the milk and have a Tim Tam instead," she said. How could I argue with that

logic?
"All names have been changed so they don't get shamed out.

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

# Virtual idea has Kimberley focus

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



A MOTION picture set in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia and featuring the virtual world of computer gaming and the bright lights of a major international city are

all elements of a winning idea at the recent Indigenous Storytellers Conference in Perth.

The conference, hosted by the WA Department of Culture and the Arts and held at the WA Institute of Film and Television, brought together professionals and community members keen to develop Indigenous performing arts in WA

Conference Co-ordinator, Nyoongar Gina Williams, said it was vital that writers, actors, theatre producers, musicians and playwrights networked with community members who had brilliant story ideas but little opportunity to connect with the industry.

"Indigenous people tell stories a number of ways, through dance, our art and music and there's a lot of different ways of doing that so the conference was an attempt to tie that all together," Ms Williams said.

"This conference was to bring together to network, share experiences and offer a way to tell our stories because we often don't know how to do that and many of our stories often don't make it past the family barbecue.

Those attending the conference were asked to submit a story idea on paper, and the best five had the chance to pitch their plot to conference delegates on the last day of the two-day gathering.
"We asked people to register for the

event and when they registered we asked them to put forward one single story idea and from that our panel selected a short list of five and one of those was selected for a prize of \$5000 of development money to further their

story idea," Ms Williams said.
"They could spend that money on a



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script or working with professionals to get a practical outcome for their story idea, and they also get access to the industry to help them with the process."

The winner was Djugun Yawuru (Kimberley) man Cornell Ozies, who has worked with Goolari Media, in Broome, for the past two years developing his camera and editing skills, and will use the \$5000 prizemoney to develop his idea into a movie script.

Mr Ozies' idea was for a movie that begins on a cattle station in a remote Kimberley area, and stars a young man caught up in the computer world of virtual gaming as a way of overcoming his isolation and lonelines

He becomes so good at computer games that he captures the attention of the organisers of a computer gaming championship in a major city, and is invited to travel and test his wits against the best in the world.

"The twist is now he's been given an opportunity to break away from that virtual world, and his sponsor has taken notice of his online reputation as a gamer and has offered an invitation for



GINA WILLIAMS

him to join one of the world series video gaming competitions," Mr Ozies said.

"So he's getting catapulted into a world he's not used to, so the story follows the journey of how he deals with

There's a love interest in it, and this is where he finds his first human interaction, because prior to that it's always been a virtual world.

'He's always communicated through a headset or text, and the story is following that journey of how he sort of comes back to reality and snaps out of the virtual world that he has in his head.

"And also, is he good enough to win

the competition."
Mr Ozies said he was looking forward to using the prizemoney from his win at the conference to start bringing his idea to reality.

I'll use the \$5000 to further the script and hire some script editors and try to get the format correct so I can submit the script to a funding body and get the approval I need to make it into a movie." he said.

# Your Say



Tasmanian youth worker Nala Mansell-McKenna wants to know why church workers convicted of sexual assaults aren't subjected to the same conditions imposed on Northern Territory Indigenous communities.

See her letter on Page 27

# A foundation go forward

IT'S not every day you experience a national event. And it's certainly not every day you experience it with pride.

But as I watched the fuzzy levision in Barmah, near Echuca, hoping the two university students at either end of our aerial would tune in on time, it struck me that Kevin Rudd's national apology to Indigenous Australians could be one such event.

I was there with a group of about 30 students from Melbourne University, their lecturer and member of the Yorta Yorta nation. Dr Wayne Atkinson, and a few of ne local Yorta Yorta Elders.

The students and I were not Indigenous. None of us could ever understand fully the pain our covernments' policies and our communities' attitudes had

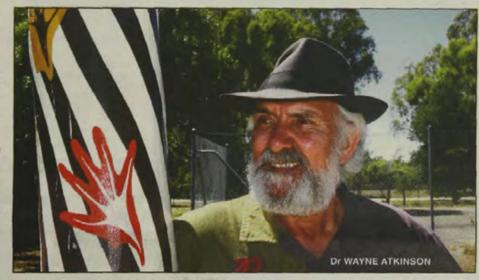
But this event still affected us

In the end, it didn't matter that we couldn't get the image straight, that we had to resort to radio, which was also slightly unclear We heard most of it. And we heard it with pride.

On this day, 13 February 2008, we witnessed our Federal Prime Minister stand up and do what the previous one had refused to do for so long.

And he did it well. After Mr Rudd, came Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson. The weeping slowed and a stunned silence spread through the room.

After a while, anger prevailed, as students reacted with bitterness to the speech from Dr Nelson, which was full of buts, of



Behind me, a Yorta Yorta Elder continued to silently weep. I'd spoken to her of her experiences on a previous visit, researching for my PhD on the nearby Cummeragunja reserve in the

inter-war years. She hadn't been taken, but she knew those who had. And she'd grown up in a predominately white region as an Indigenous person. She knew what injustice was, only too well.

After the broadcast ended, the students talked amongst themselves. So used to being critical, it was hard to vocalise what they now felt.

One young woman cried as she told the class that this was the first time she had ever felt proud

Later. I spoke to some of the Elders. None were as bitter as the students at Mr Nelson's speech.

Bangerang Elder Kevin Atkinson Snr even said he was disappointed with the fuss. He wanted the day to be about the apology, to be above political

wrangling.
Yorta Yorta Elder Colin Walker
was not surprised by Dr Nelson,
but moved by Mr Rudd's speech.

"Now something has to happen, now the world knows," he

I talked to Dr Atkinson, who seemed cautiously pleased. He was critical of Dr Nelson's speech and the way that he tried to undermine the integrity of the

But he spoke of the great relief

and also of the sense of justice he now felt for his family member, an aunty who was taken away and never came back because she died in Cootamundra.

He said it was a start, a foundation from which to go forward with a plan of action for

I thought about what he had said later that night in my tent by the Murray.

It almost sounded too good to be true.

But looking back on the day, this national event, I thought perhaps he was right. And like many Australians that night, I felt

FIONA DAVIS

#### YOUR POETRY

#### The Skin of Trees

The skin of trees keep falling

Let it shed until all red bare In the wind let it peel and twist Curling brown layers unfolding

And your hair and nails, dear Cover this hardness

surrounding me So that dancing swirling in the

You can calm a world and not let it die.

Leave your flesh in its newness To give us hope from underneath Letting old memories feelings,

> RACHEL DAVIDGE Old Erowal Bay, NSW

#### Sorry

Sorry for the lies you told For the children you stole Hearts that don't bleed Hearts so cold.

Leave us all in peace.

Came to this land With guns in hand An ancient culture You wish to disband.

By days and by nights Killing our people And not hearing our plights.

Now it's the future And someone has spoken Time to move on And to heal the broken.

13/2/2008

**NEVILLE JAMES DRAPER** (pictured below) Born 13 February 1973



"I am Aboriginal and proud to be. I am also proud to be Kamilaroi. I love painting and writing, and my wife and seven children

## **Keeping Your Say short and sweet**

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#### Your Poetry

#### Long ago

Long ago They dived for shellfish Sat by campfire Not long ago

They danced their stories Collected berries Not long ago

Long ago They lost their land Lost their lives Not long ago

> JODIE HAWTHORNE Marrawah, Tasmania

#### My Granny went to Cherbourg\*

My granny went to Cherbourg; she got left at the church door A baby in a shoebox cause her ma couldn't feed her any more. We think her milk had run dry, and on the road that was a very bad event So the church came to her rescue and

The MacIntyres, they raised her and though she never learnt to read or

off to Cherbourg she was sent.

She could cook and sew just like a dream and she could run a house just

My granny went to Cherbourg and

no-one even knew; She passed as white, cause you know it was the best that she could do.

So her kids wouldn't grow up outcast; they wouldn't be treated just like

Yes, she hid her Aboriginality, but when anyone important would come She'd send her kids to hide away down on the riverbank because her husband, my grandfather, well, he drank

So even though he was a white fella, she wasn't taking any chances 'Cause they took your kids off you, for the smallest of circumstances If you were Aboriginal, yes, that's that

So Granny made sure her kids they

My granny went to Cherbourg and my mother never knew I only just found out myself and my heart near broke in two

> GAIL KAY Proserpine, Old

\* Written for Gail's grandmother Emma Saunders, who was born in Goondiwindi, Queensland.

## Victory comes to those who believe

WHAT Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson was defending at the end of the day, in his speech on that momentous day in Parliament (National apology, 13 February 2008) was not just the policies of the past, but an entire way of life in this country. In our spirits, we knew that

the things he was talking about were old and dead, made null and void by the words of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the presence of our people. And little by little, as we digested the message which was both demonstrated and spoken across this land, the tide of our country will turn. We are, after all, human and our sorrow has run deep for generations.

For some of us, these words represented a turning point, allowing us to begin our journeys home. For some of us, they were the impetus to continue on; for some the power to make the final step.

Whatever the case, we will turn and walk back towards our land, we will remember our

we will begin again. Brendan Nelson represented a government now gone, which was afraid to turn and face its responsibilities in the destruction of our culture and thereby inevitably our

country. His words were simply words of fear from a man representing a dead thing and trying to find some life in it.

His allusions to the 'involuntary contribution' of Indigenous people to the building of this nation, was a justification for pastoral industries which were built on

This was the offence which jarred in our spirits, which we may not have fully understood. but which our spirits rebelled against.

These were the words which we could not accept, and nor should we ever.

What Kevin Rudd is offering is a new economy, whose foundation is truth and justice. He may not have all the

pieces to the puzzle vet, but who has?

It is only as we reject the old that we discover the new.

But the cost to our beautiful

and of a pastoral and farming industry which has seen the destruction of so much of our land is self-evident, It is self-evident in the

droughts and the broken song lines. It is reflected in poisoned waterholes and flooded creeks.

It is evident in the acres of forest and rainforest destroyed to make way for wheat and

It is evident in the destruction of wildlife and native vegetation.

And it is most evident in the destruction of the way of life for generations of Indigenous people whose hearts were broken over being made to sit on the sidelines and watch their country die. To inflict this sorrow on us

was no different to taking our children out in front of us

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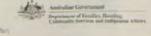
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# Now we can be truly accepted

I AM a Filipino Australian woman from Sydney and I travelled to Canberra to attend the national apology on 13 February 2008. I was there with an Aboriginal man from the Northern Territory, an Aboriginal woman from Sydney, a Spanish couple visiting from Barcelona and a Bangladeshi Australian man from Canberra.

Like others beside me, looking at the big screen and listening to Kevin Rudd on that historic occasion, I was deeply moved by the acknowledgment of wrongdoing from the lips of the Prime Minister of Australia on behalf of the Australian Government and Parliament.

Devoid of ideological and political pointscoring, his speech which he himself wrote has made us all proud that Australia has been able to retrieve her human face.

And now, we new settlers can begin to feel truly accepted as Australians. Now I believe that the colour bar which I intuitively feel still operates and works against us, will start to



Deborah Ruiz, third from the right, with friends from Tranby Aboriginal College at the national apology to the Stolen Generations in Canberra on 13 February.

The former leadership made us feel that we live in a deeply

And now, what I see is a beacon of hope, a concerted effort to right the wrong, and an

opportunity to show respect for our first peoples and embrace the sanctity of the land which we all share.

I also took note of what some of those I travelled with on that day said and share their words here (below) with their

> DEBORAH RUIZ WALL Newtown, Sydney

#### AUNTY ALI GOLDING

An Aboriginal Elder from Little Bay in Sydney

If you gather up all the sobs today and imagine that all together they form a pool of water, all these tears gathered up represent the beginning of healing for our people. It's time for this healing now... so much bitterness and anger in the past. It will be heart and compassion now. For me, it's a new beginning, a new history, a renewal of history. It will be a lot of work from this day on. We need to keep in close contact with Kevin Rudd, and give him encouraging on. We need to keep in close contact with Kevin Rudd, and give him encouraging words. I am starting to write my own autobiography and the timing is perfect... to start my book when Australia is turning a new page in its history. I'm lucky it's happening this way. I wonder what the next generation will think in years to come of Rudd's speech from the heart.

#### **SERGI TURCH and** ANAIS FRANQUESA

Visitors from Barcelona, Spain

Anaïs: My brother is living in East Gippsland, Victoria, and we came here to visit him. We started to learn a bit about Australian history, and we discovered that the 26th of January is the celebration of Australia Day. We thought about Aboriginal rights. We checked the internet and found out about the Tent Embassy. We came here (to Canberra). We've been here for a few days and we knew that on the 12th of February, there was another 'converge'. We came to make that connection, I was working in human rights in Barcelona for a non-government organisation (NGO). I am



Anaïs Franquesa and Sergi Turch, from Barcelona, Spain.

scandalised to see that there are two histories in Australia.

Sergi: We were interested in Aboriginal issues before. After here, we will go to Mexico (to be) with the Aboriginal people there. We were searching here about Aboriginal people. My passion started when I was in Mexico five years ago and I was already working with Aboriginal people. Spanish people did the same in South America. Colonisation is always the same. When you look at it directly from the people who suffer, you really feel disheartened.

#### KAMRUL KHAN

A Bangladeshi Australian man from Canberra

We have expected this 'Sorry' from the leadership for a long time. We migrated here, It was a shame that the previous

leadership couldn't say 'sorry'. After a long struggle from different parts of the country - Aboriginal people and others who migrated here - in the end, we have now achieved the declaration given by the leadership. We are really proud of it. People calling me from overseas say to me, you know, your leadership doesn't say 'sorry' to the Aboriginal people-they belong to this country. They own this country.

They (the Australian Government) should say 'sorry'. Now I can tell my friends all over the world and in Bangladesh that, yes, the leadership now says 'sorry' to the Aboriginal people and that it will honour (their) rights. So it is really quite a happy day for us (to see) that the leadership has apologised to the Indigenous people. I join this gathering on behalf of the Bangladeshi community... some couldn't come here. We came here with some friends from Sydney in solidarity with the current leadership of the Australian Government.



A Bangladeshi group offered solidarity

#### YOUR POETRY

When I hear silence and just the lightest sounds, I will look up in the dark sky and

I see the stars shining, shining so like lights, Shining with the moon, together so bright.

I see a shooting star race across So I quickly make a wish and hope it comes true.

I wish for a falling star to come crashing down, I'll cover up my star and keep it

> SHANI-RAYE ROMAN-NELSON Aged 9 yrs Via email

#### **Victory comes** to those who believe

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and killing them. It caused a sorrow in our hearts that has caused many of us to simply give up the ghost and

As we become used to this meek man who is attempting to lead us into a new dawn, we will appreciate

his humility.

We will lose the memory and even the need of some charismatic and slightly demented politician who was leading us over a cliff to our own destruction, and we will remember the old paths and return to our ways.

Sorry Day will go down in history as an end to genocide. And as a testament to this, I offer this poem which has been published across the world, that victory comes to those who believe, who do not sell their souls for a mess of pottage and who inevitably endure to the end.

SHARON LIVERMORE

#### Beneath Clouds

Beneath Clouds, we wait; Just as we have always waited, Waited for the kangaroo, the emu

Waited for the winds to change: Waited for the turning of the

So we too could turn and walk towards the sea.

Beneath Clouds, we wait Growing stronger every day; Waiting for the ground to turn to dust, And the waterhole to dry To a small still drop And foreign beasts to die of thirst. Then we will turn And walk towards our land.

We will unlock her secrets With our dance And we will sing a lullaby To make you sleep, perhaps to die; And out of our land, Will spring new life, new world And hope and joy At last a better day; Beneath Clouds.





#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**FAMILIES NSW** 

#### BOTANY BAY COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT RYDE COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

Families NSW is an initiative of the NSW Government to support parents and carers who are raising children under eight years of age.

#### Expression of Interest: 2008/2011

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are invited from local government and non-profit community organisations for the provision of the following services in the Metro Central Region Families NSW areas of South East and Northern Sydney.

Total funding allocated to the Botany Bay Community Hub Project is \$350,000. This includes a one-off establishment amount of \$20,000 from the 2007/08 Families NSW budget and a fixed term three-year renewable allocation of \$110,000 from each of the 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 Families NSW budgets.

Total funding allocated to the Ryde Community Hub Project is \$350,000. This includes a one-off establishment amount of \$20,000 from the 2007/08 Families NSW budget and a three-year fixed term renewable allocation of \$110,000 from each of the 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 Families NSW budgets.

The two separate Community Hub Projects will operate within the City of Botany Bay Local Government Area for South East Sydney and the Ryde Local Government Area for Northern Sydney. Applicants are encouraged to apply to auspice either one or both locations within the Department of Community Services Metro Central region.

The Community Hub Projects will provide services to families and children in their ific area and link key child and family service providers to participating families. Each Hub will assist parents from that area with social networks, parenting skills, information and referrals to local services. Each project will be purchased for a three-

The closing date for the submission of Expression of Interest is (COB) Friday 4 April.

Information packages are available from Glenda Beattle Families NSW Community Project Officer by phoning 98150722 or email Glenda Beattle@community.nsw.gov. au or visit www.community.nsw.gov.au.

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### **Your Say**

## Thank you, Kevin Rudd

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

crying, and through our tears laughing, smiling with joy for the long-awaited from an Australian government.

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

Today, hopefully, we can move on

NAJELLA GREEN Palm Beach, Qld

#### lemma promoting WITH the long overdue 'Sorry' from our Prime Minister, I was dismayed to more Stolen see one particular item in your 13 February edition reported so uncritically. On Page 41 you carried a story from NSW Premier Generations

care places boost'. Please go back to the 1997 HREOC Bringing Them Home report about the Stolen Generations. There, you will see clearly outlined case after case of the harm done to children through their removal from their parents and families.

Morris lemma about 'Foster

Repeatedly, the report also refers to authorities, experts and academics who point out the short and long-term harm done to children through their removal. And, one statistical example highlights just one of the worst problems with foster care. Almost 30 per cent of all girls taken into foster care were sexually abused by their approved carers (Page 162).

There is far too much emphasis on removing children from their parents and families on the assumption that a child

is being 'rescued'. Children need their own families and their own parents. This is an inescapable social and biological fact of life, a fact which our society ignores at its peril.

Deprived of them, too many children grow up into disaffected, dysfunctional, incapable of forming lasting



sincere relationships and who are prone to suicide.

Bad parents are better than no parents.

Government departments concerned with child safety tend to ignore these basic facts of life. They ignore these same lessons pointed out very clearly by the HREOC Bringing Them

taken into 'out of home care' are now escalating alarmingly.

Unfortunately, government departments are more concerned with policing child welfare than with actual welfare.

Instead, they need to focus on pro-active 'welfare' in order to make parents and families less dysfunctional, more effective and safe for children This is in the best interests of children. Removal into foster

There are undoubtedly cases of successful, loving and nurturing foster care, but the overall track record is bad. That is why our Prime Minister has at long last said 'Sorry'

Morris lemma does not seem to have learned from the Bringing Them Home report. He should be ashamed that there are 12,700 children in NSW in out-of-home care. Yet what he is promoting is the creation of yet further dysfunction and more Stolen Generations

SIMON GLEN

### Why did this death happen?

I FELT so sad to read of the tragic death of the father of five little children in the prison van.

How can we allow things like this to still happen in Australia?

Why was this Elder being carted off such a distance? It appears to be rather suspicious for such an offence (drink-driving).

Why was the decision made to cart this man such a distance in such dreadful heat? Was there any air-conditioning in the van? I ask: Where was the duty of care in this

What a cruel way to die and all unnecessary for something like this to happen at such an important time as 'Sorry Day', which should make us all feel happy, but this poor family will never forget such a sad day in their lives.

I am not a letter-writer as you can see, but I did write to WA Premier Alan Carpenter and WA MP Ben Wyatt.

> **AUDREY HINE** Wanneroo, WA

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access details: User name: bwkm And keep on

Date of birth

## Friendships on the internet

OVER the past eight years or so, there has been a group going online where you can share your news, ideas, poems, photos, family research, support each other through times of illness, sadness, loneliness and happy times etc. We started it as somewhere for Aboriginal

people and their friends to meet and make more friendships. The group is safe for children to

We have been going for a while, some members have met and found strong friendship bonds, some of us have found family.

We'd like to issue an invitation to anyone who is interested to come along and join us here, it's free to join. http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/Koori

> LIZ AND HEIDI LOCKE Wollongong, NSW



Liz, left, and Heidi Locke.

### Two sets of rules

that yet another priest has been found guilty of sexually abusing a

I was also amazed to read the statistic that show between 1990-2000, 450 child sexual saults by church workers were dealt with by the Australian

This common occurrence highlights a total abuse of trust and power on the young and vulnerable.

Government will do to ensure that members of the clergy will not strike again.

I wonder if they will send armed forces in to man the churches every Sunday?

Will they introduce a pornography ban on all members of the churches?

Will they send doctors to do compulsory checks of all children who have attended church (with

or without parental consent)? Will they start quarantining the ension cheques of all members

of the clergy?, Just as they have done to Aborigines in the Northern Territory

NALA MANSELL-McKENNA Youth Worker, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Hobart, Tas



NALA MANSELL-MCKENNA

## Efficacy, safety of fluoridation

I HAVE read Terrence Kiernan's letter Fluoride: Beware the dangers (Koori Mail, 30 January) and would like to clarify a few points for

I would like to highlight that the National Health and Medical Research Council's 2007 review of fluoride and its effects on health recommended that putting fluoride in drinking water remains the most effective and socially equitable way to prevent dental caries (tooth

The review recommends that water be fluoridated in the target range of 0.6 to 1.1 mg/L, depending on climate, to balance the reduction of dental caries and occurrence of dental fluorosis (yellowing or mottling of the teeth).

This recommendation raises three issues Firstly, and most importantly, current evidence supports the caries-preventing effect of fluoride Secondly, this result is effective within a specified range, acknowledging that beyond that range

there are some risks of mild dental fluorosis. Finally, concerns have been raised that some northern hemisphere countries have stopped fluoridating water supplies due to the health risks.

This is due to high naturally occurring fluoride levels. Australia's naturally occurring fluoride levels, on the other hand, are well below the range that guarantees a dental benefit. The NHMRC's recent review of the latest

scientific evidence provides assurance to the health and general community that Australia would benefit from having fluoridated water.

For more information, I encourage people to view the NHMRC's public statement and final report of the review at http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/news/media/relo7/\_files/ Fluoride\_Flyer.pdf

> PROFESSOR WARWICK ANDERSON Chief Executive Officer, NHMRC Canberra, ACT

### Where's the scientific analysis?

Referring to Sharon Livermore's comments (Koori Mail, 16 January) regarding water fluoridation . . . it is well known that the winner of the 2000 Greek Australian of the Century Award, Dr Archie Kalokerinos (awarded for his work in regional communities), is against water fluoridation. particularly for Aboriginal communities, describing this as another toxin for their already

overloaded systems.
Mr John Irving, Project
Manager North Coast Area Health Service, has twice been asked for specific details of peer reviewed, scientific testing of water fluoridation and the Indigenous community. He has never been able to provide

There is plenty of scientific evidence of adverse health effects caused by water fluoridation, the latest being the US National Research Council (NRC) Report, which found overwhelming evidence of harm caused, even with low levels of fluoride, such as that found in water fluoridation.

As is common with all toxins (fluoridation chemicals also contain arsenic, lead, cadmium and mercury as well as other industrial waste) introduced to

our systems, the members of society who have least access to good nutrition and health care are the ones who suffer the

Sadly, ARCPOH (Australian Research Council Population Oral Health Child Dental Report 2000) and SOKS (Save Our Kids Smiles 2004) reports have both shown unfluoridated areas with better permanent teeth than 50-year fluoridated Sydney and Nambucca

Although, as admitted by Australian and State Government departments. there are no peer-reviewed. double blind studies being undertaken in Australia into effects of water fluoridation on the population in general; in America studies have been undertaken which show additional harm to the African-American community.

NSW Health department has admitted to having 'neither the scientific knowledge nor academic expertise' to answer any questions at all on water fluoridation (see attached).

Former NSW Health Minister John Hatzistergos (now Attorney-General) could not answer as to the exact chemical analysis of this product, neither can current NSW Health

Minister Reba Meagher. Why are NSW Health unable

to reveal adverse health effects found in their own invasive, ongoing testing (including blood and urine sampling) into water workers who handle the fluoridation chemicals?

> PATRICIA WHEELDON President, Citizens Against Fluoridation Mid North Coast Inc Port Macquarie, NSW

#### Correspondence on fluoride is now closed

The issue of fluoridation in Australian communities has generated a lot of discussion and debate on our Your Say pages. Here, again, are arguments for and against

the practise.

We believe all sides have now had ample opportunity to comment so these are the last letters we will publish on the issue for the foreseeable future.

### Your POETRY

#### Star-Dancing **Two Fires**

(Dedicated to the Ngunnawal people of the Canberra region)

A star moves across midnight

'It's my spirit!' A Ngunnawal

From moon-traced dusty bush-land

To Biamai\* he chants with joy For his star-spun spirit place. As star-spirits leap and dance On the breeze-brushed

So in the brilliance above him Tonight his spirit is dancing.

He dots his limbs with clay To mimic these water-stars, So when hollow sticks are His limb-stars leap and

His fellow tribesmen gather Rubbing dry sticks together; Soon two fires are blazing

One fire celebrates words Chanted at corroborees, To the drone of didgeridoos; Ritual carvings on trees and

Revering age-old beliefs. Skilfully shaped boomerangs, Spears and woomeras Stones edge-chipped and sharpened or axe-heads, scrapers or

The second fire celebrates How those of the Ngunnawai

Have lived as one with nature, In timeless harmony With the heavens, scrublands

The Elders protecting their

young, The young respecting their Elders Within an eternal Dreaming.

These men circle both fires; Stamping and clapping as They thrill to the day's hunt

With wallabies lightly-leaping, Possums and wombats

vatching, While wild-eyed night birds are circling.

Djuringa\*\* - touched these Star-dance amidst moon Till early dawn subdues All spirits of the night.

Sun-roused on limbs of ghost gums, Cockatoos rise screeching in

Shrill messengers of light.

ANNE FAIRBAIRN AM Woollahra, NSW

Biamai: An Aboriginal word for the great God, the Creator.

"Djuringa: An Aboriginal word for 'All that is sacred.

# **SA Govt seeking** to 'deny justice'

State of South Australia, in the administration of justice to Indigenous Australians, use the tactics of (former Japanese dictator)Tojo. "The Japanese Supreme Court's 2007 ruling in favour of Korean hibakusha medical compensation rights represents an important, though only partial, victory. The decision denied these Korean atomic victims, who were forced labourers at Mitsubishi's Hiroshima Shipyard, compensation for unpaid wages. Resolving outstanding forced labour cases, as well as fully recognising, apologising and compensating all hibakusha (victims of atomic vlasts in Japan), requires a broader international solution of 'mutual apology and mutual compensation' by both Japan and the United States

- Dr David Palmer, Adelaide, 'Korean Hibakusha, Japan's Supreme Court and the International Community: Can the US and Japan Confront Forced Labour and Atomic Bombing?' (published in Cornell University's online journal Japan Focus, Feb 2008.)

The State will seek to overturn the central elements of the judgment that awarded Aboriginal man Bruce Trevorrow \$775,000 for being illegally taken from his parents 51 years ago. The move, announced yesterday by South Australian Attorney-General Michael Atkinson, has the potential to delay for years a statutory compensation fund for Stolen Generations victims.

P Akerman, J Roberts, published in The Australian newspaper, 29 February.

Will (SA Premier Mike) Rann confront the reality of our past actions, or will his Government perpetuate them? I think it improper for taxpayers to condone a denial of justice and decency

PAUL LANGLEY



#### An emotional journey

A very emotional day, Came our way. The day Kevin 07 spoke his mind, The word of sorry, three times.

A very emotional day when we cried, Black and white and all. I'm sorry for the ancestors, who did not hear those words, We felt sorry for them, now we feel a bit better

But I'm sorry because

You can't give back our childhood

'I'm Sorry, I'm Sorry, I'm Sorry'

A very emotional day, when the man spoke with his heart. That he did. We only wish that he really know Now, what we really felt, When he said

CROW, an ex-Kinchela Boy (1963-1970) Burnt Bridge Mission, Kempsey, NSW

### **Under-representation** at PM's 2020 Summit

THE first 100 days of the new Prime Minister present a truly promising record with the exception of the composition of the Australia 2020 Summit Committee.

While women's underrepresentation is very disappointing, the lack of even one non-English-speaking background (NESB) representative is equally dead wrong!

First and second generation NESB migrants comprise probably well over 35 per cent of the population now and that figure is growing rapidly. Yet, the committee's composition has a predominantly WAAM character (White Anglo-Australian and Male).

Research I did in 1996 provided clear evidence that NESB I and II

were then severely under-represented in senior decision-making roles, eg, in parliaments, public services, the judiciary, corporate boards, universities, and the police forces.

Well, the deed is done. Hopefully the imbalance can be corrected still with the 1000 now to be selected for the Summit, but rumours have it that many have already been co-opted without even an application.
Given the WAAM composition of

the Steering Committee, a very conscious effort should be made to ensure proper gender and multicultural representation.

> KLAAS WOLDRING Pearl Beach, NSW

#### YOUR POETRY

#### Who am I?

Happy and cheerful with my family one day With tears and screams I was taken away Put into a Aboriginal children's home Who was I to turn to? Where was I to go?

The sisters were nice and looked after us Until the sad day my friends were put on the bus The bus took them away from me because they were too dark

They were sent to be slaves, because our skin

I was so lonely and so sad Just because of our skin colour we are judged as

Then my day came to leave Bomaderry
To turn white and to be put in a white family

As I got on the train I couldn't stop crying Why did the matron make me leave? Why am I

still going? As I got off the train I felt like everyone was

Watching the dark girl that was approaching

Now I live in Sydney with my white family Why do I have to be white? Why can't I be me? To white people I am introduced as the coloured

Why do people act like that? It's like I've been

On Australia Day I am going to fight Against the government for our Aboriginal rights Fight to be with my real family and fight to be free For I am an Aboriginal and proud to be me.

> KATE HUGHES Fauconbridge, NSW

#### 1 Remember

I remember A childhood of not Not Aboriginal Not different Not black

A childhood of lost Lost identity Lost Home

A childhood of shame Shame to tell Shame to be myself It is a shame that we do not accept each Just the way we are.

HAYLEE JOHNSON.

#### We have

We have cried the Tears. We have felt the Feelings, We have touched the We have laughed the same We have heard what there is to be Heard. We have talked all Talk. We have smelt the roses and Daisies, We have thought the Thoughts, We have stepped the same Steps, We have learnt the things to Acknowledge, We have fought the same Fears, We have wrote the things we Needed, We have grown 'til we

> CAITLYN MARTIN Yorta Yorta, Aged 11

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The Koori Mail welcomes your letters and poems. Please keep them brief and to the point and on matters of relevance

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Doc Reynolds in the art gallery of he and wife Robyne's award-winning tour business Kepa Kurl.

# **Tour family** in fine state

By DARREN COYNE



learn more about the Esperance region in Western Australia, there's perhaps no better way than to give

the Reynolds family a call.
Ron 'Doc' and Robyne
Reynolds run an Indigenous tour
company in the region that has just been recognised for its excellent customer service.

Kepa Kurl Eco-cultural Discovery Tours took out the Tourism Retailer section of the inaugural Elite Awards last month.

The Elite Awards recognise excellence in customer service for tourism businesses throughout Western Australia, and are an initiative of Tourism Council WA.

The recognition adds to previous success for the Reynolds, whose tour business was named top Indigenous operator at the 2006 Western Australian Tourism Awards.

Doc Reynolds said the success of Kepa (water) Kurl (boomerang) could be attributed to is its intimate nature.

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Taking groups of no more than 12 people at a time, Doc shares his local knowledge with visitors from around the globe. He takes them to places of local significance, including historical landmarks and spiritual sites, providing not only a tour of high quality, but also of educational

value.

The Reynolds created the business four years ago to provide what Doc described as 'my black-and-white view of our culture and history in a way that can be digested by people and give them a new awareness and make them receptive to our point of view'. "The cultural landscapes and seascapes (not only) remind." and seascapes (not only) remind us of the beauty (of the region) but of how our dreaming stories were created," he said.

"There are five appreciation points for our culture - land,



Kepa Kurl tour patrons enjoy a visit to one of the many beautiful places around Esperance.

language, law, family (or kinship

systems) and spirit.

Mr Reynolds, who has lived in
the Esperance region all his life,
reckons he is practically related
to every person of Indigenous
descent, and had to leave the
area to not married. area to get married. His wife Robyne is from

Bunbury in WA, and the couple have two daughters.

Mrs Reynolds attributed the company's success to 'plenty of hard work' and a deep love and respect for Western Australia.

#### Beautiful

"It's a big, beautiful, happy State, not all rushed like the east coast. We're very proud of our State and that comes from our parents who have passed on their cultural knowledge to us," she told *The Koori Mail*.

Mrs Reynolds said running the tour business, which also has a allery component specialising in Noongyar art, was rewarding

You have a lot of ups and downs and sometimes you want to shut up shop for a while, or just go on holidays, but you work through it," she said.

She gave the tip that word of outh was the best form of marketing, and that meant

providing visitors - who often became friends - with a great holiday they would talk about long

The Reynolds also believe in helping other Indigenous people get a start in business. And they believe in being actively involved in community affairs.

Doc Reynolds, who is a local shire councillor, has held many management positions in the community, and is a Mirning (Nullarbor) traditional owner. He is chair of the WA

Aboriginal Lands Trust, and when not running his own tours spends time touring the State and overseas promoting the work of Kepa Kurl, and the work of the Indigenous Land Council.

He and the family are part of the Eastern end of the Noongar

peoples of Western Australia.

Mrs Reynolds is also involved with the local tourism board and her sister Gail runs the consultancy side of the business and sits on the State Indigenous Tourism Board.

Mrs Reynolds told The Koori Mail, however, that the tours were slowing down for the season, and the family was looking forward to a little more time to 'chill out', and enjoy their home State.





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Department of Local Government and Regional Development Government of Western Australia

Local Government Advisory Board Call for Public Submissions

#### Inquiry into Local Government Service Delivery to Indigenous Communities

The Local Government Advisory Board (the Board) is conducting an Inquiry into Local Government Service Delivery to Indigenous Communities in Western Australia. The terms of reference for the inquiry are as follows-

- The core services that local government should provide to agreed categories of Indigen
- The legislative and financial impediments to local government providing services to discrete. Indigenous communities: The potential for local governments to deliver services, including essential services.
- The Commonwealth/State funding arrangements that should be negotiated to imreforms to municipal service provision
- Accountability arrangements and issues of field funding versus unfield funding;
- . How the participation by Indigenous people in local government can facilitate are delivery; and
- The role of local governments in relation to Indigunous community gov

The Board encourages public participation in its inquiry and it is especiely important that indigenous people and communities, local governments and other interested parties participate by making a submission to the inquiry. There is no set format for a submission.

To assist with the preparation of a submission the Board has developed an information pap which is available from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development's website at: http://www.digrd.wa.gov.au/LocalGovt/AdvisoryBoard/Currentinguines.asp For further information about the inquiry or making a submission please contact Ross Earnshaw on 9217 1800.

Submissions must be received by 4pm on Friday 4 April 2008:

Local Government Advisory Board

E-mail: advisory.ppard@d.grd.wa.gov.au

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## Circular Quay service honour for Alan Dargin



Members of the Dargin family gathered at Circular Quay in Sydney for Alan Dargin's memorial tribute.

# Remembering a didg master



Alan Dargin's daughter Madison Rose is comforted at the service.

Story and photos by DARREN COYNE



ALAN Dargin would have appreciated the irony of money being collected at his memorial service in Sydney last week

The didgeridoo master, who died recently from complications from a stroke aged 40 years, had spent decades busking for cash at Circular Quay, sharing his unique style of Indigenous music with countless visitors to

But when he wasn't busking, Dargin was catching 'planes to Europe like other people take buses', according to his long-time friend and fellow didge player, Janawirri Forrest.

For more than 20 years, the Wiradjuri man played his 'stick' - as he called the yidaki or didgeridoo given to him by his grandfather from Arnhem Land - to audiences around the globe.

His mastery of the instrument was recounted by speaker after speaker at the memorial service held in First Fleet Park.

The service began with a traditional smoking ceremony at Pier Three, where Dargin had busked for years, and followed a procession of family, friends and dancers to the park

After a Welcome to Country by Gadigal Elder Allen Madden, they listened to a stirring song by Aboriginal song man Johnny Huckle, and then were led in prayer by Pastor Ray Minniecom.
Fellow musician Michael Atherton, who

Dargin collaborated with on the Bloodwood and Crosshatch albums described his friend as a 'brother'. T called each other Mr A and Mr D. "His energy, passion, his personality, won me over immediately," Mr Atherton said.

On their first album, Bloodwood, Atherton told the gathering that the first track was called Virtuoso Didge as a testament to Dargin's talent, but also as a statement to classically trained musicians who had failed to realise the depth and value of the instrument.

"His technique was like no other, and would be the envy of classical and jazz



The Koomurri Dancers make their way to First Fleet Park where the memorial to Alan Dargin was held.

players for his breath control and

"His trademark was to lock into a driving rhythm then accelerate as if to go further, faster, harder than anyone else. It

was excuring.
Professional photographer Lisa
Hogben, who photographed Dargin for
many years, spoke of his 'wicked sense of
humour' and deep love for his daughter

"Sometimes in the last couple of months it seemed to me he was aging like

the landscape does over centuries, it was indeed like he was becoming the landscape and I am sure he knew he was

"Alan Dargin was to me one of the special people of this world. He could do a star turn just like the likes of Paris Hilton or

be a laughingly satirical comedian.

leaving this particular realm. But Al was always like that, of this earth but not of this earth," she said.

articulation," he said.

was exciting.

"He was a gentle, poetic soul and a grumpy old man at times, but what singled him out from so many people was his

great humanity."

As an actor, Dargin appeared in The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert, in Fringe Dwellers, and he filmed a documentary about Cape York with Jacques Cousteau.

#### Touched so many

But it was his music which touched so many people. He supported artists including Jimmy Barnes, Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, Yothu Yindi, Jamiroquai and

He also held a degree in science from the University of Toronto.

Another friend, Melinda Rollason, spoke of Mr Dargin's unreleased album, MRD, named after his daughter Madison Rose Dargin.

Each track, duetted with instruments

as diverse as sitar, trumpet and steel drums, brought out a different subtlety to his brilliance, and ability to play what and where the song needed him," she said.

She also read a message from guitarist Tommy Emmanuel, who was on tour in Nashville and unable to make the service.

"Alan and I had a lot of fun working together, I always felt a brothers spirit with him," Emmanuel wrote.

"He was a man of the world yet still possessed the cultural knowledge of his

Now, friends of Mr Dargin's are planning to release the MRD album in April, to ensure that his legacy lives on. and that his daughter receives the benefits of the release.

Towards the end of the service, a group of didgeridoo players joined together to 'sing' Mr Dargin's spirit home.

The resulting symphony was a fitting tribute to a remarkable life.



A lone didgeridoo player serenades a picture of Alan Dargin at the spot he busked at Circular Quay.

## **Electricity provider** joins jobs program



SOUTH Australian distributor ETSA Utilities has signed on as

for Indigenous employment. Federal Employment Brendan O'Connor said in Adelaide that more than business leaders had participated in the generate more jobs for indigenous Australians "Today's event is

timely given the steps the Rudd Government has made in introducing the 'Welcome to Country' ceremony for the opening of Parliament and the Prime Minister's apology to Australia's Indigenous people," Mr O'Connor said,

"During that occasion, the Prime Minister spoke of a partnership for the future and closing the gap in three

key areas - life expectancy, educational achievement and employment

"I am delighted that ETSA Utilities has joined up as a partner with the Australian Government to lead the way In developing practical responses to Indigenous employment.

'Providing better access to private sector jobs for Indigenous job-seekers is important in securing economic independence for Indigenous Australians'

> ETSA Utilities has set a target of employing 12 Indigenous apprentices and three business trainees in 2009 and has already recruited seven Indigenous people as apprentices or business trainees as well as

some longer-term Indigenous

employees. ETSA also recently appointed an Indigenous Project Officer to help the organisation achieve its targets and support its

Indigenous employees Mr O'Connor said Indigenous Australians were a key component of the workforce of Australia.

employment participation is one of the five key measures the Rudd Government has outlined to tackle the former Liberal Government's inflation legacy," he said. "There are

compelling economic reasons to look at alternative labour

pools and more flexible

employment strategies.
"Providing better access to private sector jobs for Indigenous job-seekers is important in securing Indigenous Australians

# Campaigner dead at 75



Australian stalwart Sid Spindler has died on his 50th

wedding anniversary, aged 75, with his wife by his side.

The former senator died on 1 March in Melbourne's Epworth Hospital after a year-long battle

Born in Poland to German parents, Mr Spindler was an outspoken member of the Federal Parliament between 1990 and 1996 who helped establish the Australian Democrats and worked as an adviser to party founder the late

His last day was spent with his family by his bedside, holding the hands of his grandchildren and saying goodbye, despite the pain speaking caused him, his widow, Julia Spindler, said.

Mrs Spindler said Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations on February 13 was an emotional day for the couple.

"I was so, so glad he survived long enough to see it happen, because he's worked for that and a treaty with Indigenous people for many years and he was so thrilled, so thrilled, very very happy with what the Prime Minister said and did," she said

Democrats Senator Natasha Stott Despoja said she had lost 'a friend, mentor and colleague'. She said Mr Spindler was a tireless advocate for social

"He worked the hardest, longest hours," she said.
"He picked apart legislation,

encapsulating what it was to provide a check on power and moved many amendments to improve bills as well as initiating policy, private member's bills and inquiries."

'I was so glad he survived long enough to see (the apology), because he's worked for that and a treaty with Indigenous people for many years and he was so thrilled ... '

Mrs Spindler said her husband's campaigning for justice over 40 years came from his background as a Polish

immigrant.
"Coming from war-torn Europe as a migrant ... having to live under regimes that were dictatorial, when he arrived (in Australia) to see a country ruled by law and living at peace, he

thought that he was in heaven," she said.

"He wanted Australia to be just, that was why he worked for Indigenous rights.

Democrats Leader Lyn Allison said Mr Spindler's death was a great loss to the party and Australian politics.
She told ABC Radio he

would be remembered for his work with Indigenous Australia and the disadvantaged, and she was saddened to hear of his

"I think that Sid was holding out hope with treatment until the end as far as I can see, so we all were hoping with him that this would work, but it was not to be," she said.

In Parliament, Mr Spindler spoke out in support of Aborigines, refugees, prisoners, pensioners, taxpayers and the environment. He also campaigned against child labour and sexual discrimination.

After retiring from the Senate, Mr Spindler and his family established the Towards a Just Society Fund in 2002. The fund distributes

\$200,000 annually to help Aboriginal students.

Mr Spindler is survived by

Julia, his four children Kerry, Chris, Lindy and Bec, and four grandchildren.

His funeral was held in Melbourne last week. - AAP





#### Sydney Catchment Authority Western Sydney Groundwater Investigation Project

#### Notification and Registration of **Aboriginal Interests**

The Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) invites Aboriginal groups and individuals to register their interest in upcoming consultations for the SCA's Western Sydney Groundwater Investigations.

The SCA is investigating the potential of using groundwater to contribute to Sydney's water supply during severe drought. Initial drilling tests in the Western Sydney area (Leonay, Emu Plains, Wallacia) identified a significant source of groundwater. An initial assessment will now be conducted on the viability of constructing a borefield.

Areas that will be potentially impacted include. Leonay, Emu Plains, Wallacia and Mulgoa

Aboriginal consultation will assist in identifying the impacts that this proposed project may have on Aboriginal communities and their heritage and we would greatly value your involvement in the process.

If you would like to take part, please contact Donna Sowry on 1300 722 468, or email donna.sowry@sca.nsw.gov.au, or fax 02 4721 0951 or write to:

Donna Sowry Community Relations Sydney Catchment Authority PO Box 323 Penrith NSW 2751

Expressions of interest close on 20 March 2008.





#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ABORIGINAL FAMILY WORKER ST GEORGE/SUTHERLAND PROJECT

Families NSW is a coordinated, whole-of-government initiative to help parents and carers give their children a good start in life, to help them connect with each other for support and to help them prevent problems instead of having to cope with more serious issues further down the track.

Research has shown that prevention and early intervention services, which address a broad range of issues and are provided as part of a coordinated network, can help nurture growth during the crucial years of a child's early development. They also provide critical support to parents.

#### Expression of Interest: 2008 / 2011

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are invited from non-profit community organisations. particularly those with experience working with Indigenous communities, as well as local government councils for the provision of an Aboriginal Family Worker Project in the St George and Sutherland areas.

An amount of \$110,000 per annum (3 year fixed term period) is available to provide this service. An additional \$20,000 will be provided for set-up.

The project will employ locally based worker/s to improve the outcomes and wellbeing of Aboriginal families with young children by providing support for parenting, supported playgroups and access to appropriate service

For more details, including an information package, call Lynn Cohen Families NSW Community Project Officer on 8303-6531 or email Lynn.Cohen@community. nsw.gov.au or visit www.community.nsw.gov.au,

The closing date for the submission of Expression of Interest is (COB) Friday 4 April 2008.

The act of inviting Expressions of Interest does not commit the Department of Community Services to the provision of funding for any prospective service provider.

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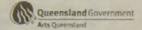
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nder Number: 2007.08/009

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Closing Date: 2.00pm Wednesday 2nd April 2008

#### **Applications for Grant Under the Tenants Advice** and Advocacy Program

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## Sydney Metropolitan

#### Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management **Authority Aboriginal Advisory Committee**

Applications are sought from Aboriginal Community members living within or connection to the Sydney Metropolitan (Metro) Catchreeot 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 Turrimetta Head in the north to Stanwell park in the south and out of Prospect servoir 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 comm

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

For an Information and Application Form contact: Johanna Brown

Applications close: Friday 28th March 2008



Participants at a forum last month hosted by the Redfern Babana Aboriginal Men's Group.

## Men have their say



ALMOST 50 Aboriginal males Redfern last

month 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 group said.

"It is time to leave the old 'one-size-fits-all' mainstreaming approach behind. It has not helped Aboriginal communities in he past and will not work in

#### Hosts

The forum was hosted by the Redfern Babana Aboriginal Men's Group, with support from the NSW Services, NSW Housing, NSW Police and the NSW Redfern Waterloo Authority.

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, timeout spaces and healing centres were an important

"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

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

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 governmen support for genuine self-determination and culturally appropriate canacity building. appropriate capacity building among Aboriginal people.

# Govt to focus n native title



THE Federal Government will seek to negotiate more settlements to native title claims that currently clog the nation's courts

Attorney-General Robert McClelland said the Government would also try to make native title more effective in providing economic opportunities for Indigenous people.

Speaking at the Negotiating Native Title Forum in Brisbane on 29 February, Mr McClelland said he believed native title could play a crucial role in reconciliation.

But Mr McClelland said native title was 'buried in horrible complexity and strangled by technical legal argument

He said the Native Title Act had been underpinned by the principle that claims should be settled through negotiation and mediation instead of litigation.

"Regrettably that admirable intention of the Act has not been realised," he

"Anecdotally, it seems that all too often negotiations are characterised by the absence rather than the presence of good faith." - Robert McClelland

said. "Anecdotally, it seems that all too often negotiations are characterised by the absence rather than the presence of good faith."

The new Government was determined to see more and better negotiated outcomes delivered through native title. Mr McClelland said. The Government also wanted to make sure native title delivered practical benefits as well as symbolic recognition, he said.

"A native title system which delivers real outcomes in a timely and efficient way can provide Indigenous people with an important avenue of economic development," the

Attorney-General said.

Mr McClelland said he would met in July with relevant State government ministers to find a new approach to resolving native title issue

He said his department was also co-ordinating a comprehensive review of Commonwealth native title funding, to be completed by July. - AAP

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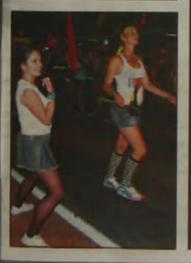












# Loud proud!

The 2008 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras was a colourful affair, especially the concluding highlight of the Mardi Gras parade on Saturday 1 March. One of the most vibrant parade entries was the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander float named ONE LOVE Feat 'Blackbooty', sponsored by ACON, the Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern and the ICC in Sydney.

The Indigenous float incorporated a 'Blackbooty' section featuring ten Indigenous drag queens, dozens of volunteer dancers, watergirls and

volunteer dancers, watergirls and waterboys, 'paparazzi' cameramen and women, role models, celebrities such as former Young Australian of the year Tania Major, and about 50 community family and friends and Elders.

The Koori Mail spoke to a tired but elated ACON Mardi Gras Co-ordinator within the Aboriginal Project, Shaun Edwards, after the event. This is what he had this to say about the loud and

n the day before the parade, with the ever-changing Sydney weather bringing rain and strong winds, we wonder what Saturday would bring. We prepared for the worst, quickly buying raincoats for all our participants. As we woke up on Saturday morning the heavens opened with clear skies, no rain or cloud in sight. It was a

skies, no rain or cloud in sight. It was a sight for sore eyes. The day rolled on and dancers and drag queens met at noon to get ready by 4pm. We then all met at our meeting spot. There was the biggest mob of blackfellas, I tell ya. They all wanna be famous, ha ha. The different groups looked amazing; people had really come to have fun. We headed to the assembly area to be met by our assistant and headed for our truck and Cadillac, where our Elders were waiting. They greeted us with open arms and They greeted us with open arms and smiles. Our truck 'Blackbooty' looked fantastic. It wasn't long before our sound guy arrived and asked if we wanted to plug our ipod in and play our track. He didn't have to ask again, we were all so excited that we automatically positioned ourselves

into order and let it rip. When that music started, the crowds gathered around our float. It was shame but exciting. We were on show for the world to see, remembering that we would probably have to do this

again seven or eight times when it officially started.

The crowd really loved our devastating show, and I think we knew this was it. We gave it a rest for a few hours and enjoyed the atmosphere, time for photos and vidoos. One that stood out was an interview by the spunky Chris Geary, who travels the world's gay parties taking footage and video. Would we appear on his website? Hope so!

Our assistant told us there was five minutes until the start so we got into order and moved up Oxford Street. Standing up on the truck, the wind was so strong it nearly blew the wigs off!

Our dancers behind the truck were going off. I could hear the crowd going mad. Our paparazzi performers were in heaven. Their faces were all smiles and excitement. We gave it all we had as we approached the judges' section at Taylor. Square. The MC, Vanessa Wagner, saw us and all I heard from her was 'black sisters this, black brothers that'. She pumped up the crowd for us. this, black brothers that. She pumped up the crowd for us. By this time, we were all dry mouths

by this time, we were all dry mouths and sore legs as our mob headed for the end of the parade, bless'em, they were on the home run. As we neared the end the dancers and the community mob, gave it one more 'giddy up'. Our official started to warn us the end was in sight and we got ready to turn the music and lights off. As we got off the truck, we all hugged one another for the massive effort. Another year all over, but what a night to year all over, but what a night to remember!

Thank you to all of those people involved in this year's float. It was well received and here's hoping we hear from New Mardi Gras about a possible award in

New Mardi Gras about a ,
the coming weeks.

Aboriginal photographer
MICHELLE BLAKELEY captured these
vibrant images of the Aboriginal
and Torres Strait
Islander parade entry.







## Sniffing outbreaks fuel calls for action



TWO recent outbreaks of petrol sniffing in central Australia have prompted calls for the non-sniffable alternative Opal to

be compulsory at outback roadhouses. Manufactured by BP, Opal has been credited with dramatically reducing petrol sniffing in Aboriginal communities since first being introduced in

But there are four NT outback roadhouses refusing to make the switch to Opal – the Ti Tree, Stewarts Well, Tilmouth Well and Rabbit Flat roadhouses

Late last month, there were two small outbreaks of sniffing, one of which occurred at the remote community of Laramba near the Tilmouth Well roadhouse, said youth worker Tristan Ray, from the Central Australian Youth Link Up -Service.

"It is very small compared to what it used to be, but we know that it doesn't take much for it to flair up into a chronic problem again," he said.

"There is no good reason why the four roadhouses cannot use

Everyone else had done it

without any major problems. In

While petrol was available out bush, Mr Ray said young adult sniffers would find it, bring it back into communities and spread the

"The roadhouses are a really obvious hole and we are calling on them to do the sensible and responsible thing," he said.

"There is the potential that the Commonwealth or Northern Territory governments could make it law, but it makes sense for local people to just take action."

Mr Ray said about ten per cent of cars, such as older or highperformance vehicles, could not use Opal.

"But they are not the sorts of cars that head out bush," he said.

Rabbit Flat roadhouse owner Bruce Farrands said he had listened to 'both sides of the

"I've heard from good sources and mechanics that (Opal) can cause problems with the older cars," he said.
"It's all really about the parents

stopping their own kids from sniffing, you can't hold everybody's hand."

Mr Farrands said he spent a lot of time and money putting in the

regular bowsers

"I am absolutely adamant that am not going through that exercise again," he said.

In December last year, there was an inquest into the death of 12-year-old boy, who died after sniffing Opal fuel at Hermannsburg, 120km west of

Alice Springs.
His passing in April was the first known casualty from sniffing the new fuel. - AAP

 See page 36 for better news of a reported petrol-sniffing decrease on South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara's Yankunyjatjara (APY) Lands

# In a league of its own

### 'Barefoot' football show hits airwaves

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



IT was an exciting night for Indigenous television when NITV aired its first

live-to-air episode of the Barefoot Rugby League

The 100-strong audience, who eagerly lined up to get into the makeshift studio at the St George Rugby League Club in suburban Kogarah, were receptive to the first episode. The Koori Mail was there too.

Host Brad Cooke was assisted by co-hosts Wes Patten and Tony Currie, the fellas managing to conquer first-night jitters to deliver lively patter.

After the show, Mr Cooke conceded to a few nerves and said he was glad to get his first show under the belt and out of the way.

"I feel unbelievable, it is great to get the first one out of the way. I think for the first 30 seconds I was nervous as hell," he told The Koori Mail.

"Television is something new to me. A lot of people don't understand that you have producers and directors talking in your ears about things



All smiles on the big night ... Panel members from NITV's first Barefoot Rugby League Show episode, from left, Tony Currie, Phillipa McDermott, Brad Cooke, Paula Maling and Ricky Walford.

"The difficult thing for me is interrupting my idols and my heroes, because my producers and directors are telling me it is time to move

onto the next segment."
Mr Cooke also said it was amazing to meet his heroes.

#### Greatest

"Viewers are going to see our greatest players from the past and our great players from today," he said.

Fellow co-host Wes Patten, who introduced players and talked to the audience from the floor, said he also felt good about the first show.

A range of special guests appeared on the show, including David Peachey,

Dean Widders, Arthur Beetson, Phillipa McDermott, and Ricky Walford. TV newcomer Eloise Watego presented a news section set to become a regular

Ms McDermott urged the Indigenous community to get behind the show.

"I thought it was really smooth and a lot of fun, and that there was a lot of great vision from the community and that is what we want,

"We really want the community to participate and get into it because it is their how. It's there for them and

it's about them." The Barefoot Rugby League Show has been a

long-held dream of Executive Producer Paula Maling. "It felt good, it felt like a

long time coming and actually going to air," she told The

"The whole reason I came up with the show idea was that I wanted blackfellas to be able to sit for an hour or so and just be entertained by

"I wanted them to just sit back and relax and not worry about tomorrow.

 The Barefoot Rugby League Show will screen from 6.30 - 8pm AEST on Thursdays on Channel 180 on FOXTEL and AUSTAR. To be a part of the studio audience call Tani Crotty on (0419) 660 763



The show's logo.



Roving reporter Wes Patten.



Show floor manager lan Callen.

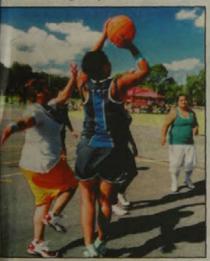




Some of the many people from across northern New South Wales who enjoyed the range of activites at the Vibe 3on3 weekend in Taree, on the NSW north coast.



Painting was part of the fun



The girls 3on3 action was hard-fought.

# 30n3 rocks Taree

THE Vibe 3on3 enjoyed a return to Taree, NSW, on the weekend of 1-2 March, with the community turning out in large numbers to join in the basketball, hip-hop and healthy action. Participants also travelled from as

far afield as Forster, Newcastle and Kempsey to take part in the travelling youth festival.

"Although we expected Taree to have a big turnout, the numbers that turned up far exceeded our expectations," said Vibe 3on3 producer Mayrah Butt after the event.

It was one of the biggest 3on3s in

"It was one of the biggest 3on3s in the event's nine-year history."
Joining the Vibe crew in Taree was former Australian Idol Casey Donovan, who recently released her new EP Eye 2 Eye.
Casey spent the weekend teaching the young participants about singing in the special Talent

Development Project (TDP) Vibe Stars tent. Young hopefuls who take part in the TDP have the chance to win a trip to Sydney to take part in a

TDP scholarships session. The local Aboriginal health service, Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre, was also there, with workers hosting a health stall over the weekend, giving locals a chance to learn more about health services available to them.

The Vibe 3on3 is a two-day Aboriginal youth weekend festival that incorporates basketball, dancing. art, culture and health. It aims to promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem.

The events are a way for health services and related organisations to introduce themselves to the wider

For more information, go to www.vibe.com.au



Former Australian Idol Casey Donovan performs for the crowd.





Action from the girls 3on3 competition.



Time to split.



Ball games were part of the Taree Vibe 3on3 action.



A Tiwi family proudly shows off jumpers representing the teams that make up the Tiwi Islands Football League. From left to right, the jumpers are: Muluwurri Magpie-Geese Magpies, Ranku Eagles, Tuyu Buffaloes, Tapalinga Super Stars, Walama Bulldogs, Imalu Tigers, Pumaralli Thunder-and-Lightning.

# Tiwi footy magic



TIWI Islanders are renowned for their passion for football.

They have been playing their annual Tiwi Islands Football League grand final for almost 40 years, drawing large crowds from around

the region.

But this year, there will be something special for those crowds to remember the day with – a new book of pictures taken during the past four years.

Tiw Footy – Yiloga is a lavishly presented 256-page photographic book by Darwin-based photographers Monica

Napper and Peter Eve.

The book celebrates every aspect of the big day, from the morning church service to the game itself and its aftermath. It will be launched at this year's Tiwi Grand Final in Nguju on 16th March.

Tiwi Grand Final in Nguiu on 16th March. Monica and Peter have spent four years gathering the images for the book, which comes with an evocative 6000-word essay by renowned Territory author Andrew McMillan and a foreword by

former Northern Territory administrator Ted Egan.

These, in turn, have been faithfully translated into the Tiwi language by a team of islanders.

President of the Tiwi Islands Football League, Bernard Tipiloura, welcomed the launch, saying: "At last, a book we can look at and relive games and days gone by." Maurice Rioli, Tiwi and

Maurice Holli, Tiwi and Richmond footballing legend, said the book showcased to great effect the playing style Tiwi footballers were renowned for.

"Tiwi players have a standalone style we call it 'Tiwi Magic," he said. For Monica Napper, who has spent

For Monica Napper, who has spent many years working as a documentary photographer here and abroad, the book "highlights the importance of community



The cover of the book, Tiwi Footy – Yiloga. Photos on this page by Monica Napper and Peter Eve

events in keeping culture strong in the face of the relentless march of globalisation."

As someone who works for the national press, Peter said the worst part of his job was dealing with the despair endemic in so many remote Aborioinal communities.

Aboriginal communities.
"But on Tiwi Grand Final day there's none of that just an infectious joy and passion for life that's impossible to withstand."

Andrew McMillian has been a regular visitor to the islands for more than two decades, first while touring with the Warumpi Band in



Flying over Apsley Strait into Nguiu on Bathurst Island. Melville Island is on the right of picture.

"Footy, people, history how could I resist?" he said.

Tiwi Footy - Yiloga will be on sale at

the Tiwl Grand Final, through selected bookshops and online at

www.tiwifootball.com.au for \$49.95 a

His essay explores the mystery of why this tiny Aboriginal island community located some 80km north of Darwin in the Timor Sea should have produced so many champion footballers.



We won, we won, Kids are the focal point of the day.



The teams concentrate on the national anthem before the game in 2006. The teams are the Muluwurri Magpie-Geese Magpies and Pumaralli Thunder-and-Lightning.

## Petrol sniffing down on the APY Lands: Report



PETROL sniffing on South Australia's Anangu Piljantjaljara's Yankunyjaljara (APY) Lands has almost halved in the

past 12 months, according to a new report.

SA Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill said surveys conducted by Nganampa Health since 2004 had recorded consistent, significant decreases in the extent of petrol sniffing on the APY Lands.

He said the 2007 survey showed a further 46 per cent fall in the number of people sniffing petrol. This followed a 60 per cent fall in the 2006 survey, and a 20 per cent drop in 2005.

It estimated 38 people have snifted petrol since the previous count, down from 222 in 2004.

At the time of the survey, it appeared sniffing was confined to

just one community.

Mr Weatherill said the consistent decrease in the number of petrol sniffers was a fantastic achievement by the APY Lands communities.

"Petrol sniffing on the APY Lands has been a significant problem for many years," he said. "It has had the devastaling effects of violence, family breakdown, disability and death."

Mr Weatherill said recent surveys had shown some encouraging results.

"One respondent in the latest survey told of how "if you sniff petrol now, you're on your own"," he said, "We attribute the dramatic

"We attribute the dramatic decrease in sniffing to the introduction of Opal Fuel, harsher penalties for trafficking in petrol, extra police and youth workers, a mobile outreach service and more activities for young people.

"We will continue with these and many other programs on the

APY Lands to rebuild the community, increase community safety and reduce the problem of petrol sniffing and other drug and alcohol use."

Mr Weatherill said while improvements had been made of the APY Lands, there were still many challenges ahead.

many challenges ahead.

He highlighted overcrowding in housing as a priority area that he was pleased to see the Rudd Government indicate it would help SA to address.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

# Babies in health clinics 23 times a year - report



HEALTH problems lead to babies in remote Arnhem Land visiting their local health clinics almost every two weeks during their first year of life, according to

The report by the Menzies School of ealth found babies visited local clinics 3 times from birth until 12 months of

Children under four checked in 16

nes a year.

Of these visits, 32 per cent were for upper respiratory tract infections while 18 per cent were for skin infections.
First presentations for scables and

skin sores in the Arnhem Land communities, about 500km east of Darwin, peaked at two months.

The researchers found that by one year of age, almost 70 per cent of children had presented with the skin

kidney and heart disease

Scabies and skin sores remain significant health problems, with this study describing a previously undocumented burden of these conditions commencing within the first few months of life," the report said. "There is a disproportionate disease

burden in remote Aboriginal communities compared with the general Australian population.

### Dire need

Associate Professor Ross Andrews, an epidemiologist at the Menzies School of Health Research, said the results highlighted the dire need for more health

"It tells all of us that what we really need at the local community level is more services," she told the ABC

"If people are just coming in the door at that rate, health clinics have a very limited chance to get outside of the clinic

to do any work at the community level."

The report, which was published by the World Health Organisation, said scabies was endemic in remote Aboriginal communities, where 'up to 50 per cent of children and 25 per cent of adults are infested at some times

Chronic overcrowding in homes, where up to 20 people can share a two bedroom house, are one of the factors contributing to its spread.

"Overcrowding provides an ideal environment for the scables mite to move from one person to another," Prof

The report said the health problems in the communities were similar to those seen in 'developing-country contexts'
"Indigenous children suffer from a

wide variety of diseases, including some rarely, if ever, seen in the non-Indigenous population since improvements in economic and living

## Countdown is on to Telstra's big Indigenous arts awards



than a month to go before entries close to Australia's richest

Indigenous art competition, organisers are urging budding and established artists to enter the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art

This year the Museum and Art Galiery of the Northern Territory celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Telstra Art Award, which is open to all adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists

Telstra Award of \$40,000 is awarded to the work considered by judges to be the most outstanding work in the exhibition. Additional prizes of \$4000 each are awarded in four media

categories.
The four categories in which prizes are awarded

• The Teistra General

Painting Award

The Telstra Bark Painting Award

 The Telstra Work on Paper Award

The Wandjuk Marika
D Memorial Award
(sponsored by Telstra)
The Telstra Award of

\$40,000 and the four media category prizes of \$4000 each are non-acquisitive.



Telstra CEO Sol Trujillo, left, and Alick of the Telstra Work on Paper Award at the 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and **Torres Strait** Islander Art Award 2007

Art Gallery of the

Last year's winner for work on paper, Torres Strait man Alick Tipoti told *The* Koori Mail that the Telstra Art Award was a way for recognition for Torres Strait Islander artists.

"It brings me great joy to see that Zenadh Kes (Torres Strait) artists are recognised on an international level," he

Mr Tipoti, from Badu and Mabuiag Islands, has been drawing since the age of

He said his inspiration for his artwork was 'cultural preservation of language. dance, songs about my culture'

"My influences are spiritual beings of my culture, ancestors spirits.

voices still talking in my mind about cultural teachings and activities," he

Mr Tipoti will be entering this year's competition again and he can't wait for the awards.

The opening night of the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award is a major dry season event in Darwin and attracts visitors and artists from all over the country.

This year the opening night will be held on Friday 15 August from 6pm onwards, featuring free entertainment from Indigenous traditional and contemporary performers in the tropical grounds of the Museum and Art Gallery of

the Northern Territory

The event, at which winners are announced and prizes presented, is free and includes entrance to the exhibition.

Entries for pre-selection for the 25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award are now being called for. They can be in any theme or media including paintings on bark, canvas and paper, prints, sculpture, fibre art, ceramics, glass, photography and digital

The closing date for

entries is Friday 28 March.

For more information, call (08) 8999 8203 or (08) 8999 8264 or email natsiaa@nt.gov.au

## ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

TEC wish to identify Aboriginal stakeholders for an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment in Illawong, Sutherland Shire, Sydney, Please register interest to Oliver Brown, Ph. 0434426519.

Email: obrown@totalearthcare.com.au. Include contact details and indication of cultural connection to the area.

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## Expression of Interest for Australian Age of **Dinosaurs Cultural Heritage Study**

Australian Age of Dinosaurs is a not for profit organisation based in Winton, central Queensland. Its mission is to encourage, promote and facilitate the discovery, preservation and display of fossil material from the age of dinosaurs within Australia.

To assist in the development of the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History a Cultural Heritage Study will be undertaken at the site of the proposed Museum.

Expressions of interest are invited from members of the Koa community for participation in the Cultural Heritage Study to be undertaken.

Expressions of Interest should be forwarded to Kylle Piper at Australian Age of Dinesaurs PO Box 408 Winton 4735 by March 28,

For further information please contact Kylie Piper on 07 4657 0414.



Founded in 1999, KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is a Not For Profit Indigenous community service based in Liverpool NSW. KARI is mitted to providing quality, sustainable serv to Indigenous people, especially in the areas of loster care support and youth initiatives.

KARI is currently seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal people or groups interested in sourcing a one off grant to help Indigenous people the Liverpool/Fairfield

For further information please call Larry Matthews on 02 9822 4922





## **ELSA DIXON ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

## Call for Applications for 2008/2009

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

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

- 1. Permanent Employment element
- Temporary Placement element
   Career Development element

- Partnership Project element
   Graduate Work Experience element

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

Applications close COB Friday 28 March, 2008 and

Ms Katrina Morgan

Senior Co-ordinator, Aboriginal Community Programs, NSW Department of Education and Training Level 13, 1 Oxford Street

Applications will NOT be accepted if they are:

- · submitted by tassimile; or
- · incomplete (ig. the application form must contain all essential information and any requested



The NSW Government's Environmental Trust invites applications to the

## Protecting our Places Aboriginal Grants Program

This program supports Aboriginal community groups and organisations to protect land that is significant to Aboriginal people and run education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$35,000 are available. (Total program \$500,000)

Applications open on 15 March 2008 and close at 5pm on 30 May 2008

Information Workshops will be held to help applicants prepare a quality grant application and provide information on managing projects.

The information workshops will be in Liverpool (18 March), Hay (26 March) Narrabri (1 April), Brewarrina (3 April), Lismore (8 April) Kempsey (10 April), Newcastle (16 April), Moruya (22 April) Yass (24 April), Orange (29 April), Condobolin (1 May)

To register for information and workshop sessions phone Trust Administration on (02) 8837 6093.

For more information about the program and support with filling out your application, contact the Aboriginal Programs Officer, Jackie Puckeridge, on (02) 8837 6399.

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Trust website: www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au

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Call us on 9202 9100 to book in a time to see the business advisor.



## **Program targets** healthier tucker



QLD

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are being urged to eat more fruit and vegetables.

The Queensland Health Food Outback nutrition project wants to increase the consumption of fruit and vegetables in south-west

Queensland to improve the health of residents. Senior Public Health Nutritionist Simone Johnston said the project was promoting informed discussion within south-west communities and with appropriate industry and government sectors to make fruit and egetables more available, accessible and affordable in the region.

The nutrients provided by fruit and egetables are all essential for a healthy lifestyle. Eating more fruit and vegetables may be the single most important dietary change needed to improve health and reduce the risk of disease," Ms Johnston said.

We're increasing healthy food demand by changing people's attitudes and increasing their knowledge and skills through campaigns

like 'Go for 2&5' and 'Eat Well Be Active'.
"However we also need to address the



Eating fruit and good health.

environmental factors affecting food intake, such as the availability, quality and price of a healthy food

The Southern Area Population Health Services is distributing Food Outback reports and investigating local interest in addressing issues of food transport. local food retailing, local food production and the demand



Public health nutritionists Joanna Coutts and Petrina Logan have been raising local awareness about food supply issues.

for healthy food.

Ms Johnston said the public health nutrition team was raising local awareness about food supply issues, stimulating further thinking about what needed to be done, and promoting action to improve the food supply.

There are many opportunities for individuals, industry and government to work together on local projects to explore possible actions to reduce the costs and increase the quality and variety of vegetables and fruit available in the region," she said. The project is based on the findings of the

South-West Queensland Nutrition Survey 2004 which revealed that people living in south-west Queensland consumed less than half the recommended amount of fruit and vegetables

each day required for good health.

People living in south-west Queensland
also paid more for their vegetables and fruit
and had less chairs of consistenting and and had less choice of consistently good quality fresh vegetables and fruit compared with large towns in Queensland.

 For more information or to register your interest in the Food Outback project contact Southern Area Population Health Services on (07) 3000 9148 or email foodoutback@health.qld.gov.au

## New Queanbeyan driving program seeks volunteers



BARNADOS Australia and Gunyah Women's Housing have launched a new driving program aimed at helping young people and women in Queanbeyan, near Canberra, to

get their driver's licences.
The Learn 2 Drive Program will young people and women in touch with Barnardos Australia or Gunyah Women's Housing the opportunity to complete the NSW Supervised Driving requirements

It will operate in Queanbeyan city and surrounds and volunteers are being sought to

Participants will be linked with trained volunteers who will supervise learners in a specially identified dual control vehicle.

Nicole McAlister, Adolescent Family Counsellor said that for the young people she worked with there was often no one in their

families either with a car or licence

\*Driving is often essential for young people to get a job given the limited public transport in the

Participants will be asked to contribute \$10 kg each session to contribute towards petrol costs.

Vera Kurz from Gunyah Women's Housing said she was so pleased to be able to offer women the opportunity to get their licence and take a further step to independence and a better

life for their families.

Gunya Women's Housing is a non-government agency providing emergency accommodation, including homeless Aboriginal women and

Barnardos is a leading child welfare agency and is a non-denominational, non-government organisation. For more information or to volunteer, contact Ed Bailey at Barnardos on phone (02) 6228 9577.

## **Key roles** for two Indigenous actors in **TV** drama

KEEP an eye out for a dramatic treat featuring some of the mob The first

sode of ABC1's new six-part

drama East of Everything goes to air on 30 March and features Indigenous actors Glenn Shea and James Mercy, with a couple of other community members appearing as actors.

Having spent most of his



A scene where 'Edgar' and 'Nick' and some of the local Aunties attend court in moral support for a friend Bev.

professional life wandering the globe in search of paradise, the main character, Art Watkins, a travel writer, rushes home but is too late to be by his dying mother Nancy's bedside.

There he is reacquainted with the 'Far Out East' - the once tropical resort owned and operated by his headstrong mother which has become nothing more than a series of neglected beach shacks.

In this scene of decay and regret, Art is also confronted by his younger brother Vane (Tom Long), who has nursed their mother through her difficult

There's a twist in the brothers' tales as their dead mother makes one last posthumous attempt to reunite her fractured family. Nancy's will dictates that the brothers must re-open the 'Far Out East' by the time of her grandson's next birthday or lose the property entirely.

Wathaurong/Ngarrindgeri actor and playwright Glenn Shea plays Edgar, Art's oldest friend. His family has lived at the fictional 'Broken Bay' as long as he can remember and he's known Art since he moved into the 'Far Out East' with

his parents. He taught Art, the city kid, to surf but has never managed to get him to share his passion for fishing.

Edgar knows the whole history of Art's relationship with his mother and local councillor Eve and the conflict with his brother but he can't understand how Art can be happy spending so many years away from his closest family. A sense of 'home'



about place for Edgar.

Shea's previous credits include the film Harry's War (2000) and the play Stolen

## Top surfer

Also in the cast playing Edgar's son Nick is James Mercy, a young Aboriginal man who has won numerous surfing contests. In the show, Nick is a surfer friend of Art's son Josh. And there's a scene where

the local Aboriginal aunties front up to court to support a trouble friend Bev.

In his normal 'day job', Shea works with Koori Youth Justice,

on-call 24/7 to assist Indigenous adolescents who come in contact with the criminal justice system.

Shea has also created the first Aboriginal board game, aimed at improving cultural awareness in the community.

East of Everything was created by writers Deb Cox and Roger Monk, and also stars Susie Porter, Gia Carides and Tom Long. It was shot totally on location in the Byron Shire, on the NSW north coast, in a town that has many similarities to

 East of Everything will start its run on ABC1 at 8:30pm on Sunday 30 March.



## **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.

The courses are free for Aboriginal groups to increase their understanding and knowledge in natural resource issues.

Training topics could include: repatriation, water quality, identifying native vegetation, chemical use, how to write submissions to attract natural

Contact Central West CMA, Susanne Williams on (02) 6840 7806

"Vibrant communities and healthy landscapes"

## Victoria adopts Koorie education reforms



EVERY Koorie student in a Victorian Government school will have an 'Individual

outlined in the new education strategy Wannik.
Following the biggest ever review of Koorie education in Victoria, Education Minister
Bronwyn Pike outlined a new plan to help Koorie

At the centre of the reforms is intensive support for students and greater accountability

on the school system to improve the education outcomes for Koorie students.

Ms Pike said the release of a new education strategy – Wannik, a Gunai/Kurnai word that means. Learning Together – Journey to Our Future, embraced this new era of education for Koorie students and focused on a new culture of

high expectations.

"This plan outlines a number of reforms that will help to meet these expectations including an emphasis on greater accountability at the school, region and system level, stronger leadership and better engagement with parents,"

she said.

"Along with our principals and teachers, the Koorie support workforce will help us implement the plan and there will be professional learning opportunities for all staff to ensure it is a success."

Work on a comprehensive implementation strategy for Wannik is already under way and will be developed further following

community consultation.

Ms Pike said more needed to be done to close the gap between Victoria's Koorie and non-Koorie students

"This review found that despite significant government investment, current strategies to support Koorie students are not working in the way we hoped," she said.

"Many Koorie students are not meeting

expected standards in reading and maths, they are leaving school earlier and are often not going on to further education.

"We cannot allow this to continue - we must act to improve literacy, numeracy and retention rates and to stop Koorie students from falling

Some of the reforms, which will be implemented across Victoria as part of Wannik

 All government schools will develop an Individual Education Plan for each Koorie student covering the transition from pre-school through to post-compulsory education.

 Accelerated literacy and numeracy support for Koorie students.

Scholarships for high-performing Koorie students to assist with the cost of ongoing study.
 Implementing a residential leadership and cuitural identity program modelled on previous successful programs, targeting Year 9 onwards.

 Investigate and develop initiatives that improve the literacy and numeracy of Koorie parents, so they can support their children through school.

## Department of Communities **Funding Opportunities**

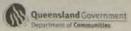
Supporting Neighbourhood and Community Centres Funding Initiative 2007-08

The Department of Communities recently advertised funding available for equipment upgrades or assets to support the work of neighbourhood and community centres in providing prevention and early intervention initiatives

This funding round has been extended due to disaster recovery operations throughout Queensland. Information packages are available by calling your local regional

Funding submissions must be lodged with the department by 9am on 25 March 2008.

service centre or by visiting www.communities.qld.gov.au



safe, valued and empowered communities

## Photos on show at Koorie Heritage Trust



Indigenous photographer Wayne Quilliam documented the Prime Minister's

recent historic national apology to the Stolen Generations for The Koori Mail

Our readers will have seen some of Wayne's photos in the 24-page commemorative national apology lift-out in our last edition.

Some of the photos have now

exhibition - Ngarpin (Sorry) which opened at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne on

This significant moment in Australian history was applauded throughout the world, especially among Indigenous people gathered in front of televisions. listening on the radio and in attendance at Parliament House

"With the national apology, the world witnessed a country coming together - regardless of race, religion, creed or politics - to

inclusive, respectful and public reconciliation," said Chief Phil Fontaine, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations representing the Indigenous citizens of Canada.

Quilliam said it was an

emotional day for him too.
"I have had the honour to photograph significant Indigenous events over many years and each has left an indelible mark on my

When photographing these

type of events, you try to remain a little detached to ensure absolute professionalism and objectivity. This time it was impossible.

Each individual image has absorbed the emotion of the day and I hope everyone who the spirit of the work. I would like to thank all the uncles and aunties, brothers and sisters for allowing me to capture their unbridled emotions.

Quilliam thanked The Koori Mail for inviting him to document (Sorry) exhibition.

The prolific snapper has held more than 100 exhibitions in Australia, Europe, Asia and the USA His Lowanna exhibition will open in Berlin on 29 June.

The Heritage Trust is at 295 King Street, Melbourne. Ngarpin (Sorry), and other exhibitions Re-earthing by Vicki West and Mission Memories by Gwen Garoni and Frances Gallagher will be shown until 30 March.

# Apology unlocks deep emotions



Alice McKenzie, right, and Rachel Walker travelled to Canberra on the bus provided by Katungal Aboriginal Medical Service.

Story and photo by LAURELLE PACEY



FORMER Kinchela boy Vincent Wernberg, now of Narooma on

the NSW south coast, had a front-row seat in the House of Representatives with his daughter Recheal to witness the Prime Minister's Apology

on 13 February. "Just to be there, to sit in the House and hear the Prime Minister..." he said. "I've waited so long... it's a way forward... like we can start afresh and do our healing now. It was a great day.

Uncle Vincent was born on an island near Maclean, on the NSW north coast. He was 11 when he and his seven siblings were taken from his family by then in Sydney.

He was sent to Kinchela Boys Home at Kempsey and, when 15, to work on 'Cooma Station' at Moree.

He is among

many of the Stolen Generations now on the NSW far south coast who made the journey to Canberra, many with family

They included Alice McKenzie, of Mogo, and Rachel Walker, of Kiah.

They shared their stories and tears before leaving for Canberra, where they watched the Apology on the big screen.

Aunty Alice said it was a journey in every sense. "It's unlocked all those memories and emotions... all those ears no one spoke about those things..." she said.

She thinks she was 11 or 12 when she a nun and a priest in a Holden came and took her and her two cousins to work at the Nazarus old people's home in Tamworth.

We were living on the old Armidale dumps in half a tank... two of my sisters had already gone... I blamed my mother, but maybe she thought I'd be better off..." she

"But it was as if you just disappeared... the saddest part was not growing up happy with your family." Aunty Rachel said she was

devastated and excited about the Apology. "You wait y life for this," she added. "You wait your

'You know, like taken from her mother and there's smiling grandmother faces and when she was seven. She people meeting passed though people and 27 different children's homes hugging, and institutions in Victoria and NSW over the whereas before the Parliament, next 14 years because she everyone was kept on running She said that walking around not knowing

after the Apology. everyone was so uplifted. "You know,

like there's

smiling faces and people meeting people and hugging. whereas before the Parliament, everyone was walking around not knowing what was happening" she said.

what was

happening'

"There's lots of people I've run into a couple I know and I'm with a good mate from Queensland. The whole feeling is just so up, it's a good solid feeling."

Aunty Rachel said it was important for everyone to understand what happened and to guard against the attitudes that allowed it to happen.

## **National Calendar**

To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. For details call (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email news@sbs.simplicitycrm.

Until 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. For details call (02) 6285 4660 or email conference@ruralhealth. org.au or visit www.ruralhealth

Until 15 March: 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. For details call (02) 8571 9111 or visit www.performance space.com.au or www.boomalli.

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. For details phone (08) 8216 4444 or visit www. adelaidefestival.com.au

Until 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. For details phone (08) 8216 4444 or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

Until 16 March: Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts. Australia's leading international multi-arts festival, featuring the performing, visual and literary arts. For details call Brett Sheehy on (08) 8216 4444 or email afa@adelaidefestival.com.au 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 libijerri Theatre, Gertrude Street, Fitzroy and cost \$20-\$30 per person. For details call (03) 9685 5111 or visit www. malthousetheatre.com.au

Until 16 March: Art Exhibitions There will be a focus project of recent major acquisitions featuring works by Dorothy Napangardi and George Tjungurrayi also there will be a non-objective self portraits exhibition from John Nixon, Scott Redford and Rose Nolan, Held at the University of Queensland. Brisbane. For details call (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu. au or visit www.artmuseum.uq.

Until 17 March: JB Seed Indigenous Arts Grants, All categories are open to Indigenous artists, but there is one category especially designed for Indigenous musicians and artists. Post your entries to The JB Seed Fund, PO Box 1609, Fremantle WA 6959 or fax to (08) 9433 4582. For details email Stacia Goninon on grants@thejbseed.com or visit



Until 19 March at Campbelltown Arts Gallery, professional artists will use contemporary performance, storytelling, new media and physical theatre to explore issues within communities that have experienced social unrest, including Redfern, Blacktown and Macquarie Fields for the development of the Riot Act. See calendar listing and/or www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au for details.

www.theibseed.com

Until 19 March: The Riot Act; in residence. Professional artists will explore issues within communities unrest, including Redfern, Blacktown and Macquarie Fields for the development of the Riot act. Artists will engage with young people and community organizations from Campbelltown through workshops, meetings and tocus groups. All welcome. For details call (02) 4645 4100 or email artscentre@campbelltown. nsw.gov.au or visit www. campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

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 lus an all expenses-paid trip to Melbourne for the National Drug and Alcohol Awards in June 2008. For details call 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. For details call Laney Mackean on (08) 8204 5012 or Sally Francis on (08) 8204 3096 or email artinhealth@fmc.sa.gov.au

Until 28 March: Gold Coast Indigenous Art and Design Award. This years theme is Dhagun ya Borrogura (Land and Sea of the Gold Coast). All are encouraged to apply. For details call Blanca Svantesson on (07) 5581 6075 or email bsvantesson@goldcoast.

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 Omeenyo, Silas Hobson, Adrian King, Sammy Clarmont and many more. Held at Woolloongabba Art Galiery from 11am onwards, For details call (07) 3891 5551 or email@

wag.harryscollar.com or visit w.wag.harryscollar.com

Until 28 March: Art Exhibition. This exhibition displays recent paintings of Jack Weaver. Held at William Mora Galleries, Richmond Victoria. For details call (03) 9429 1199 or email mora@moragalleries .com.au or visit www.moragalleries com.au

Until 28 March: 25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. Telstra award \$40,000 and category prizes \$4,000 each. For details call (08) 8999 8203 or email natsiaa@ nt.gov.au or visit www.magnt.nt. gov.au

Until 28 March: South Australian Youth Arts Board – Project Development Grants. If you are 26 or under and creating original art and or working creatively with young people, you may be eligible for financial support to develop your idea, create new work or participate in professional development. For details call (08) 8361 9777 or visit www.sayab.

Until 29 March: Wantamarri Art Exhibition. This exhibition displays works from Hughie Bent (1930-2006). Held at Brigitte Braun Gallery, 4 White Street, Windsor 3181. All welcome. For details call igitte Braun on (03) 9521 2324 or (0417) 184 260 or email artplace@iinet.net.au or visit www.artplace.com.au

Until 29 March: 'Old Girls from Lockhart River' and 'Giiru Queensland Art Exhibition Featuring Denise Fruit, Elizabeth 'Queenie' Giblet, Alice Guiness 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

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. For details call Peta Reynolds on (03) 9635 5316 or 1300 656 585 or visit www. cancervic.org.au/artsawards

Until 6 April: Artist Talk. There will be talks from Craig Holmes on his exhibition Water Line, Trish Adams on the Bee House with Professor Mandyam Srinivasan and more. Held at the University of Queensland, Brisbane from 1pm onwards. All welcome. Details call (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au or visit www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au

Until 24 April: Painting Workshops. Pole Depot Community Centre invites the Aboriginal community to join in on thes workshops. All welcome. Held every Thursday at St George Creative Art and Craft Centre Penshurst, Victoria, from 12.30-2.30pm. For details call James Bassam on (03) 9330 6069 or Annette Webb (0419) 034 084.

Until 25 April: Grants for Sporting Clubs. Woolworths are offering grants of up to \$5000 for sporting clubs to promote healthy living, so they can use the funds to buy equipment, run programs etc. For details call Tony Quinn on (07) 4031 8141 or (0402) 892 834 or visit www.arldevelopment com.au

Until 27 April: Visual Arts Exhibition - Clandestine. Recent videoworks and photographs by leading contemporary Australian Indigenous artist Destiny Deacon. Showing time is 10am-5pm daily. For details phone (08) 8216 4444 or visit www.adelaidefestival.

Until 30 April: Expressions of Interests. We are looking for Aboriginal people in Victoria who can share there knowledge of traditional Victorian Aboriginal languages as part of the Indigenous Language Culture Program to work with youth at the Malmsbury Youth Juvenile Justice Centre. For details call (0404) 278 198 or (03) 9600 4277 or email vacl@vaclang.org.au or visit www.vaclang.org.au

Until 11 May: Mark-making. This display juxtaposes a diverse range of approaches to the expressive mark in art, the works having a relationship that is not necessarily related to chronology. Featuring artists Ian Fairweather, Mike Parr and more. Held at the University of Queensland, Brisbane. For details call (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au or visit www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au

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 lime to prepare their teams to participate. For details call 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. For details call Claire Morgan or Maeve Marsden on (02) 9361 5318 or visit www.metroscreen.org.au

Until 22 July: Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting. The art prize is open to anyone who lives within the Country Energy's networking area. Artists are encouraged to enter all artistic styles, media and contexts-from figurative to abstract, charcoal, to traditional oil paints. The prize for the winner is \$35,000. For details call 132 356 or visit www. countryenergy.com.au/artprize

Until 8 August: Registrations for National Basketball Championship. Its time to get your team registrations in for the Basketball Championships Divisions available: A grade men and women, under 18's, under 16's and under 14's boys and girls. For details call Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirl@mail.com or visit

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On the evenings of 13, 20 and 27 of March, workshops will be held for anyone wanting to perform in the Deadly Funny
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Comedy Competition.
The workshops will be held at the Melbourne International
Comedy Festival, Johnston St, Fitzroy. All are welcome and
the workshops free. The competition finals will be held at
Melbourne Town Hall on 5 April. See calendar listings for
contact details.

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www.darwin.basketball.net.au

Until 27 November: Friends of Tranby Meetings. Held at Tranby, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe from 6pm onwards. For details call Thomas Newman on (02) 9660 3444 or (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranbv.edu.au

Until 3 December: "The Tangerine Circle" is a discussion, social, support and meditation group for Women of Colour, and is open to all sexualities. Held every first Wednesday of each month at the Women's Library 8-10 Brown St, Newtown, Sydney from 6.30pm. For details call Uma on (0405) 509 751 or email kalg08@yahoo.

12 March: Whichway Now Concert. Whichway Music NSW and the Sydney Opera House Studio present the second Annual Whichway Now Conference showcasing leading Indigenous contemporary music artists Sharnee Fenwick, Marlene Cummins and The Last Kinection. All welcome. For details call Michael Hutchings on (02) 9699 9706 or (0408) 085 139 or visit www.musicnsw.com or www.myspace.com/whichway

12 March: Police Preparation Course information session. If you are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, 18 years and older and are interested in becoming a member of the Victoria Police Force then this is for you. Held at Kangan Batman TAFE from 3.30-4.30pm. For details call (03) 9279 2461 or 138 233 or visit www.kangan.edu.au

12-13 March: Sport and Recreation workshops. This workshop is part of a series of Queensland Government initiatives to discuss current issues facing the sport and recreation industry and is a great learning opportunity for coaches, administrators, instructors and volunteers operating at the grassroots level. Held at Gordonvale RSL Club, 94 Gordon Street, Gordonvale from 6-9pm. For details call (07) 4039 8299 or email rsvp@srq.qld.gov.au or visit www.sportrec.qld.gov.au

12 March: Visual Arts Exhibition Painted Waters of the Great Sandy Desert. Seventy Aboriginal artists in the Great Sandy Desert produce a painting that becomes the conduit for explaining the local people's attachment to their country in the Nguttata title claim. For details call (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. For details phone (02) 9006 3819 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

13 March: Deadly Funny Comedy Competition. If you know anyone who is Deadly Funny and reckon they would like to win \$2000 then send them to our comedy workshops. Must attend the workshops to perform at the festival. Held at Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Johnston St, Fitzroy from 6.30-9.30pm. All welcome and is free. For details call Jason Tamiru on (03) 9417 7711 or visit www. deadlyfunny.com.au

13 March: Rally. This rally is to stop the NT intervention and to have no expansion of racist welfare quarantines. Speakers include; John Sutton, CFMEU National President, Nicole Watson, Jumbunna, Representatives from the National Aboriginal Alliance and more. Held at Redfern Centrelink from 12.30pm onwards. Details call Greg Eatock on (0432) 050 240 or Paddy Gibson on (0415) 800 586.

13 March-24 April: Barefoot Rugby League Show – live studio audience filming. Held every Thursday from 5.30-8pm. Dates: 13/3, 20/3, trom 5,30-8pm. Dates; 13/3, 20/3, 27/3, 3/4, 10/4, 17/4, and 24/4/08. Barefoot Rugby League will showcase Indigenous NRL players and legends. It will promote rugby league at a grassroots level in communities across QLD, NSW and the Northern Territory. Held at St George League Club, Kogarah. For details call Tani Crotty (0419) 660 763 or email tani.crotty@nitv.org.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. Held at Southern Cross University, Lismore from 6pm onwards. All welcome. For details phone Alice Hudson (02) 6626



The Barefoot Rugby League Show needs live studio audience for filming at the St George's League Club, Kogarah on Thursdays throughout March and April. The new program showcase Indigenous NRL players and legends. See calendar listing for details.

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. For details call 132 849 or email or visit www. countrymusicchannel.com.au/CMC

15 March: Field Trip, Bonalbo Aboriginal Corporation is hosting a free and fun filled day for people that are interested in bush tucker. You will visit Girard State Forest and survey for species that have either seed collection or produce collection possibilities. Picnic lunch and afternoon tea provided. Departs at the Bunawibu Community Centre Bonalbo from 10.30am onwards. For details call (02) 6665 1230 or email bonalbo2@msn.com or visit www. bonalboabcorp.org

16 March: Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's multiculturalism and the vibrant cultural diversityin our Shire. The free activities include a food fair and entertainment by dancers and performers from different cultures of the world. Held at Knox Park, Murwillumbah. For details call 1800 674 414 or email www.tweedtourism.com.au

16 March: Black Harmony Gathering 08. This event is to celebrate our cultural diversity and to say no to racism. Workshops include; Ethiopian circus, koori face painting, Maori Pol and more. There will be a BBQ of Emu and Kangaroo sausages and Halal food. Held at the Fairfield Amphitheatre from 12-4pm. For details call (03) 9417 6777 or visit www.multiculturalarts.com.au

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 Gooynbooyn Woman may not be myth after all. Held in Perth. For details call Loanna Hos on (08) 9224 7424 or (0412) 385 034 or email jo@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

18 March: IBA information session. Indigenous Business Australia is holding a Housing Loan information session and individual interviews for all indigenous people that are interested in applying for a home loan. Held at Shared Vision, Lismore from 10am-5pm. For details call Richard Burton on (02) 6648 5814 or (0429) 104 436 or email Richard.Burton@iba.gov.au or call the toll free on 1800 107 107.

19 March: Lex Wotton Solidarity Benefit Evening. This special evening of solidarity will raise funds to assist with accommodation costs for Lex's family members who will travel to Brisbane to support him during his trial. The event will feature a screening of the powerful documentary, Lyam Ngarn, a delicious curry supper and the company of other campaigners for Indigenous justice. Held at the Solidarity Salon, 580 Sydney Road. Brunswick from 7pm onwards. Cost nvolved. For details call Cheryl on (0401) 806 331 or (02) 9388 0062 or email alison thome@ozemail.com.au

20 March: Deadly Funny Comedy Competition. We are searching for the funniest members in our community. If you know anyone who is Deadly Funny and reckon they would like to win \$2000 then send them to our comedy workshops. Must attend the workshops to perform at the festival. Held at Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Johnston St, Fitzroy from 6,30-9,30pm. All welcome and is free. For details call Jason Tamiru on (03) 9417 7711 or visit www.deadlyfunny.com.au

20 March: Indigenous Story Telling Information Session. This course is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders that will develop skilts in multi-media. Using websites and computer applications for storytelling. Held at Kingscliff TAFE Campus from 10am onwards. For details phone Julie Board on (02) 6674 7251.

20-24 March: Byron Bay Blues and Roots Music Festival, Bluestest 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. For tickets phone (02) 6685 8310 or visit www.bluesfest.com.au

22-23 March: Yarrawarra Women's Gathering. Activities will include a smoking ceremony, stories around the campfire, expression through art and dance, basket weaving, beach activities and bush tucker cooking. Participants will be able to take ho their own personally screen printed T-shirt with an Abonginal design as a keepsake. Held at Corindi Beach NSW. For details phone Sally Wilson on (02) 6649 2854 or email womensgathering@aapt.net.au

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New South Wales Government

## **Domestic and Family Violence Positions** Prevention, Early Intervention and Coordination

The NSW Government is committed to tackling domestic and family violence and supporting women and families who have experienced violence. These commitments are clearly articulated in the NSW State Plan (Priorities R1 and F4). The State Plan draws together the major state-wide policy priorities identified by the Government and the NSW community.

As a significant step towards achieving the Government's goals in this area it is implem approach to enable coordination of strategic policy development, service provision and training.

The new approach will consist of:

· a Violence Prevention Coordination Unit in the Office for Women, Department of Premier and Cabinet, which will take a

leadership role in the development of policy aimed at reducing domestic and family violence.

• five state wide project officers to deliver major Government initiatives in key service delivery agencies; and

• rime region coordinators within the NSW Police Force focusing on ensuring integrated delivery of human services and criminal justice responses.

## NSW DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET

Manager Violence Prevention Coordination Unit

Remuneration package to \$140,623 pa (salary \$118,519 to \$127,708)

Manage the development and implementation of quality policies, projects as and programs in relation to coordinating the

Senior Policy Officer (2 positions)

Remuneration package to \$96,295 pa (salary \$79,188 to \$87,263) Contribute to the development and implementation of quality policies, propentation of quality policies, projects and programs in relation to coordinating the evention of violence against w

Information packages: Kerrie-Ann King 02 9228 3141

## NSW DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Senior Project Officer (2 positions)

Semineration package to \$96,295 pa (salary \$79,188 to \$87,263)

Coordinate the strategic planning and reporting for whole-of-government projects and provide expert advice in relation to these

Information packages: Paul Murphy 02 9716 2969

## NSW POLICE FORCE

Region Coordinator (9 positions, various locations)

Remuneration package to \$96,295 pa (salary \$79,188 to \$87,263) Establish and maintain a regional co-ordination network to ensure links betw een local domestic and family violence service

delivery within the region Information packages: Craig Peacock 02 8835 9235

## NSW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

State-wide Coordinator

Remuneration package to \$96,295 pa (salary \$79,188 to \$87,263)

Sydney West Area Health Service Coordinate and deliver specialist domestic and family violence training and resource development across NSW Government

Information packages: Maryann Pereira 02 9840 3735.

Applications close on 28 March 2008.

For more information including job selection criteria and how to apply visit www.job.nsw.gov.au

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25 March: Screening of Short Film by Rowena Lawrie, All are welcome. Held at the chavel cinema Oxford St, Paddington, from 5-6pm. For details email rhubee. @hotmail.com or vis www.musicforte/member/rhubee

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. For details phone Catherine Richardson on (08) 8922 7873 or email catherine.richardson@ menzies.edu.au/shortcourses

26-28 March: Inaugural World Indigenous Television Broadcasting Conference. Be there to participate in, contribute to, and witness the 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. For details call Hone Paul on (0495) 397 108 or email hone.paul@maoritelevision.com

27 March: Friends of Tranby Aboriginal College - Meeting. Working to support Tranby as it celebrates 50 years of selfdetermination in education. Held at 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe from 6pm onwards. For details call Thomas Newman on (0419) 535 782 or (02) 9660 3444

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28-29 March: Photo shoot calling for interests. We are keen to locate models who are Chinese, Anglo Australian and Aboriginal heritage. Held in Lismore. For details call Fiona Foley on (0409)

29 March: Field Trip. Bonalbo Aboriginal Corporation is hosting a trip to the Tabulam Flat Camp Aboriginal Area to inspect how recent plantings survived the floods, and to add more local, endemic bush tucker. Also a trip to Ewingar to survey for tucker plants along the Transport is available to Tabulam and Ewingar. Departs the Bunawibu Centre from 10am onwards. For details call (02) 6665 1230 or email www.bonalboabcorp.org

30 March: Women Rugby League Lunch. This is an opportunity to socialise and network opportunity to sociaise and network with women who have the passion and interest in rugby league such as playing at elite level, coaching, refereeing, first aid, administrative roles, helping out in the klosk, washing the jerseys, or supporting the players. Held at the Calms District Junior Leagues Club from 12pm onwards. Details cail Sheron McDougall on (07) 4054 2298 or

(0417) 731 170 or email adminedjrl@bigpond.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 For details phone Liz Jacka on (02) 9745 9700 or email lizj@erc.org.au or visit www.brooklyn.org.au

2 April: Community Forum. What happens now after the apology. Held at the Aboriginal Advancement League in Victoria (0404) 278 198 or (03) 9600 4277 or email vaci@vaclang.org.au or visit www.vaclang.org.au

2 April: Indigenous Community Organisations Workshop. This

For details call Paula on (02) 4963 5756 or (0417) 232 540 or email jones@jonespr.com.au or visit www.songsummit.com.au

4-7 April: Rally to drop the charges against Lex Wotton. This is a four day camp to support Lex Wotton is regards to the charges relating to the death of Mulrunji Doomagee on Paim Island. Held at Musgrove Park, Brisbane. There will be a bus leaving from Sydney. For details call (0413) 188 907

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 open to all artists Peta Reynolds on (03) 9635 5316 or visit www.cancervic.org.au/ artsawards or call (03) 9496 1060.

5-13 April: Youth Week in NSW. Youth Week provides young people

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. For details call Miriam Giugni on (0404) 852 151 or Lorraine Madden on (0406) 768 426 or email conference@socialiustice inearlychildhood.org or visit www. socialjusticeinearlychildhood.org

14-16 April: National Indigenous Family and Community Strengths Conference - Our Culture: A Strength to Build On. Held at The University of Newcastle, NSW. For details call (02) 4984 2554 or email Family@pco.com.au or visit www.pco.com.au/family

19 April: Women's Health Forum. This forum will cover topics on Women's Safety, Health, ancial Health and Health Esteem. Entry by gold coin donation includes Morning tea and light lunch. Hold at Murwillumbah Civic Centre

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and Personnel Minister Warren Snowdon and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma. Pre and post-conference workshops on 10 and 13 June. For details or to register, phone (02) 9223 2600, email registration@igpc.com.au or visit the conference website at www.iqpc.com/au/indigenouspolicy.

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. For details call Lynette Eggins on (02) 6643 4643 or email info@edexpo.info or visit

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. For details visit www.naidoc.org.au

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. For details phone Raelene Baker on (07) 3224 4896 or visit www. arts.qld.gov.au 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 religious and ideological barriers. The program has immediate relevance to work, community, education, health and Indigenous partnerships. For details call (07) 4772 4800 or email Farvardin.Daliri@bigpond.com or visit www.unityindiversityconference.

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. For details call (07) 4772 4800 or email culturalfest@bigpond

9-12 September: 3rd Annual National Basketball Championship. There will be a dunk competition and 3 pointer shoot out. Cost for a team \$250. Held at the Darwin Basketball Stadium. Drug and alcohol free event. For details call Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirt@mail.com or visit www.darwin.basketball.net.au

12-13 September: National Indigenous Legal Conference. Held at the RACV Club, Melbourne. Bookings essential. For details call Aislinn Martin (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email amartin@liv.asn.au or visit www.tarwimi.com.au

13 September: Inaugural Indigenous Legal Ball, Town Hall, Melbourne. Bookings essential. For details call Aislinn Martin on (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email amartin@liv.asn.au or visit www.tarwim.com.au



Strait Islander Social Justice **Commissioner Tom** Calma will be amongst the keynote speakers at the Seventh Annual Collaborative Indigenous Policy Development Conference to be held in Brisbane, Old, on 11-12 June. Mr Calma (picured) will speak on 'Directions in Indigenous Policy: Towards an inter generational plan to create equal life chances for Indigenous children'. See calendar listing for more conference details.

community workshop is specifically for Indigenous Organisations who want to learn how to develop a making your submission, how to win and access grants and more. Cost involved. Held at the Pacific International Hotel, Parramatta from m-3.30pm. For details call (03) 9320 6800 or email service@ ourcommunity.com.au or visit www.ourcommunity.com.au/ Indigenousworkshop

3 April: Dubbo College Youth Excel Program. You are invited to attend a day of cultural celebration at the inaugural Yarrandale Song and Dance Festival. Attending will be David Peachey, Glen Kelly, Bo Dela Cruz, Nova Peris and many more. Staring the Aboriginal students of Dubbo from preschool to year 12. Please RSVP by 25 March for catering purposes. Held at the Senior Campus, Dubbo College from 9.30am-12.30pm including a BBQ lunch. For details call (0419) 815 013 or email tom.simpson3@ tafensw.net.au

3-5 April: Song Summit Sydney. This event will gather a host of music professionals from songwriters including The Shins James Mercer, Sandi Thom, Josh yke, Jimmy Webb, Savage Gardens Daniel Jones, Jenny Morris and Evermores Dann and Jon Hume to managers, publishers, producers, marketers, lawyers and more for three days of specialist workshops, panels, key note speeches and live performances.

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. For details call (02) 9716 2872 or email youthweek@community. nsw.gov.au or visit www. youthweek.nsw.gov.au

5 April: Deadly Funny Show The indigenous community will be there in full effect, supporting your act and show. The best acts will win prizes totalling \$3000: first place receives \$2000. Second place \$750. Third place \$250. Held at Melbourne Town Hall All welcome. For details call Jason Tamiru on (03) 9417 7711 or visit www.deadlytunny.com.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. For details call 131 302 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

9 April: Wayne Quilliam Contemporary Exhibition. Wayne is one of Australia's most prominent Aboriginal photographic artists with more than 100 solo and group exhibitions in Australia, Europe, Asia and the USA. Held in Melbourne. For details call Wayne Quilliam on (03) 3939 5133 or (0413) 812 222 or email wqphotography@optusnet. com.au

from 10am-3pm. For details call Betty Priest on (07) 5524 5374 or email easypeas@bigpond.net.au

28-29 April: 3rd Engaging Indigenous Communities Conference 08, Engaging with communities to improve cultural, social and economic outcomes and stability. Featured speakers; Steven Hagan, Mary Cowley, Ivan Copley, Fiona Moore, Brian Norris and many more plus two separately bookable half day workshops on 30 April. For details call (02) 9437 1311 or email info@liquidlearning.com.au or visit

5 May-13 June: Free Show for Aboriginal Communities - Muttacar Sorry Business. This is an award winning theatre performance about road safety. There will be a Metro tour and a Great Sothern tour. For details call Michelle or Meredith on (08) 9202 1966 or (0439) 948 183 or email meredith@yirrayaakin.asn.au

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11-12 June: Seventh annual Collaborative Indigenous Policy Development Conference in Brisbane, Old. Keynote speakers include Federal Defence Science

## **Bagawa stories documented**

Bagawa Country Published through Bagawa Birra Murri Aboriginal Women's Council



A GROUP of Aboriginal grandmothers, great grandmothers and Elders from around Coffs Harbour, in New South Wales, have published what is believed to be the first Indigenous publication specifically targeting tourists visiting the

The 18-page booklet, Yarmugay in Bagawa Country, aims to give tourists a deeper understanding of Bagawa country, part of the Gumbayngirr nation, through maps, ancient dreamtime stories and totems.

It was published by the Bagawa Aunts through the Bagawa Birra Murri Aboriginal Women's Council, which was formed to represent Bagawa Aboriginal culture and lore. The organisation is in process of transferring its registration to the Bagawa Birra Murri Aboriginal

"As grandmothers, great grandmothers and Elders in this community, we feel it is now the time to share the Bagawa stories with the broader community," the Bagawa Aunts

Working together, we are preserving for the future generations of Australians the Bagawa history some 12,500 plus



Some of the Bagawa Aunts on a recent site outing, right to left, Susan Hoskins, Sarah Cunningham, Fay Haslem, Arlene Hope, Marie Tarplee and Linda Tweedie.

generations old and is proudly part of oldest living Indigenous history of the

The book has been supported by and is available for purchase from Pet Porpoise Pool at Coffs Harbour Jetty.

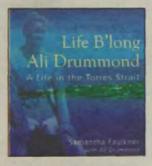
which the Bagawa Aunts acknowledged for helping to preserve the group's totem central site Djurbil, history and

The group also thanked artist Jingalu Melissa Craig whose

artwork illustrates the booklet.

For more information on Yarmugay In Bagawa Country, contact the secretary of the Bagawa Aunts Arlene Hope on phone (02) 6656 0966 or (0412) 033

## Story of Torres Strait Book mentions 'war' life stirs memories



Life B'long Ali Drummond: A Life in the Torres Strait Written by Samantha
Faulkner with Ali Drummond
Published by Aboriginal
Studies Press, AIATSIS
ISBN\_978 0 85575 556 0 RRP \$24.95

Reviewed by SAMANTHA DEVINE

his book tells the fascinating, detailed story of Ali Drummond's life and will stir memories in many who read it

Inspired by Ali's strength and courage, his granddaughter Samantha hopes that by telling his story, others will be encouraged to share their own memories as a way of recording important

Torres Strait history.

Born in 1917, when islanders were still wards of the State, Ali's parents passed away when he was 14 years old, which is when his life at

As Ali's life is revealed, we hear many familiar names – Ah Mat, Sabatino, Dorante, Missi and more

As Ali spent his early years on board as a cook, food, in true Island tradition is described in mouth-watering detail.

Ali met and married his wife Carmen, their family grew and after a number of years as skipper and number one diver, Ali retired from pearling after

contracting typhoid fever. He then worked hard at jobs such as construction and cane-cutting before returning to the Torres Strait, where he still

When reading Life B'long, I was taken back to a time when life was very different; goods were traded rather than bought, the freedom of choice experienced today was but a

dream as governmental control was rife, and diving brought with it many risks which have largely been eliminated with the advent of technology.

And, yet, some things remain the same. The power of the sea and Ali's need to be on the water, and the importance of family in Ali's life are all themes which others will be themes which others will be able to identify with despite the changes which have taken place since Ali's early years. Ali's is a simple story, told

simply, and while his may seem like a life typical of many, it takes us back to a time of gud pasin, hard work, respect

and a love of family.

As Ali's story continues, we learn how a life lived honestly and with integrity is formally rewarded and recognised as Samantha leads us through the many medals and awards that her grandfather, this much admired man, has been presented with over the last 20

Life B'long is a book to be enjoyed by young and old together and may serve as a catalyst to the sharing and recording of other important

describes Jonathan Richards' controversial book, The Secret War - J True History of Queensland's Native Police as 'a major Queensland and Australian historiogrpahy – and to the history of relations between colonists and a global scale.

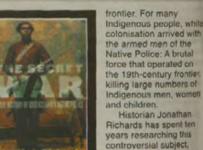
The health, housing and facing Indigenous people today are a direct result of our white settlement

How did Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from all over Queensland end up being violently forced to leave their homelands and

Why were Indigenous people so terrified of the police, they allowed themselves to be herded into 'prisons without walls'?

The release of *The Secret War* is timely given the new Labor Government's official apology to the Aboriginal people last month.

The Secret War tells the story of organised racial violence and lawful mass murder on the Queensland



The Secret War: A True History of Queensland's Native Police By Jonathan Richards Published by UQP ISBN 9780702236396 Paperback, 320 pages RRP \$39.95

picking his way through the secrecy. misinformation and supposed 'lost files'. In this first full-length comprehensive study of ne Native Police in Queensland, he argues that they were a key part of a 'divide and rule' colonising tactic, used with equal success elsewhere in the British

Empire; that the force's actions were given the implicit approval of government and public servants; and that their killings were

The Queensland Government, which so far has avoided blame due to an absence of direct orders to kill Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, stands responsible for the force's deployment, techniques and ultimately for its genocidal activities.

The Secret War will be launched at the Shipp Inn at South bank. Brisbane, next Tuesday, 18 March.

## Author's version

# life journey inspires literary With respect

PAUL ISHOGUCH

Yearning to Go Home By Paul Ishiguchi Published through Give It Time Productions Hard cover, 58 pages Ages: 6-18 ISBN: 9780646468044 RRP \$24.95

Fifteen years in the making, Yearning to Go Home is the first instalment of a children's trilogy that tells the story of a man's journey in a harsh new world. With a strong will to survive, the hero of the book Ahthun changes aspects of his life, precipitating a new way of being. Ahthun finds himself

stranded in a place Taken in by the tribal Elder, he begins to learn the ways of the people. With a strong will to supply the changes. survive, he changes aspects of his life. precipitating a new way of being.

In time, Ahthun emerges as a storyteller of great wisdom, knowledge and foresight. He speaks of the challenges to come and the rewards of accepting change. This opens the hearts and minds of the people, encouraging a new way of being and living, and giving hope for a better future.

"It's about the need to live as holistically as possible. Part of this would be to look at what we have learned...and to embrace it," says author Paul Ishiguchi

Feedback on the

book has been good.
"This beautifully told story gripped me with its images from the first lines," said Professor Fiona Stanley from the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research in

Aboriginal educator Dr Chris Sarrasaid it was 'a simple story, yet it was a deeply profound story'.

Further launches of Yearning to Go Home were held in Perth and the author's home town of Derby and one more will be held at 11am next Wednesday, 19 March at the Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, Southern Cross University in Lismore

publishing venture Black Ink Press is on a mission to ensure that important cultural knowledge is published with full respect and community involvement, to educate their younger generation, and as a gift to the rest of Australia.

Helping to fulfil that mission are Helping to fulfil that mission are two of the venture's latest offerings, Moon Story and Crocodile Story, which were originally recorded in the early 1980s as part of the Aurukun Oral History project.

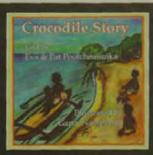
Moon Story is a very old traditional story and Crocodile Story is a true story of heroism about a crocodile attack that happened sixty years ago.

years ago.

Preparing them as picture storybooks has involved some complex editing, and they are illustrated by two of Aurukun's well-known contemporary artists.

Moon Story is from the
Pootchemunka family whose land
includes Ti-Tree Lagoon, south of
Aurukun. It is one of Indigenous
Australia's wealth of moon stories.
It was told in Wik-Mungkan and

English by the old women who own



Crocodile Story Told by Eva and Pat Pootchemunka. Illustrated by Garry Namponan Published by Black Ink Press ISBN 978-1-86334-026-7 48 pages, paperback RRP \$20



Moon Story Told by Minoota Pootchemunka, Mary Walmberg and Alice Kowearpta. Illustrated by Jack Bell Published by Black Ink Press ISBN 978-1-86334-027-4 48 pages, paperback RRP \$20

the story, sitting beside the lagoon at their Outstation in the 1970s.

They were thinking it was a barramundi or something. They were really glad, they all jumped into the lagoon, all the girls, to grab

that fish ... But he was waiting for those two particular girls to swim so he could grab them ... They were all watching as the Moon took those two girls up, up, up, up, till they got to the cloud, up all the way,

watching till they disappeared." The three Aurukun Elders

behind Moon Story have since passed away, but they were remembered last week when the book, illustrated by Garry Namponan, was launched at the Cape York community last week.

Crocodile Story is an illustrated story of true heroism from Cape York Peninsula. Back in the 1940s, a young mother and her baby, fishing in a bark canoe near Aurukun, were taken by a crocodile.

The bravery of her father-in-law meant that they both lived to tell the story. The badly injured mother, Eva, died only last year.

Samuel Pootchemunka received an award for his bravery, but has

an award for his bravery, but has long since passed away.
Garry Namponan's paintings dramatically recreate the characters and set the scene vividly in the Archer River estuary in Cape York.
There are also plans for Black Inches to publish the books

again, this time in Wik-Mungkan, for the benefit of the community.

For more information, go to the website www.blackinkpress.com.au



In the Community Library (Knowledge Centre) at Aurukun, school children listen attentively to Pat Pootchemunka telling the *Crocodile Story* in Wik Mungkan.



Pat Pootchemunka entertains Aurukun school children by telling them the Moon Story in Wik Mungkan last week. Jack Bell's illustrations are projected on the wall behind.

## A voice loud and proud

**Anonymous Premonition** By Yvette Holt Published by UQP 9780702235719 Soft cover RRP \$24.95



Samuel Wagan walson, of New South Wales Book of the Year Smoke Encrypted Whispers describes Yvette Holt's first poetry volume, Anonymous Premonition, as 'a fledgling collection of poetry that takes flight! Uplifting and revealing; an uncompromised body of verse from an authentic, charismatic Indigenous voice

Winner of the 2005 David Unaipon Award, Anonymous Premonition gives the low-down on what it is to be an Indigenous woman today.

Empathy, grief, outrage justice, reconciliation, love, affirmation and celebration are some of the words used by Jena Woodhouse to describe Yvette

Holt's language. Her collection of startling and fresh poems treats us to an energetic and conventional journey from love, sex, empowerment and travel to motherhood and family, activism and grief.

Yvette Holt is a descendant of the Bidjara nation of Queensland. Renowned author Dr Anita

Heiss says Anonymous Premonition is 'lyrical and luscious but it is also poetic activism that packs a punch'

Yvette Holt will be a guest at the Wordstorm Writers' Festival, Darwin in May and the Byron Bay Writers' Festival in July.

## Koori Mail book café -What's on the menu?

Here are some of the latest books that have come across our desks at *The Koori Mail*. Some of them are written, illustrated or published by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and publishers. Others are about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, cultures and history but people, cultures and history but come from non-Indigenous writers or mainstream publishers. The Koori Mail features information about both. Mail's opinion

## Fitzroy Xpress makes tracks for Victoria

Victoria for the first time.

Regarded by many as the Kimberley's premier country rock outfit, they have toured extensively throughout WA and the Top End - from remote tin sheds and outback towns to headlining major venues coast to coast.

Fitzroy Xpress is made up of singer/guitarist Danny Marr, his brother Lane on rhythm guitar, his son Waylon on drums, and Daron Keogh on bass.

The band's music reflects the pace and

lifestyle of isolated areas of Aboriginal Australia, with songs about life in a small outback town and about bullocks, bushtucker, girls, love, rodeos, dreaming and being Aboriginal.

The brothers spent their childhood on Brooking Springs Station where their father was head stockman during the 1960s and early 1970s, working for tea, sugar, flour and so on

They lived in tents and lean-tos in the blackfella camp across the flat from the main homestead. The songs sung by black stockmen around the campfire 

As a kid, Danny travelled with his



Fitzroy Xpress's Danny Marr at Brooking Springs Station in the Kimberley region where he and brother Lane Marr grew up.

father throughout the Kimberley, attending tribal ceremonies, dancing in corroborees and listening to his father tell stories of the

Now Danny is following in his father's footsteps and telling stories of life in the Fitzroy Valley through his music.

He says that Aboriginal people have a few ways of story telling including painting, word of mouth and dancing. Country music is the modern way of telling the stories that people love to hear.

One of Danny's songs, the original Raining on the rocks recorded as a duet with Paul Kelly in 1997 is about Jandamarra, the famous Aboriginal resistance fighter from Danny's tribe (Bunuba) who is known as the Black Ned

(Bunuba) who is stock.

Kelly.

Produced by Paul Kelly, the song was recorded to be part of a soundtrack to a movie about Jandamarra that is yet to be made. The movie is slated to go ahead, with Paul Kelly and Danny writing the soundtrack and actor Peter Postlethwaite sized to a leading role.

signed to a leading role. Scriptwriter Steve Hawke has also Scriptwriter Steve Hawke has also written a stage play of the same story, which is currently showing in Perth for The Black Swan Theatre Company in which Danny has an acting role and for which Paul Kelly is the Musical Director.

Fitzroy Xpress's album Home Sweet Home won the 2005 Deadly award for album of the year presented at the

album of the year presented at the Sydney Opera House.

 Fitzroy Xpress will play at the St Kilda Bowls Club (26 March), Barwon Club Hotel, Geelong (27 March), Evelyn Hotel, Fitzroy with Dan Sultan (28 March), East Brunswick Club (2 April). The Palais, Hepburn Springs with Dan Sultan (4 April), Martians Cafe, Deans Marsh (5 April), and an afternoon all ages gig at the Fitzroy Town Hall (6 April). Visit www.fitzroyxpress.com or go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKTW0f\_ eJdY for more about the band.



These photos are from a dress rehearsal for the Ingkata public workshop.

TOP: Front, from left, Trevor Jamieson, Kelton Pell, Hunter Page, Betty Kindjaruwa Sumner, Mathew Cropley, Isaac Drandich and Lisa Maza. Back, from left, Stephen Baamba' Albert and Johnny Rigney

> ABOVE: Kelton Pell as Warren/tracker.

RIGHT: Standing on the table, Christopher Saunders (playing Ted Strehlow as a young man). Foreground, Gary Rowley as an older Ted Strehlow and, in the background, Stephen 'Baamba' Albert.



# Opera tells the story of Strehlow

HE story of South Australian anthropologist Ted Strehlow and his controversial relationship with the Aranda people of Central Australia is being immortalised in opera.

Titled Ingkata (Aranda for ceremonial chief or leader), the work-in-progress was shown last week to delegates from the Australian Performing Arts Market, industry representatives and key funding agencies from around Australia in the hope of attracting sufficient interest and additional funding to present it as a fully staged production.

Some of Australia's finest and best-known Aboriginal performers were amongst the cast, including Kelton Pell, Trevor Jamieson and Stephen 'Baamba' Albert. Stephen Page choreographed some of the show, which also featured his young son Hunter.

The Producer/Director was Ros Horin. The public workshop was presented over three days by Horin's company, Racing Pulse Productions, in association with the State Opera of South

The partners must now wait to see who 'bites' and is willing to

fund its further development, but they agreed that the Strehlow story was one of the great 'untold' Australian dramas, and

still hugely potent and divisive.
"It centres around Strehlow's quixotic and heroic quest to save the priceless cultural heritage of the Aranda Aborigines from

obliteration," they said.
"But what happens when your culture is defined as 'dead' – and yet that culture continues to adapt, transform and evolve?"

## Expression

Ingkata is an artistic expression of the people and events in Ted Strehlow's life, depicted over three acts titled

Trust, Betrayal and Judgement. Strehlow grew up on the Hermannsburg mission in Central Australia in the 1910s, sharing his childhood with Aranda friends, some of whom later entrusted him with Aranda sacred objects, ceremonies and knowledge.

Over the next seven decades, relationships between Strehlow and the Aranda people twisted and soured and a tussle emerged for custodianship of the Aranda cultural legacy. To this day, the

Strehlow Foundation in Alice Ted Strehlow died in 1978, during the foundation's launch.

Aranda brothers Warren H Williams and Braydon Williams and Braydon's wife Mary Williams worked as consultants on Aranda elements of the production,

elements of the production, including language.

Unta ingkata ljata, tjurunga marra tnjinhel (You are ingkata now. Keep the tjurunga safe) and Mpuantha yurraka, ultakilhaka (Ceremony finished, broken) are two pivotal Aranda lines in the production.

Composer Gordon Kerry said it was a challenge to appropriately represent the world of the Aranda people whose \$100; it was as well, especially how to do so musically.

do so musically. Aranda musicians Craig Tilmouth, Damien Armstrong and Warren H Williams collaborated with David Bridie to write music

for the Aranda characters. The results blend Western contemporary opera, popular Aboriginal music (blackfella hip-hop, blues, rock), and traditional Aranda song and Lutheran

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# Remembering Riley



NSW Minister Linda Burney with works from the late Michael Riley's retrospective exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW.

### By MARGARET SMITH

ICHAEL Riley left a great mpression on those who knew him, both as a person and in the legacy of his work. During his 43 years, he made some indelible images with his camera, which recorded Indigenous life and also delved into the complex and sublime nature of existence.

He also made many films, ranging from poetic dramas, to personal documentaries and more expressionistic pieces that used sound, picture and image in

remarkable ways.

At the opening of his retrospective exhibition at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, curator and friend Brenda L Croft said she first gathered together Michael Riley's work at the National Gallery of Australia to ensure none would be lost, and to enable the Michael Riley Foundation to be established.

She said Riley always kept up to date with what was happening in art and film overseas, and was influenced by some of the best artists here and abroad.

Croft started work on the exhibition catalogue/book when Riley was still alive. Despite the fact that he was very ill from kidney disease, he gave her as much help as he could, including the recording of a video interview

At the opening, Croft recalled the early days of Boomalli Artist Jeffrey Samuels said

Riley wanted to change how the wider public viewed Indigenous

art. "When Boomalli was formed 21 years ago, its strength came out of Michael's determination to bring us together as a group," Samuels said.
"He was a friend of mine, and

as his friends came from all different backgrounds, he never had a racist point of view. His attitude also helped Indigenous artists in regional and country areas to change and get more recognition."

Riley's cousin, Bernadette Yhi Riley, recalled that he was always deeply influenced by his Wiradjuri and Kamilarai roots and his family connections to Dubbo and Moree

In particular, he learnt much from his grandfather, Alex 'Tracker' Riley, who was famous as an Indigenous policeman who helped solve the Moss murders and was given the King's Medal in 1943.

### Own film

In 1996, Riley made his own film about his grandfather, titled Blacktracker, for ABC TV.

Bernadette Riley recalled how he approached her to share in his project, which she was already researching for a book

He had a habit of catching ople off guard so they couldn't refuse him, and Bernadette ended up narrating the film which was a whole new experience. Riley's sister, Wendy, was also

present at the exhibition opening and told the audience she could still remember how young her brother was when he bought his first camera for \$5. He liked to eavesdrop on the girls' conversation 'and sometimes put a tape recorder under our beds!

NSW Fair Trading Minister Linda Burney said Riley was her

'soul mate and little brother'. She first met him when he was 16 or 17 and she was sharing a house with Wendy and Michael's cousin Lynette Mundine.

That's where the brother/sister relationship began. We shared many houses together, even when I was in my first relationship and having a baby - he was the one who drove me to the hospital," Ms Burney

When he became a major artist, she realised that 'Michael saw things in a way that others

"He taught me that art and life wasn't about the finished project, it's about the making," Ms Burney

said. He was my brother and I
miss him every day."
Poignantly, Ms Burney asked
the audience 'how is it that a man
of that talent can die of renal failure at the age of 43 ... because he's Aboriginal?

Riley's work toured overseas to Paris, New York, Venice, Korea and recently became part of the French Museum's permanent

Wendy Riley said her brother was too ill to attend the opening in Paris, so she went instead. She said that seeing his work acclaimed internationally was 'the best experience I've ever had in

Ace Bourke said Riley was 'special right from the start'.
Michael Riley's Sights Unseen continues at the Art Gallery of NSW until 27 April. His Flyblown series is showing at Stills Gallery, 36 Gosbell St. Paddington, Sydney, until 5 April.

## Wild like a dingo...



LATE last year, Mornington Island apprentice mechanic Dagen Rogers was

announced as a winner in the ABC's 2007 Heywire Competition.

He knew that attending a youth issues forum in Canberra in early 2008 was part of his prize, but he never imagined that when he finally got there, it would be on one Australia's most historic days.

On 13 February, Dagen and his fellow Mornington Islander Devin Lorraine were sitting in the theatre at Parliament House, listening to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd say Sorry to Australia's Stolen Generations

Heywire is an ABC initiative that invites rural youth to tell their story in a way that suits them. Dagen, Devin and Dalex Loogatha won a prize for their hip-hop song Wild like a Dingo which tells what life on Mornington Island is like for the young men, their joys, troubles and hopes for their community.

"It was good experience being there and listening to



Dagen Rogers, in foreground, and Devin Lorraine outside Parliament House in Canberra.

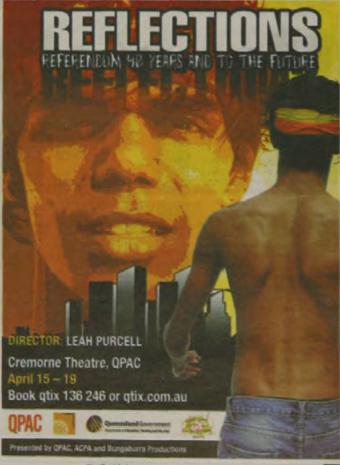
different stories from different

people," Dagen said of his trip.
"It was exciting to see the different things they have in Canberra – Parliament House and Telecom Tower."

Dagen is employed at the Zinifex Century Mine and the

company's General Manager, John Lamb, said Dagen was a great ambassador for his community.

 To listen to Dagen, Devin and Dalex's winning song, go to http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/ stories/s2063067.htm



## **Arnhem Land men's art** on show in Melbourne



ARNHEM Land men Bruce Nabegeyo and Glen Namundja are dedicated artists

and cultural advocates.

Their paintings speak of ancient stories and traditions, while continuing to push the boundaries of individual artistic expression and innovation

Tomorrow, Thursday 13 March, will see the opening of Nabegeyo and Namundja's first solo exhibitions, at the Mossenson Galleries Collingwood in

Mossenson is presenting Bruce
Nabegeyo: Kunwinjku Songman and
Glen Namundja: Lineal through Linear in
conjunction with Injalak Arts and Crafts.

Steeped in the traditions of the Kunwinjku people of the stone country of western Arnhem Land, the paintings of Bruce Nabegeyo and Glen Namundja shimmer with an alchemic intensity that reveals their deep engagement with the spiritual narratives that shape and define their ancient homelands,\* the gallery

"From the haunting spirit devil Namorrodoh to the life-giving creation mother Yingana, (Bruce Nabegeyo's) works draw on the great Kunwinjku narrative tradition, revealing the artist's singular ability as a master of storytelling

"As a young man, he was taught to paint by his father, the artist Billiago Nabegeyo, who trained him to grind ochre and paint on bark. Bruce was schooled at Oenpelli, where he has



A work from Glen Namundja's solo exhibition Lineage in Linear

lived most of his life. A senior ceremonial man, he takes great pride in his cultural responsibilities, and performs many of the songs associated with Kunwiniku

Conceived and painted amidst great adversity, the works included in Kunwinjku Songman have been completed since Bruce Nabegeyo was diagnosed with life-threatening cancer.

The artist's works have been acquired by many important institutions, including the National Gallery of Australia and the National Gallery of Victoria.

Injalak Arts and Cultural Officer Rebecca Say said Glen Namundja hailed from an important lineage of unique and talented artists, with his father, the artist Peter Marralwanga, as his earliest artistic influences.

The figurative element is essential to his work, the complexity of his compositions a key characteristic," Say

"Now, however, he is choosing to infill the entire background of his works with rarrk. Animals and figures swim on the shimmering surface of the image, challenging the eye to follow the flow of figures and read the story within. "It is a beautiful and effective merging

of stylistic traits. The figurative element that engages and captures the imagination of the viewer remains crucial

to the image." In 2007, Glen Namundja was highly commended in the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. His works have been exhibited to acclaim throughout Australia, as well as in Italy and the Netherlands.

The exhibitions will be opened at 6pm tomorrow by University of Melbourne Lecturer in Australian Art History Dr Susan Lowish, and both artists will travel from Openelli, in Arnhem Land, to be

The exhibitions will run at Mossenson Galleries, 41 Derby Street, Collingwood, until 5 April.

For further information contact (03) 9417 6694 or email collingwood@

## **Exploring the** role that our women play



A NEW exhibition exploring Indigenous women's contribution to the Australian community will open at Sydney's Powerhouse Museum on 21 March.

Yinalung Yenu: women's journey aims to take visitors on a journey into the sometimes unknown and often ignored and unexplained world of Indigenous Australian women.

Through objects, photographs and personal interviews, Yinalung Yenu reveals the many roles Indigenous women have played in Australian society from traditional times to the

The exhibition explores areas where a woman's influence far outweighed those of Indigenous men, from their everyday activities as educators, child-rearers, camp builders and food collectors, to their influential role as decision-makers, artists, story-tellers, peace-keepers and healers.

This history is interpreted through a display of crafts from the Powerhouse Museum collection, including textiles, posters, ceramics and basketwork, each of which reveal the skill and

artistry of Indigenous women.

The exhibition also features the stories of six prominent Indigenous Australian women who have become successful in contemporary Australian society and who have become role Australian society and who have become role models for a new generation: doctors and twin sisters Dr Marlene Kong and Dr Marilyn Clarke; artist, designer and businesswoman Bronwyn Bancroft; lawyer and university professor Larissa Behrendt; and respected Elders Aunty Beryl Carmichael and Aunty Sue Blacklock.

Yinalung Yenu: women's journey reflects the ways in which Indigenous Australian women's knowledge and perspectives of their world were often ignored until recent times. Today, they are carving their rightful place in Australia's Indigenous history and endowing the next generation of women with the knowledge to speak to their future for succeeding generations of women to come.

Yinalung Yenu: women's journey will be exhibited at the Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo, Sydney, from 21 March. Opening hours are 10am-5pm and admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, \$6 concession and \$25 for families. Children under the age of

# Sultan will be a Mountains man



SOME of the most outstanding Aboriginal

take centre stage at this year's Blue Mountains Music Festival.

Aboriginal performers Dan Sultan, Marlene Cummins, Tjupurru and Kerrianne Cox will all feature at the Katoomba festival to be held in the NSW Blue Mountains from 14-16

Dan Sultan was nominated for Most Promising New Talent in the 2006 Deadly Awards. He quickly followed this up as winner of Single of the Year for the track Your Love is Like a Song at the 2007 Awards.

Sultan is a favourite on the festival circuit, and has been described as 'like a man possessed, he showcased the type of dazzling dance moves not seen on stage since the glory days of James Brown and Elvis'.

'Dan and his cookin' band so that by the end of the



Dan Sultan and band. Photo by Tony Mott

too-short set hundreds of ecstatic revellers, their clapping hands held aloft, were screaming for more," one enthusiastic reviewer said.

Joining Sultan on the festival program will be singer/songwriter Marlene Cummins, who knows the blues from an Aboriginal perspective



Marlene Cummins will perform in Katoomba.

Cummins' blues gift is about her experiences and struggles as an Aboriginal woman as well as a voice for issues of social injustice of Aboriginal

festivals including the East Coast Blues and likes to balance out her music

repertoire with light-hearted original compositions such as the renowned Pension Day Blues, Insufficient Funds and Santa Bring Me A Man for

Tjupurru, who is descended from the Djabera Djabera tribe in the West Australian Kimberley region, plays the didjeribone, a cross between a didgeridoo and trombone. He picks up the sound from a 'face bass', a seismic sensor implanted in his mouth.

Tjupurru is mixing cultures, technologies and sounds from over thousands of years to serve up and dish out what he describes as 21st century Didietronica.

Joining these artists, the rnulti-award winning Kerrianne Cox returns to the Blue Mountains Music Festival

 The Blue Mountains Music Festival takes place Music Pestival taxes place 14-16 March. For tickets visit website www.bmff.org.au or buy direct from Explore Music at 92 Katoomba Street in the Blue Mountains

## Big names to get the blues at Byron fest

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



**MUSIC** veteran Troy Cassar-Daley and newcomer Dan Sultan will join other blues brothers and sisters at

this year's Byron Bay East Coast Blues and Roots Festival over the Easter long weekend, from 20-24 March.

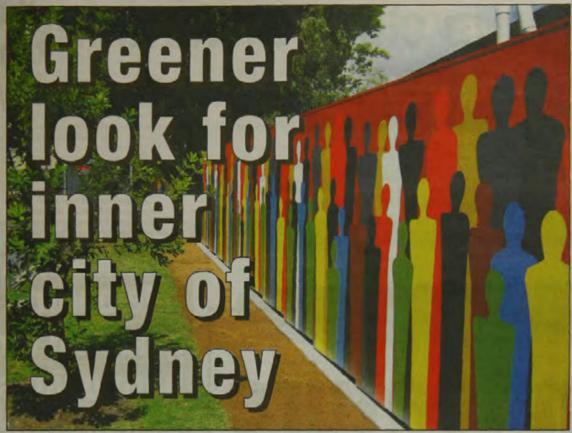
The popular festival will kick off with an Arakwal opening ceremony and welcome

Other Indigenous artists joining Cassar-Daley and Sultan are Kerrianne Cox and Leah Flanagan, while Keith Urban, Sinnead O'Connor, John Butler Trio, Xavier Rudd, Lisa Hunt, Buddy Guy, John Fogarty, Don McLean, The Black Crows and many

more acts are on the bill.

The festival site has been moved from Red Devil Park and will now be held at Belongil Fields, in Byron Bay.

For a full list of artists playing at Blueslest 2008, visit www.blueslest.com.au or to buy tickets call (02) 6685 8310.





SYDNEY Lord Mayor Clover Moore has officially opened three upgraded 'pocket' parks in Darlington.

The parks are Pemulwuy Park (on Eveleigh Street), Hugo Street Reserve and Yellowmundee Reserve.

The upgrade of Hugo Street Reserve includes an Indigenous artwork, the colourful 'Wall of Humanity', featuring a human figure repeated many times, symbolising humanity and the presence

of ancestors, which was designed by the or ancestors, which was designed by the artist Bronwyn Bancroft and artist and architect Dale Jones-Evans.

Children from the city's Redfern Community Centre Youth Program

helped paint the mural. The Lord Mayor said the new-look

parks provided safe, clean open space for children's play and general recreation.

"These parks might be small but they add to the greening of this densely populated area of the city," she said.

City of Sydney's \$50 million infrastructure investment in Redfern which includes the Redfern and Regent Street upgrades, plus the revitalisation of Prince Alfred Park and Redfern Park." The opening of the three parks

included a welcome to country, DJs, treats for children as well as a lunch with

Furthermore, they form a part of the

 Pictured above: The Indigenous
'Wall of Humanity' artwork in the Hugo Street Reserve.

## **Enoch leads Australian** delegation



the Arts has named Wesley of Australia's delegation to the 2008 Festival of Pacific Arts, to be held in American

Samoa this July.

Australia Council Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Arts Board Chair Chris Sarra
said Mr Enoch would play an important role
in leading and selecting the delegation.

There has never been a better time to celebrate the strength of Indigenous Australian arts," he said.
"The Festival of Pacific Arts comes once

every four years as an opportunity to share

every four years as an opportunity to share
the best of our culture, and build
connections beyond our borders.
"Wesley brings experience spanning
some 20 years of professional practice in
the performing arts and an international
reputation that will see a delegation of artists, musicians, dancers and writers showcasing the best of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts to the world."

Mr Enoch said he was honoured by the appointment.

"I'm excited about the prospect of putting together a delegation of up to 30 artists that will allow us to showcase our best, share our stories, learn from our neighbours and celebrate our cultures," he said.

The Festival of Pacific Arts is the world's largest gathering of indigenous Pacific cultures, held every four years since 1972. The 2008 festival will run from 20 July to 2
August, with delegations from 27 Pacific
Island nations represented.
The Australia Council for the Arts has

managed Australia's delegation to each Festival of Pacific Arts since 1975. The members of the 2008 delegation will be announced in April, following a national call for expressions of interest in December.

# Cooktown set for big events



THE Cooktown School of Art Society will celebrate two milestones in 2008. The far

Queensland non-profit organisation will celebrate the 20-year anniversary of its Elizabeth Guzsely Gallery and hold its 30th annual Art

Last year, Helen Gordon, a Nugal Warra woman from North Endeavour River at Cooktown, won Best in Show as well as the inaugural Indigenous Art Award for Indigenous Artists from the Wujal Wujal, Hopevale and

Her acrylic painting. Respect, won competition judge Dean Vella's respect,

topping 124 other entries.

The 30x40cm painting tells the story of a man who was given another wife and how he must be a Mula Minha (good hunter) and provide well for his wives. In traditional times this was

## Categories

Last year's exhibition had ten different art award categories and a 'Best In Show' Award. The \$400 Indigenous Art Award was supported by the Hopevale Art and Cultural Centre and Hope Vale Shire Council.

Art society treasurer and acting secretary Faye Pini said public response to the 2007 exhibition was very positive, and the organisation was hoping for a big field

The 30th annual Art Exhibition will open on 31 May and will run from Sunday 1 June to 9 June at the Elizabeth Guzsely Gallery, 125 Charlotte Street, Cooktown.

Works must have been completed in the two years preceding June 2008 and be the artist's own unaided original work. Works will be for sale.

Completed entry forms must be lodged with the must be looged with the Secretary by 6 May, with paintings at the gallery by noon on 26 May and 3D and handmade art forms there by noon on 29 May. For other conditions and information, contact the Elizabeth Guzsely Gallery on phone/fax (07) 4069 5322.



The artwork 'Respect', by Helen Gordon.

## **Cancer Council** offers \$1000 for arts award



INDIGENOUS Australian artists of all ages and ability are being encouraged to use their skills in artistry and story

telling in this year's Cancer Council Victoria Arts Awards. The Cancer Council is calling for entries in the Indigenous Visual Art category of the arts awards, an event that provides an opportunity for people to express their cancer experiences artistically

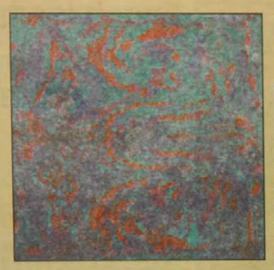
Works can include painting, photographs, craft or sculpture and can represent someone's own experience with cancer, or that of a loved one.

The outstanding entrant for the Indigenous Visual Art category will receive \$1000 cash, and selected artworks will be displayed in an exhibition, which tours Melbourne and regional Victoria. "Cancer can be difficult to talk about in

the community, and this award gives people an opportunity to express their personal stories in a way that makes them feel comfortable," said the Cancer Council Aboriginal Education Program Co-ordinator Peta Reynolds. "These awards bring together people who have been touched by cancer, while also raising awareness of the support services and resources available at the Cancer Council.

Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Razem will judge the Indigenous Visual Art Award.

The closing date for entries is Friday 4 April. For details, call 1300 65 65 85, visit www.cancervic.org.au/artsawards or email arts.awards@cancervic.org.au



## **Up close at Tandanya**



FANS of Aboriginal art from the Eastern Desert region of the Northern Territory can get up close and personal with some

great examples of the work at Tandanya – National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide this month. The Power of Place: Paintings and Artefacts from the Eastern Desert is currently showing at Tandanya, in the city's

The exhibition is a celebration of the land - a vibrant spiritual landscape - seen through the art of the Anmatyarr and Alyawarr people of Utopia, in the NT.

Three Alyawarr artists from Utopia, Mary Kemarre Morton and her two daughters, Sarah Kngwarreye Morton and Lucky Kngwarreye Morton, will visit Tandanya next week and demonstrate their meticulous and distinctive painting techniques in the gallery surrounded by the beautiful paintings and artefacts of their

Visitors can observe the artists at work and enjoy a guided tour of the exhibition with Eastern Desert Art Director Sonja Chalmers.

The artists will be working at Tandanya from 9am-noon, and from 2pm-5pm on Sunday 16 March and Monday 17 March. Tours will be conducted on both days at 10am, 11am, 3pm and 4pm. On the Monday, there will be an additional Monday, there will be an additional tour at 5pm.

Tandanya - National Aboriginal Cultural Institute is situated at 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide (cnr Grenfell Street and East Terrace).

 Pictured left: Sarah
Kngwarreye Morton, Rainbow
(Mpwelarr) Dreaming, (detail) 2007, Acrylic on Belgian linen, 120 x 120 cm.

# **Baton feature** of relay run

By Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



A CEREMONIAL baton painted with Aboriginal designs (pictured above) was expected to lead the way in a relay run marking

the merging of the twin cities of Townsville and Thuringowa in this weekend's Queensland local government elections.

The Community One Relay Run was held on Sunday and participants ran from the Riverway, in Thuringowa, to Strand Park, in Townsville, passing the baton created by local artist Shirley

Townsville Mayor Tony Mooney and Thuringowa Mayor Les Tyrell, who are standing for the top position in the elections on Saturday, were expected to join runners, including North Queensland Cowboys captain Johnathan Thurston at Strand

Shirley Collins owns and manages her own business, Yumala Designs. She creates acrylic paintings and handcrafts, designs and manufactures memento/corporate gifts and souvenirs from her studio beside her home in Thuringowa, where she has lived for 24 years. From the Pitta-Pitta mob of

western Queensland, her work is showcased to international and national tourists annually at the Cultural Fest held on Townsville's

"I was born in the harsh red landscape of western Queensland in the



Shirley Collins in her Townsville studio with some of her work.

mining town of Mount Isa and my father's people are from Boulia," Shirley told The Koori Mail.

"I'm led to believe that my mother is from the Eastern Arrente people of Lake Nash, over the Northern Territory border, but I'm still on a journey

to find my mother's people.
"My name in the Pitta-Pitta
language is 'Yum-ala' which means 'eldest sister'.

Shirley's submission was chosen to celebrate the merging of the twin cities

"It took about three or four days to design, paint and complete the baton, after I was given short notice however, I am proud mine was accepted," she

Shirley's husband Wayne made the baton and Shirley painted it in colours inspired by the Riverway and Strand, which are joined by the Ross River which runs through both cities.

The green background represents the Riverway and the blue is for the Ross River which runs through the heart of both cities," she said.
"The yellow depicts the

golden sand of the Strand beaches. The multi-coloured dots represent the suburbs of

"Large white dots show the journey of the two cities merging together as one council and the red dot in the centre represents the heart of the people living in

"Inside the baton is the message of the existing mayors from both cities - Tony Mooney of Townsville and Les Tyrell of Thuringowa.

Shirley has also run workshops for schools and markets around the region as part of the Great Tropical Drive through the Townsville Enterprise marketing body.

## Melbourne gears up for harmonious celebration



celebrated in Melbourne this year with a huge line-up of Indigenous performers. Held in the heart of

Indigenous land and multicultural communities on the banks of the Yarra River, the Black Harmony Gathering is held as a celebration of cultural diversity in Harmony Week which also marks United Nations Elimination of Racism Day.

Indigenous performances will include Lou Bennett's The Sweet Cheeks; local Victorian Indigenous traditional dance group Koori Will Shake Spears; the Aboriginal Elders choir, ACES; Kutcha Edwards; Indigenous hip-hop artists Yung Warriors; Indigenous vocalist Illana

Atkinson; and MCs Uncle Herb Patten and Cathy Bowers from Sister She.

In its fifth year, Black Harmony was initially developed through consultation with Indigenous and newly emerging cultural groups as a vehicle to bring young and old together in harmony through the sharing of the cultures of music and dance.

This consultation continues, and the group behind the day

Celebration MC Uncle Herb Patten not only decides on the music and dance but

also now includes crafts, food and workshops The Black Harmony Gathering not only breaks down cultural barriers, but also gives all people a chance to meet, share dance and

enjoy music. People are encouraged to bring along a picnic, or try some of the cultural food available

The event is hosted by the Indigenous community and produced by Multicultural Arts
Victoria with the support of City of Yarra,
Victorian Mitticultural Commission and the Besen Foundation.

 Held Sunday 16 March, 12-4pm at the Fairfield Amphitheatre, Heidelberg Rd, Fairfield. (Melways Map 30 J12). For details contact Multicultural Arts Victoria on telephone (03) 9417 6777 or visit the website www.multiculturalarts.com.au

## Conference will focus on chronic disease

and community health organisations will jointly host a Rural and Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Broken Hill this May.

The conference will be held on 15-16
May at the Broken Hill Entertainment Centre. It is anticipated that the two-day conference will attract 300 participants, predominantly from the health-care sector. Greater Western Area Health Service.

Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation,

University of Sydney Department of Remote Health, Broken Hill, Royal Flying Doctor Service and NSW Health will work in partnership with Aboriginal community controlled health services.

## Challenges

The conference will focus on the successes in managing the challenges of chronic disease for Aboriginal people in remote and rural settings, and provide an opportunity for health professionals to showcase success and share best

wellness and strengthen partnerships to identify new opportunities for health service providers to meet social, demographic and cultural challenges.

The conference organisers are seeking abstracts which describe successful and innovative approaches to chronic disease among Aboriginal people in rural and remote areas

These approaches, especially ones that are having a positive impact, may be about prevention, early intervention, management or ongoing care, in

community or primary health settings, taking a 'life course' approach or addressing underlying determinants of health and social and emotional

well-being. For more information, contact conference co-ordinator Lynne Lambell on (02) 6363 8027 or email lynne.lambell@ gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

For registration or attendance inquiries, contact event manager Bradley Hayden at Countrywide Conference and Event Management on phone (02) 6023 6300 or bradley@ccem.com.au



Queensland MP Steve Wettenhall with Yarrabah and Djarragun students at the launch of Which Way - You Choose. Also present were AFL players Austin Waneamirri, Isaac Weetra, Richard Tambling and Jarrod Oakley-Nichols.

# Project homes on violence

By CHRISTINE HOWES



IT is hoped that many more than the 27 communities across Cape York, the Gulf of Carpentaria

and the Torres Strait who participate in AFL's KickStart will get to benefit from a new program designed to help stop domestic and family violence. Speaking at the launch of

Which Way - You Choose, Far North Queensland AFL Development Officer Rick Hanlon said it would be great if the program could be expanded nationally. There already had been inquiries

"We're looking forward to rolling this out and seeing what it can produce. I think it's got far more energy and scope than just working with our coaches," Hanlon said.

"It's just another opportunity to develop programs that encourage healthy lifestyles and further means that we can get out to the kids and work with them to try to develop those good practices." The resource kit includes a

DVD featuring high-profile players speaking alongside young people about their own personal experiences, information booklets, and training for KickStart development officers to help coaches deliver the program. Local MP Steve Wettenhall

said the kit had been specifically designed to appeal to young people and would assist coaches in their discussions about healthy relationships. "Department (of Communities) staff will train Kickstart Development Officers to assist coaches in the delivery of this material and I understand we've already got that under way," he said. "I'm confident this new

initiative will make a real difference in our communities and I look forward to hearing about the positive results to encourage us in the future.' Mr Wettenhall believed

partnering between the KickStart program and the Department of Communities initiative was a 'great idea'. "We're talking to young people on a level playing field and educating them about some of society's most important issues," he said.

"As any footballer will tell you, you go out on the field to play a serious game, you always know there's a risk of injury and that's part of what makes these blokes some of the toughest around.

"But nobody should expect any injury or harm to come to

them at home, not one bruise and not one scratch."

Mr Hanlon said Far North

Queensland's AFL development funding had grown from \$25,000 to \$600,000 in recent years.

'It's grown and continues to grow because there's a need and while there's a need we'll

keep developing," he said. "The KickStart program's beliefs and philosophies are based around trying to create healthy lifestyles for young people. What's happened over the journey of the program I think is that the footy has probably come third or fourth in line in what we think are the most important facets.

"We consider now that being in school, kids being healthy and not engaging in drugs and other things that can get themselves into are far more important than football."

## Good health news for some, but not for us



Dying from a heart attack is less likely than it was 10 years ago, new research shows. A study on chronic illness

from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found the

news on heart disease was improving, but the outlook for lung cancer was far more

And it painted a continuing grim picture about Indigenous health.

The Institute looked at 12 illnesses that are a major burden on the health system.
"There is no doubt that the incidence of

heart attacks and deaths after heart attacks are trending downwards and daily smoking rates continue to decline so that, currently, under 20 per cent of adults smoke daily, said Ilona Brockway from the institute in a statement.

The research showed there was a 32 per cent decrease in heart disease amongst males between 1994 and 2005 while in the same period there was a 34 per cent decline

for women, the study found. Worryingly, the rate of lung cancer amongst women has increased since 1982. Just 14 per cent of women survive beyond five years after being diagnosed with lung

### Plateau

"In the last four years a plateau in incidence rates can be observed," the study

"However, more data is required before a change in trend is verified."

On top of this, the institute also discovered about 66 per cent of adults were not exercising enough to have any impact on

For Indigenous people, the story is much worse and the gap between the health of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people

remains startling.
About half of all adult Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders smoke.

For Indigenous Australians living in remote areas of Australia, the rates are higher, averaging 55 per cent," the study

The institute also references other reports to paint another despairing picture of indigenous health.

"In 2004, the proportion of low-birth-weight live-born babies of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers was 13 per cent." it said.

Indigenous people were also more likely to suffer from diabetes, the institute



Beverley become the

of a family health grill simply by looking after her family's

She took part in a family health check at Queen Street Medical Centre in Moruya, on the NSW south coast. The Healthy for Life team from the Southern General Practice Network are co-ordinating these health checks for Koori families in the region with their normal doctor.

"It is all about improving the health of our local Koori community and encouraging them to see their local doctor" said HFL coordinator Jodie Griffin "Beverley's name was drawn by the Healthy for Life Advisory Group. All the clients that have had a health check went into the draw and Beverly was the lucky winner.

Beverley believes that the health check was valuable and hopes that more families will come on

## Sends message

"Having a health check with my son was good as it sends to him the message that health is important and that you must go to the doctor for a yearly check-up even if you are well" she

"My people are dying on average 17 years before other Australians, so we all have to go to doctor for a

"I encourage every Koori to contact the Healthy for Life Team and arrange a health check. I'll definitely go back again next year for another one.

Beverley thanked the Healthy for Life team for organising the health check with her doctor.

"The team organised it all with my doctor; they were very thorough and were there on the day to go through the check with me, she said.

Jodie Griffin said the Healthy for Life Team worked with all doctors in the region to assist with undertaking child and adult

# Beverley a winner with her attitude on health



Beverley Moreton and Healthy for Life Co-ordinator Jodie Griffin with Beverley's healthy prize.

To date the team has completed more than 200 child and adult health

If you are a Koori and would like a health check call the team on 1800 088

The Aboriginal Healthy

for Life Program is a collaboration between Southern General Practice Network and Katungul Aboriginal Corporation

## Ovarian cancer breakthrough



THE lives of hundreds of Australian women could be saved every year, thanks to a breakthrough early-stage detection test for ovarian cancer

developed by Australian scientists.

Currently, more than 75 per cent of cases of ovarian cancer are diagnosed in the advanced stages. More than 80 per cent of these women will die from the disease within five years.

However, if ovarian cancer is detected early and treated effectively, more than 90 per cent of these women

Professor Greg Rice, from the collaborative research teams that developed the test, said early detection of the disease was critical to save lives.

"In Australia last year there were about 1200 new cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed and, tragically, more than 800 deaths reported. This new test brings us one step closer to the urgently needed community-based screening program for ovarian cancer," Professor

In a study co-sponsored by the Women's Cancer Foundation, HealthLinx Limited and ARL Pathology. the new test was reportedly up to 94 per cent accurate in diagnosing early stage ovarian cancer

The new OvPlex test is now being brought to market by diagnostic company HealthLinx Limited and ARL Pathology and will be available in the

Despite the breakthrough, Professor Rice cautioned that more work needed to be done to develop a community-based screening test. This would require increasing test accuracy to more than 99 per cent.

The early symptoms of ovarian cancer are often vague and can include pelvic or abdominal pain, swelling in the abdomen, unexplained weight gain, weight or appetite loss, bloating, tiredness or backache

If women have experienced these symptoms for two weeks or more, they are encouraged to see their doctor.

 More information is available on the Women's Cancer Foundation website: womenscancerfoundation.org

## Some good news on health front



INDIGENOUS communities are taking action to improve the health and wellbeing of their own people, according to a booklet launched in Victoria last Wednesday.

Success stories in Indigenous Health, by Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), is a showcase of successful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

health projects from across Australia. Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) CEO Jill Gallagher said there were many success stories in the Aboriginal health sector.

Abonginal health sector.

"Success needs to be promoted within and beyond the Aboriginal health sector," she said.

"And ANTAR's booklet will help the Indigenous community look forward in a positive way. Let's celebrate and promote health successes

Ms Gallagher said there was a great deal of good work being done to improve the health and wellbeing of Indigenous people by many dedicated and hard-working people and organisations.
"Each of the success stories is built on strong

community organisations in strong partnerships

Two Aboriginal health success stories from Victoria are featured in ANTaR's booklet:

 The Snake Condoms campaign by Marie Stopes International helped raise awareness among Indigenous young people about the dangers of unprotected sex. Thirty-five trained 'Snake Charmers' in Mildura, Shepparton, Bendigo, Echuca and Barnside went to parties and clubs to sell Snake Condoms to young people, and to answer questions about safe sex practices.

 Good Food, Great Kids is an Indigenous community nutrition project by the Yarra Valley Community Health Service based in Healesville The program has helped turn around attitudes towards healthy eating. Funded over three years by the Commonwealth Government, the project aimed to reduce obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other nutrition related problems, many of them

The booklet is available for sale from the ANTAR Victoria office on phone (03) 9419 3613. Free www.antar.org.au/success

## Improved health and education for **Aboriginal people**



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul

NSW Abonginal Artairs Minister Paul Lynch has welcomed a new Aboriginal Health College to be built at Little Bay, in Sydney.
Mr Lynch said the college - to be run by the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW - would complement the NSW Covernment's largest to extraorthes Aboriginal Government's targets to strengthen Aboriginal communities.

"The college will pave the way for new generations of health care professionals to work effectively in their own communities," he said.

"This facility will help close the gap by providing a pool of highly-skilled Aboriginal health staff to

work with Aboriginal people.

Member for Maroubra Michael Daley said the college – to be built on the old Prince Henry

Hospital site – was greatly needed.

Training health care professionals from Aboriginal communities to work in their communities will go a long way to improving the long-term health of Aboriginal people," he said. Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council

of NSW CEO Sandra Bailey said the college would deliver nationally-accredited and recognised courses to meet the needs of clients serviced by Aboriginal Medical Services and NSW Health

# Something to Crow about!

Adelaide players commit to close the gap in health



Adelaide Crows will be working hard this year to close the gap

between them and last season's finalists but they're just as committed to closing a gap of another kind.

Late last month, the team kicked off the AFL season by urging the Australian Government to commit to closing the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians within a generation.

"It's time to close the gap." said Aboriginal Crows player and role model Andrew McLeod.

"For far too long we've had to deal with inadequate and poor health quality and we need to raise awareness and be active in making sure that this doesn't continue and to make sure that there's longevity for our

In preparation for their match against Fremantle on Saturday 23 February, the Crows invited 50 Aboriginal children to a training

Once it was finished, the players and children all donned Close the Gap T-shirts and showed their support for the Australiawide campaign to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous Australians.

Six Aboriginal players from the Crows – Andrew McLeod, Graham Johncock, Jonathon Griffin, Jared Petrenko, Jarrhan Jacky

and Tony Armstrong – signed the Close the Gap pledge, which urges Federal, State and Territory governments to close the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians within 25

years. "We've got seven Indigenous players in our football club now and it's the most we've ever had," said Adelaide Crows Coach Neil

Craig.
"It's great for the rest of our team-mates to get a much better understanding of Indigenous culture and some of the issues they

Oxfam Australia Executive Director Andrew Hewett thanked the players for their support.

## Exciting

"It's exciting that the Adelaide Crows have come on board to show their support for this important campaign," he said.
"With Australians from all

walks of life coming together to close the gap, we can solve the Indigenous health crisis within a generation." The children who took part in the training session

were from the Amata, Ernabella, Fregon, Murputja, Pipalyatjara, Watarru, Indulkana, Kenmore Park, Mimili, Oak Valley, Yalata and Oodnadatta Aboriginal communities in South

 Pledge your support of the Close the Gap campaign at www.oxfam org.au/closethegap





 ABOVE: Adelaide Crows footballers joined children from remote South Australian

Aboriginal communities at their home ground last month to commit to 'Closing the Gap' between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

 LEFT: Aboriginal children at the Crows' training session with some of the Adelaide players.

Photos courtesy of the AFL

## Health spending up: Report



SPENDING per person on health services for Indigenous people was 17 per cent higher than for non-Indigenous people in 2004/05, a new

report has found.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report found \$4718 was spent on health for each Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person, 17 per cent higher than the \$4019 per person estimated for non-Indigenous

AlHW health economist John Goss said there had been no significant

change in the ratio in the past nine

The figures in the AIHW report include public and private health spending.

Total expenditure on health for Indigenous people was estimated at \$2304 million in 2004/05.

State and Territory governments and the Federal Government gave almost equal amounts of money for Indigenous

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people relied more heavily on public services than other Australians, particularly public hospitals and

community health services," Mr Goss

And consequently government funding of services used by Indigenous persons was much higher than for other Australians – \$4356 per person compared with \$2763, or 58 per cent

Indigenous people used privately-provided medical, pharmaceutical and other health practitioner services less than non-Indigenous Australians and were comparatively low users of Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). - AAP

## Managing your diabetes...

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## Award-winning musician urges Koori kids to ... Follow the dream

young people. As the adage goes, if you don't have a dream, you can't achieve it.

**Encouraging Koori young** people from Sydney's Mt Druitt area to follow their dreams last month was musician John

Butler, of the John Butler Trio.

The ARIA Award-winning musician has been a big supporter of the Closing the Gap campaign aimed at closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between black and white Australian

In February, he put his money where his mouth is, waiving any fee to perform for Indigenous youth for several hours at the Mt Druitt office of the Ted Noffs Foundation. He was joined by Clare Bowditch, another popular singer.

Butler's visit was organised by Jamle Bellwood, an Aboriginal Adolescent/Family Drug and Alcohol Counsellor with the Foundation.

"John spoke to our youth mainly on believing in themselves and allowing themselves to dream about what they wanted out of life," Bellwood told The Koori Mail.

and how youth were feeling. He gave up his own time without a fee, and he sang a few songs with Clare Bowditch and three young people, including a Maori fella Robbie, an Aboriginal didge player Andrew Cutmore and another young Aboriginal musician

"It was a fantastic experience. John's words and philosophy on life certainly inspired us all. It was an experience that none of us will ever forget. All the young people said they'll carry John's thoughts with them throughout their own lives."





 LEFT: John Butler (wearing a black shirt, with beard, in the back row) and some of the Mt Druitt young people he shared his life philosophies with last month.

 ABOVE: John Butler working with some of the young Indigenous people.

Photos courtesy of the Ted Nolls



VICHEALTH has called for all Victorian alcohol retailers to release local

ale figures and do their bit to help reduce harms associated with alcohol.

New groundbreaking Australian research shows that the more alcohol sold in an area, the higher the rates of violence in that same locality.

The research from Western Australia is based on figures from local government areas on the number, density and alcohol sales volumes of licensed

Western Australia has the most detailed alcohol consumption and harm information in the country. It is the only State, along with the Northern Territory, to collect figures on the volume of alcohol purchased by licensed premises

The Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) said in late February

## Vic call to come clean on booze

work responsibly with local government, the State Government, health bodies and the community by voluntarily releasing the wholesale alcohol data across Victoria.

"Having access to the alcohol sales figures for outlets in Victoria would provide the missing piece of the puzzle to measure the harmful impacts of alcohol on local communities," says VicHealth CEO

Todd Harper. Researchers, from the National Drug Research Institute

have created a model that can predict the likely effect of granting a new liquor licence anywhere in Australia on alcohol-related assaults, hospitalisations, deaths and road crashes.

## More outlets

Over the past ten years in Victoria, the number of on-premises outlets has grown more than 150 per cent, and the number of packaged liquor outlets has also grown significantly, increasing by more than 50 per cent in total number.

"Local government around Victoria has been doing tremendous work to manage the harmful impacts of alcohol on their local communities," Mr Harper sad.

"The research endorses the need for the increased co-operation between local and State governments, alcohol retailers, along with police and local communities to address the problems that excessive drinking is bringing to our streets and

homes." The study estimates that

each additional hotel in Perth results in 17 domestic violence assaults in 12 months, while new regional liquor stores result in up to 29 additional domestic

assaults a year.

Mr Harper said VicHealth
believed this evidence would assist local government to make more informed decisions on applications for new liquor

"After all, it is the community who ultimately bears the financial and social burden of harms caused by alcohol related violence and assault," he said.

"The WA research is the evidence needed for mounting a case against further saturation of liquor licences and is in line with concerns expressed by communities, councils and police across Victoria regarding the surge in alcohol-related violence over recent years.

It is time that we consider the health and safety of the community above commercial

## Taking steps to become healthy, active and confident



THIRTY young women across south-west Brisbane are participating in group fitness training sessions and learning to 'make up your own mind about alcohol', thanks to Queensland

Health-sponsored local initiative

The Inala Youth Service is conducting the Women Healthy, Active and Confident program to help young women establish healthy lifestyles through weekly physical activity routines and healthy lifestyle

Under the guidance of a personal fitness trainer, the women – aged 15 to 22 – have started a range of aerobic work, weights and circuit routines to suit their

individual fitness levels.

Melissa Clarke of Inala Youth Service said the program's focus was on young

women's physical fitness levels, strength and muscle tone, while building their confidence, perseverance and determination

"Over the 10-week program, we're also encouraging the women to make healthy lifestyle choices, with our sessions exploring healthy eating habits, responsible alcohol consumption, stress management and relaxation," Ms Clarke

"We will specifically look at the impact of alcohol and drugs on healthy lifestyles and relationships, and encourage young women to 'make up your own mind about

"Women Healthy, Active and Confident compliments our existing Girls Group calendar of social, cultural, sporting and cooking activities, which engages young women from all cultural backgrounds

across south-west Brisbane."

The program is a community partnership between Inala Youth Service, Inala PCYC, and Queensland Health's Inala Community Health Service and Southern Area Population Health Services.

Queensland Health's Karen Howarth said that funding was available to help other local sporting and community organisations promote the 'make up your own mind about drinking' message to young women, in an effort to reduce risky alcohol consumption and alcohol-related

These groups can apply for up to \$5000 in sponsorship towards sporting events and activities involving young women aged 15 to 22 years," she said. "Innovative ideas that promote the

reduction of harmful alcohol use in young

"Funding for activities may include purchase of team sporting equipment, event promotion materials, registration

event promotion materials, registration fees, transportation costs, or payment of workshop fees. If sponsorship is granted, it is expected that responsible alcohol messages will be actively promoted during the period of the activity. "We don't expect that young women will give up drinking completely, but we do want them to feel empowered, and to know that it really is okay to say 'no thanks' to a shout, or to stay home if you really don't feel like a big really don't feel like a big

night out on the drink

● For more information or a grants application kit, contact Karen Howarth on (07) 3810 1534. All funding applications will be assessed on merit and accepted until May 2008.

## **Education**

## Nominations wanted for inspirational teacher awards



Teaching Awards (NEiTA) is calling on parents, schools. and early childhood communities to submit nominations for its new

awards, the ASG Inspirational Teacher After 14 years celebrating teaching excellence, NEiTA has launched its new awards program that it says heralds a new direction for the organisation in is aimed at celebrating the role inspirational teachers play in education and wider communities

Next to a parent, teachers have the most influence in a young person's life. When a teacher connects with a student with enthusiasm, skill, and passion, magic can happen in the mind of that student. NEiTA Chairman Terry O'Connell said.

survey in Britain found that 76 per cent of

teacher had helped them succeed. Of these, 91 per cent said that a teacher had encouraged them to aim high and to

achieve the best they could.

These findings support NEITA's decision to change the focus of its awards to acknowledging the inspiration that great teachers provide to their students.

The ASG Inspirational Teacher Awards and grants will be presented to teachers who connect with their students and

encourage them to achieve to the best of

Nomination forms for the awards are available from schools, early childhood centres or local libraries, or by calling the NE/TA Secretariat on 1800 624 487.

Alternatively, nominations can be made online at www.neita.com.au or by emailing NEiTA at neita@asg.com.au

For more background information about the NEiTA and its awards program, visit www.neita.com.au/media.htm

# System under attack



AN 'apartheid' education system in the Northern Territory is damaging Aboriginal children, according

academic from a Sydney-based

Helen Hughes, a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Independent Studies (CIS), has written in the March edition of Quadrant magazine about the gap between the education of mainstream Australians and that available to young Aboriginal people in remote

In her article 'Strangers in Their Own Country: A Diary of Hope', Hughes tells of her experience hosting two teenage girls, whose names she changed in the article to protect their identities (they were called Charlotte and Margaret), from a remote NT Indigenous

Hughes said the two girls went to Sydney because their parents were desperately worried about their future

The CIS said Hughes' repor illustrated the damage the NT's 'apartheid' education system caused Indigenous people

This heartbreaking day-to-day account tells of two well-broughtup, clever girls who had been attending school regularly for sight and nine years respectively, but who could not read street signs or simple shopfront words such as 'bread and cakes', and who could barely use scissors," the Centre said. She writes that as she and a

tutor worked with the girts, they were astonished by the limited number of words, poor spelling, and the indiscriminate sprinkling of capital letters in the few ntences they were able to write to describe their journey to

Sydney'. Hughes said reading was worse, and it was only with a great deal of assistance that the girls could read the Dr Seuss classic *The Cat in the Hat.*Hughes said the girls'

community was a decent one, but it was being thwarted at every step, notably by being denied full-time teachers skilled in teaching English as a second language and basic mathematics. The NT Department of Education has been well aware of the deficiencies of its exercise.

the deficiencies of its remote Indigenous schools. Every year it publishes appalling Year 3, 5 and 7 literacy and numeracy benchmark passes of around 20 per cent for Indigenous students in remote schools," she said. "Why aren't these

Indigenous schools provided with radio, television, DVDs, and colourful instruction books-tailored to each age group as in

mainstream schools? "The teenagers are at early primary levels in spite of regular school attendance because they have been very

Report author

Helen Hughes

badly taught. Teachers apparently do not understand or perhaps do not want to admit why the children are not learning. So lack of progress is ascribed to 'Aboriginality', and schooling content is dumbed down to accommodate the alleged 'slowness' of Aboriginal children.

"(The girls) cannot be asked to sit in a mainstream class of six or seven-year-olds in a real primary

"Equally, they cannot be set up to fail by being placed in the high school Year 11 and 12 classes of their ages. Paradoxically, the best way for them to catch up is likely to be to sit side by side with immigrants or foreign students coming to Australia to learn

## **Qld student among** a very select few





man Todd Phillips is set to take his message about improving Indigenous

education to an international audience. Mr Phillips is one of a handful of Australians selected to attend a forum run by former US President Bill Clinton in New

Orleans, in the United States. The final-year Queensland University of Technology (QUT) education student will join Mr Clinton, actor Brad Pitt, US First Lady Laura Bush, global leaders, and university officials and student delegates from arou the world at the inaugural Clinton

flobal Initiative University
meeting from 14-16 March,
Mr Phillips, who works as a
peer mentor in QUT's Oodgeroo
Unit, was selected for his civic engagement work in Indigenous communities and said he understood only five Australian students were among the 500 chosen internationally to attend the CGIU meeting.

## Visit centres

The project, run by QUT School of Maths, Science and Technology Education head Professor Tom Cooper, sees students visit 18 Indigenous communities around Queensland

to improve numeracy and literacy.
"We're not just going in and talking with the kids; it's a wholeof-community approach, getting parents in to get on board with teachers, and doing teacher aide jobs, empowering the community to help with numeracy and literacy," Mr Phillips said. He said attending the CGIU

meeting would be an opportunity to put a global spotlight on Australia's challenge to improve education outcomes for Indigenous people.

"If it takes a student to bring about some coverage or highlight what needs to happen, to improve education in Indigenous communities, well so be it," the 27-year-old said. "It'd be awesome to liaise with other students who are doing similar things around the world and to draw on the strategies they're using, see what's working."

Mr Phillips said he was inspired to study education by his own experiences growing up in a small Aboriginal community, Baryulgil, on the north coast of New South Wales.

## Workshop focus on high-mobility students



REPRESENTATIVES from the Commonwealth Government, Western Australia, South Australia and the Independent and Catholic education sectors

have met in Alice Springs with Northern Territory representatives to tackle the high mobility of Indigenous students across borders. The two-day workshop was hosted by the Department of Employment, Education and Training to develop a better understanding of Indigenous mobility and a joint approach to support and track Indigenous students who move across State and Territory borders

there was no question that regular attendance at school was the key to improving educational outcomes Indigenous students.

This is particularly important for Indigenous students in remote communities where attendance rates are on average 25 per cent lower than for non-Indigenous remote students," he said.
"Movement of students from remote

communities to outstations, urban areas or over State and Territory borders during the school term is one of the many challenges that we face in delivering a high-quality education program in remote area

identifying successful local practices in engaging transient students, and setting out a workable action plan to minimise the impact of cross-border movement on school

Mr Davies said: "The department is working closely with other jurisdictions and sectors to develop practices that create educational continuity, for instance understanding the impact of privacy legislation on allowing schools to share student records across borders.
"This complements Northern

Territory-wide initiatives like school attendance campaigns and scholarships for

Indigenous people to train as teachers.
"On a regional and local level, the department and schools are working directly with parents to promote the value of

deducation and to support families to send their children to school wherever they are." The workshop is one of the activities of the national Australian Education Systems Officials Committee Reference Group on

Indigenous Transient Students.

"The department is playing an active role on the national front with two members on the National Student Attendance Unit and through hosting workshops like this to share approaches that are successful in improving school attendance," Mr Davies said.

## **Finance** report banks on the future



literacy report has

highlighted a strong need for partnerships between government and businesses to deliver financial support to Indigenous people

The Banking for the Future Report looked at ways to improve the financial literacy skills of Indigenous Australians, and identified new approaches to providing services.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Mackin's department said it was essential that governments businesses and communities work together to increase access to financial literacy programs and resources for Indigenous people. The report

recommends

 Improving financial literacy and access to products and services

 Development of partnerships between financial institutions

 Development of best practice in financial literacy programs and

 Establishment of a network of Indigenous financial counsellors to share information and provide support and report on key issues for Indigenous people; and

 Development of an online cultural awareness training tool

The Australian Government will contribute a further \$100,000 to support the continuation of the work.

 Banking for the Future is available from Reconciliation Australia's website, www.reconciliation.

# Challis offers a great start





AN innovative early childhood program developed in consultation with community Elders in Perth is showing promising results

Under the Kartajin Danjoo (Learning Together) program, Aboriginal children who are too young to attend primary school attend Challis Early Childhood Education Centre in Perth's southern suburbs as part of a school readiness program.

Challis centre has an all-Aboriginal transition to school class, which mixes kids at pre-compulsory age with school beginners. Many of the children are in their dedicated classroom with older siblings or cousins, giving them a much smoother start to their

In 2006, the attendance rate for Indigenous students at Challis was 60 per cent. In 2007, it was 85 per cent – an improvement attributed to the Kartajin Danjoo program conceived to address attendance sues among Indigenous students. and winning praise from all involved.

Our children feel loved and wanted and feel as one," said local Elder Gerald Hansen, who has grandchildren and foster children in

the program.
"They ask every morning if they are going to their Nyoongar class. The teachers are brilliant and love

and support our kids." The program was planned in close consultation with Elders, the Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer (AIEO) and other Indigenous classroom teacher, two assistants (one Aboriginal, one non-Aboriginal) and AIEO Peter Wilkes.

## Attendance up

"The children's attendance is up from previous years," said Mr Wilkes. "And the parents' and caregivers' participation has been

Mr Wilkes said highlights had been receiving a number of awards, including the Milton Thorne Award for Outstanding School-based Initiative for Aboriginal Students, and the Canning District Excellence Award for best community service

The awards have continued, with Challis recently being named an Achievement Award winner in the Dare to Lead Excellence in Leadership in Indigenous Education

Mr Wilkes also teaches the children Nyoongar language. For example, when teaching phonics he doesn't say 'Ants on an apple' to teach the sound of 'A'; he uses Nyoongar words instead. Children stay in the Nyoongar classroom until midday, and spend the afternoon in mixed classes so they do not lose touch with the mainstream school.

"For me personally it has been one of the most fulfilling things we've ever tried," said Challis

Centre Principal Lee Musumeci. "This could make a real difference if we can keep these kids

together and keep the relationships together right through school." Ms Musumeci said she believed the program could be applied at all stages of schooling. She has made a presentation to local primary and secondary school principals. suggesting that a similar approach could be valuable at other transition points in education.



Challis student Dylan Avsar.



Sydney Quartermaine playing and learning.



Jakeisha Kennedy in class.



Kassie Taylor at work



Participants at the North Queensland Zone Schools Constitutional Convention for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, held in Townsville.

## Students learn about Constitution

Story and photos by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



THEY may have a few more lessons to learn, but there's no reason why any of the 50 Aboriginal and Torres Strait

who attended a regional constitutional convention in Townsville last week couldn't end up becoming a State parliamentarian

Queensland Parliament Speaker Mike Reynolds told the students as much when he officially opened the North Queensland Zone Schools Constitutional Convention for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The event, held at the Salvation Army Convention Centre last Tuesday, brought together students to further develop their understanding and appreciation of Australia's

Constitution.
The 40 Aboriginal and 10
Torres Strait Islander students discussed related issues such as Which legislative powers are best left with the Commonwealth and which are best left with the

"I applaud you all for your interest in learning more about our democratic processes and developing an understanding of Australia's Constitution and the role it plays in our society." Mr



Speaker of the Queensland Parliament Mike Reynolds and community Elder Gracelyn Smallwood at the Schools Constitutional Convention.

Reynolds told them.

"May this experience be one that starts you thinking about

democratic processes work in our lives. I hope you will be inspired by this event to take an even more active role in the democratic process.

The Koori Mail attended the convention, which drew students from as far away as Mackay and Charters Towers.

Thelma Gertz, from Catholic Education, said that State, Catholic and Independent schools had joined during the past four years to provide a partnership approach to the conventions.

The aim of each convention is to provide an opportunity for senior secondary students to explore constitutional issues, she said.

students who are informed and actively interested in the Australian system of government to pursue this interest."

Mrs Gertz said this process was assisting young Indigenous students to be assertive and to develop good public speaking

Elder Gracelyn Smallwood also addressed the students, some of whom were accompanied by family members.

Students attending the convention were able to stand for election as a delegate to the National Schools Constitutional Convention, to be held in Canberra next month. Queensland will send up to 24 representatives to the event.

# Powderfinger a huge incentive



comes up with the most creative ways to advance Indigenous reconciliation will get a visit from rock band Powderlinger.

Reconciliation Australia has launched a lignal company of the conciliation and powderlinger.

national campaign to get primary and secondary schools to develop their own Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). A RAP is a blueprint schools and

organisations can develop and use to build positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, respect Indigenous cultures and create opportunities to support Indigenous people Indigenous people

Eight schools have already signed on to develop a RAP, but organisers hope to get 200 signed up to the RAP Program for Schools by National Reconciliation Week, from 27 May until 3 June. The RAP program was launched by

Reconciliation Australia in 2006 as a



Award-winning band Powderfinger is continuing its support for reconciliation through the RAP Program for Schools.

forward-looking aspect of the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. It encourages and supports diverse organisations from large corporates like Qantas, ANZ and BHP Billiton to hospitals and local councils to determine actions they will take to help close the gap.

Reconciliation Australia Chief Executive

Barbara Livesey said that response to the program from different sectors had been remarkable, with 50 RAPs already registered on Reconciliation Australia's website, and 400 more currently in

"Each RAP is a significant step towards reconciliation and the cumulative potential of the program to build relationships, respect and opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is massive," she said. "With schools around the country being encouraged to hold summits in the lead-up to the 2020 Summit in April and talk through what's important for Australia, the School RAP program couldn't have come at a better time.

The school that develops the most interesting and creative RAP will get a visit from Powderfinger, which last year toured in support of reconciliation with Silverchair on the Great Divide Tour. The RAP Program for Schools was launched in Canberra on 27 February. - AAP

## Top dancer to head program



FAR north Queenslanders with a passion for dance have a chance to be trained by former Bangarra choreographer Monica Stevens. Ms Stevens will be heading up the only Indigenous dance training program in far

north Queensland, which is now taking enrolments in Cairns.

Tropical North Queensland TAFE Institute Director Joann Pyne said the Institute was gearing up to deliver the Certificate III in Indigenous Australian Dance Performance from next month. "This is the only full-time Indigenous dance program offered in Cairns or through TAFE Queensland and presents a fantastic opportunity for Indigenous Queenslanders to gain recognised skills and qualifications," she said.

Ms Pyne said the dance program provided training in Indigenous and contemporary dance methods and prepared students for careers as professional performing artists.

The course will be delivered under the instruction of former Bangarra Dance Theatre choreographer and National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA) Artistic Director Monica Stevens

 The program is open to any Indigenous person with an interest in dance. For more information on the course, contact Cynthia Vogler on (07) 4042 2640.

## **Excellent** results the goal of grant



BATCHELOR Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, in the Northern Territory, has secured a \$220,000

grant under the Carrick Institute's Promoting Excellence initiative to develop an Australian Indigenous Education Practice of Excellence in Higher Education.

The project will develop and share effective methods of teaching Indigenous students in the higher education sector and incorporate the principles of Batchelor Institute's Both Ways education philosophy, which brings together traditional Indigenous learning systems with Western academic principles to achieve better results for lecturers and students

Batchelor Pro-Vice Chancellor for Teaching and Learning Professor Kerri-Ann Hewett Fraser said the project created a great opportunity for the Institute to consolidate its 30 years of experience and resource base in Indigenous knowledges, to develop an Indigenous education best practice model of international significance

## Major role

"Locally, this will enable Batchelor Institute to play a major role in developing a national strategy of Australian Indigenous Education Practice of Excellence (AIEPE) for the Higher Education "Professor Hewett Fraser

"For more than 30 years, the institute's practical both-ways approach has supported the educational needs of people in northern Australia, bridging geographic and, more importantly, cultural realities of Indigenous education

Project Co-ordinator Sean Callanan said the Carrick Institute funding would enable Batchelor Institute to further develop and promote its knowledge and experience in Indigenous education.

The first stage will be to undertake projects here at Batchelor Institute that have a very practical focus and application within our teaching programs such as review of Both Ways practices, review and development of teaching and learning resources and staff cultural development programs," Mr Callanan said.

"We can then take the information and models created within those projects nationally so we can share them with other higher education institutions around Australia. The final focus will be to measure the outcomes to current international indigenous education practice."

The Carrick Institute aims to promote and advance learning and teaching in Australian higher



## Ex-Cooktown woman graduates



A NEW swag of graduates were applauded last month at the TAFE NSW Riverina Institute National Environment Centre (NEC) graduation

ceremony in Albury. Amongst the 87 graduates was 29-year-old Albury woman Phyllis Gibson, a graduate from the Certificate II Conservation and Land Management

(Indigenous Land Management), who is originally from Cooktown, north Queensland. Ms Gibson is Indigenous and shared her graduation with two non-Indigenous graduating classmates

Melissa Farrugia and Reanae Maksymow.
They and the rest of the graduating cohort were presented with their testamurs by Institute Director of Educational Delivery Graeme Stuchbery, who congratulated them

and wished them well for the future. Riverina Institute Director Rosemary

Campbell, although unable to attend the ceremony, passed on her congratulations to

Graduation day marks mission accomplished. It concludes and celebrates the completion of qualifications which our students have worked so hard for," she

# Course aims to help our kids



SOUTHERN Queensland Institute of TAFE is providing new study options at its Cherbourg campus (Nurunderi TAFE) aimed at helping to increase community child protection

skills and strategies.

After the Indigenous community's Critical Incident Group initiated an action plan to boost child protection resources, Nurunderi TAFE and Sunshine Coast TAFE consulted with Elders about training needs.

The result is the provision of the

Certificate IV in Children's Services (Child

The training initiative is being delivered in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE and means that community members no longer have to travel away to study child

Nurunderi TAFE Campus Business Manager Santina Schmocker said providing training locally had generated a great deal of interest 'because people can now achieve their study goals while meeting family commitments'.

There is also a bigger support network



David Walker and Debbie Stark illustrate what child protection means to them during their Certificate IV in Children's Services (Child Protection) course at Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE Nurunderi Campus.

for them here at home," she said.
The first and second block training session for the Certificate IV saw 24 students attend and cover subjects of orientation to child protection; identifying children at risk; working in legal/ethical frameworks; participating in workplace safety; support the right and safety of children; recognise domestic violence; work with culturally diverse clients; specialist communication skills; facilitate co-operative

behaviour; and interact effectively with

The child protection program is just one part of a triple-pronged approach by the community in setting goals for overall community health and safety levels.

It will be complemented by the Indigenous Primary Health Care Initiative facilitated by the Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE Health Team.

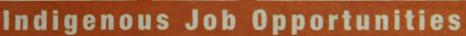
Students participating are all empl local organisations concerned with child protection, including Partners in Foster Care. Graham House Community Centre and

Beemah Yumba Children's Hostel.
Libby Keenan, who is employed at
Partners in Foster Care, said the course was
well presented and included information that
would be beneficial to the workplace.

"We all found the course to be very informative and we will be able to utilise the knowledge and skills we have acquired here, four day-to-day roles," she said.

The third part of the Initiative involves the development of a Safe Haven Centre, which will provide a safe, supervised environment for

## Employment







\*HE City of Sydney and its contractor on the \$15 million Glebe Point Road upgrade, GMW Urban, have introduced a special Aboriginal employment plan to facilitate jobs for Indigenous workers

on the project and to help develop skills. Developed in conjunction with Glebe's Aboriginal Employment Strategy organisation, the plan has resulted in the ongoing involvement of Aboriginal employment of Aboriginal labourers and

tradesmen in the City's streetscape upgrade

The plan ensures that Aboriginal people play a key role in the revitalisation of an area that has such a proud Indigenous heritage, and one that is too-often neglected by all levels of government," said Lord Mayor Clover Moore.

## Commitment

"The City of Sydney's contract stipulates that GMW Urban make a commitment to

providing opportunities for Indigenous workers. In addition, GMW has its own

Indigenous participation plan."

The plan also provides young Aboriginal trainees with mentoring to assist in furthering their careers.

The Glebe Point Road upgrade includes burying of power lines, installation of public art, preserving heritage, and widening and improving footpaths with new paving, new lighting, new street furniture and new trees. GMW Urban Human Resources

Manager Andreas Zagas said his company was keen to provide appropriate job skills, knowledge and information for Indigenous people to increase their job security, self-sufficiency and independence.

"We have recently employed three young men from an Indigenous background. Their enthusiasm, energy and motivation are of great benefit to GMW," he said.

The City of Sydney used a similar scheme in its 2006-07 \$18 million upgrade

of Redfern Street.

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CLERK GRADE 3/4, Wollongong, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 2008/065. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Package includes satary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Customer Services Officer is a member of a team which delivers effective, high quality customer services in including to Aboriginal communities. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application. Experience working effectively with indigenous communities and an understanding of issues affecting indigenous people. Demonstrated ability to provide quality customer service in a challenging environment. Proven problem solving, negotiation and dispute resolution skills. Demonstrated capacity to develop specialist skills in a range of complex topic areas including Fair Trading legislation and services. Demonstrated capacity to understand and apply legislation. Proven sound communication, interpersonal and organisational skills and demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a toam environment. A current NSW driver's ficence and ability and willingness to drive. Some country travel is required.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants that do not specifically address all the selection criteria will not be considered for interview. An Information Session will be held at 5.30pm on Friday 14 March 2008 at the Fair Trading Centre, Level 1, 63 Market Street, Wollongong. Inquiries: Paul Humble (02) 4254 3401

Information Packages: Email intopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au quote 2008/065.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: You can apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or if by post to Catherine Barrett, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson dney 2000.

Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.



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Wallangong, City of innovation, affers all the benefits of a major city balanced with a relaxed coastal irrestyle. Located 80kms south of Sydney between fine beaches and the magnifice llawarra Escarpment, the city has a multi-cultural population of 165,000 residents and offers

## SPECIAL PROJECT OFFICER - ABORIGINAL POLICY MANAGEMENT

This position is available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons and is authorised section 126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

Salary: Between \$1,347.04 - \$1,517.44 per week plus superannuation

[Depending on qualifications and experience]

This newly created position offers an exciting opportunity for a suitably qualified and experienced individual to facilitate the identification of significant cultural heritage sites, the development and implementation of planning instruments, and liaison with relevant key stakeholder groups.

Please contact Julie Rogers on (02) 4227 7638 to obtain a copy of the selection criteria or Andrew Darfield on (02) 4227 7284 for any specific enquiries relating to this position.

Applications close 5pm Friday 28 March 2008.

Wollengong City Council is an equal employment opportunity employer.

Visit Council's website www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au to new all current positions vacant, selection criteria & job descriptions. Applications should be in writing, explaining clearly how you meet the Person Specification in each Job Description. Envelopes to be marked "Job Application" - Private and Confidential" and addressed to the Manager Human Resources, Locked bag 8821, Wollongong NSW 2500 via email to jobs@wollongong.nsw.gov.au or faxed to 02 4226 9834.

Wollongong City Council is committed to the principles of employment equity and diversity.



## **Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc.**

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc.

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc (ASG) is a community based organisation providing care and support to Aboriginal people who wish to lead an alcohol and drug free litestyle by providing a complete substance missuse recovery puthway.

ASG offers generous salary sacrifice, extra leave entitlements, careet development opportunities and in house training opportunities. All successful applicants must agree to abide by ASG's policy of abstinence from drugs and alcohol at all times.

## Stabilisation Program Manager

Stabilisation Program Manager (SACS Level 4)
Stabilisation Notetle - Woodville office
The position reports to the Program Director and is responsible for managing the Residential Care Workers and clients of the Hostel. This position ensures the daily operations of the Hostel making sore that it is effective, appropriate and in keeping with the objectives of ASG. The successful applicant will have skills in managing small groups, well developed interpersonal, time management, networking and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with people from urban and rureal Abortiginal communities.

A tertainy qualification in social work and management

A tertiary qualification in social work and management or similar discipline is highly desirable. Possession of a current First Aid Certificate and current drivers licence

This position is full time with a six month probationary period. Remoneration is as per the SACS Award level 4 with the option to Salary Sacrifice with generous annual

## **Residential Care Worker**

Shift work - spm-12am and 12am-sam on a rotational basis
Stabilisation Program - Woodville Office
The position reports to the Stabilisation Program Manager and provides culturally appropriate short term residential care to adult residential clerits.

The successful applicant will have well developed interpersonal skills, experience in working with clients in a residential environment, good conflict management skills and the abiety to work effectively with people from urban and rural Aboriginal communities.

Experience in working with people affected by drug and alcohol issues is essential.

This position is full time with a six month probationary period. Remoneration is as per the SACS Award level 2 with the option to Salary Sacrifice with generous annual leave entitlements. Penatives for shift work applies also apply.

## **Community Caseworker** Counsellor

(SACS Level 4)
The position reports to the Stabilisation Program
Manager and is responsible for the provision of high qualify intensive case management, counselling assessment and referral services to adult ASG clients as

required.
The successful applicant will have well developed interpersonal skills with the ability to work effectively with people from urban and rural Aborginal communities and agree to abide by ASG's policy of abstinence from drugs and alcohol at at times.

A tertiary qualification in social work or similar discipline is highly desirable.

This position is full time with a six month probationary period. Remaineration is as per the SACS Award level 4 with the option to Salary Sacrifice with generous annual

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

For further information in relation to these positions, contact Kirsten Scudds on (68) 8223 4204 or small kirstens@nunku.org.su.or, visat our websiten www.aborigmasbobrietgroup org.su and look under employment.opportunities to download the job and

Written applications to: Kirsten Scudds, Private and Confidential. The Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc., 182-190 Wakefield St, Adelaide SA 5000, or by email kirstens@nunku.org.au by close of business 31st

Previous Applicants need not apply

## **NSW@HEALTH** SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

AREA SERVICES

Aboriginal Health Coordinator, Child, Maternal & Access

Aboriginal Health Service Health Service Manager Level 2

Perm Full Time Position No: AREA08
\* An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
Eng: Gail Daylight, (02) 9314 6270
Apps: rhwhr Position No: AREA08014

Apps: riwhressians.neath.nsw.gov.au Aboriginal Health Coordinator, Chronic Care & Health Promotion Aboriginal Health Services Health Service Manager Level 2

Perm Full Time Position No: AREADE

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Apps: rhwhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au Position No: AREA08013

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

Lake Illawarra Community Mental Health Team, Wollongong, Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Wollongong, Apprignal Health Codesion Officer
 Perm Full Time
 An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
 Eng. Peter Brown, (02) 4253 4315, peter-brown@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date for all positions: 28 March 2008.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

## Deputy Director.

## Centre for Indigenous Education, Academic Enrichment Services

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A312/2007). Only Aboriginal or Terres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Three Strait Islands people are rigided to apply.

The Deputy Director of the Centre for Indigenous Education assists the Director as part of a sensor management team in the Centre for Indigenous Education (CIE). This will include supporting the development and management of the indigenous recruitment process, and the extension and enhancement of support services for indigenous students at the University of Melbosume, as well as broader enrichment activities for the University community. These activities are aligned with the strategic directions of the University and burther the aims of the University strategic plan in relation to the University's strategic plan in relation to indigenous education.

Salary: \$80,773 - \$84,037 p.a. plus employer super of 17%. Position No: 0019623.

Enquiries Only To: Dr Pat McLean, Director, tel.+61 3 8344 9371, email promodean@animelb

## Recruitment & Engagement Officers.

## Centre for Indigenous Education, Academic Enrichment Services

We exemption but been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A312/2007). Only Aberiginal or Terris Strait Islander people are eligible to apply, The University of Melbourne Centre for Indigenous Education has the following positions available:

## Senior Recruitment & Engagement Officer

Salary: \$61,538 - \$66,615 p.a. plus employer super of 17%. on No: 0018647.

## Recruitment & Engagement Officers (2 Positions)

Salary: \$55,771 - \$60,371 p.a. plus employer super of 17%. m No: 0018628.

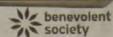
Enquiries Only To: Pauline Brown, Business Manager, tel. +61 3 8344 7652, email poulineb@unimelh.edu.su Employment Type: All positions are fall-time (continuing).

Applications: by 20 March 2008 quoting the relevant position number.

For position information and to apply ordine to to www.jobs.smirnelh.edu.au and search under the job title or job number. An Equal Opportunity employer.

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## 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 or coordinators who case manage Community Aged Care Packages.

Packages. Essential: Tortiary qualifications in Health, Welfare, Nursing or Social Sciences; a high standard of feam work; demonstrated significant experience and knowledge of the needs of olde people and people diagnosed with dementis; proven expension, in staff supervision; recent or current coordinating experience in similar environment; communitient to providing quality aged case within the community; excellent oral and written communication skills; current drivers licence.

For a position description see our website or call 9599 07th. 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, Bextley 2207 or Isak@bensoc.org.au by 5pm on 20th March 2008. A Society vehicle may be available to the successive applicant.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

www.bensoc.org.au



changing lives reducing crime

## INDIGENOUS TRANSITION WORKER

Full Time - 38 hrs p/wk = 2 year contract \$48,969 + salary packaging - SACS Award 64, Y4

COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE CENTRE is a community based agency providing services to prisoners, ex-prisoners & their families.

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west the aim of requiring detentionality. Demonstrated casework experience with people with complex needs, Experience in working with ADD, mental health & DV issues, Knowledge of the issues facing families of prisponers; Experience in providing outneach casework support, Knowledge of child protection issues; Drivers Licence.

Note: An applicant's race and gender is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Sections 14(d) & 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For further information: Contact Alison on 02-9288 8700 or visit the CRC web site at www.crcnsw.org.au

CLOSING DATE: 26th MARCH 2008.

All applications MUST include a written statement addressing essential criteria.

Send applications to: Community Restorative Centre, 174 Broadway (Chr. Shepherd St), Broadway NSW 2007. Email: info@cronsw.org.au Fax: 02 9211 6518.



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www.jobs.

## KOORI COURT OFFICER

\$48,714 - \$59,148 Role No: MC2201

Koori Court division of the Magistrates Court

(Swan Hill) The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria.

The Koori Courts currently sits at Shepparton. Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura, La Trobe Valley and Bairnsdale Magistrates' Courts. The Children's Koon Court based at the Children's Court in Melbourne and Mildura.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aberiginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria's Judicial system. The person will be based in Swan Hill.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. 183/2002 and extended by application NoA106/2005). The Koeri Court-provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

For further information position descriptions are av from Careers @ Vic Gov, or by telephoning 03 9603 9125

For further information contact Mr Rudolph Kirby Manager of Koori Courts, telephone: (03) 9603 9415.

Applications are to be forwarded to: Human Resources Melbourne Magistrates' Court GPO 882G Melbourne, 3001 Or email to: ldefazio@magistratescourt.vic.gov.au Applications close 21 March 2008.



## Are you interested in working at the ABC?

The ABC has a range of positions around Australia and, as the national broadcaster, is committed to increasing Indigenous representation throughout the Corporation. Our goal is to reflect the cultural diversity of the Australian community in our programs and workforce and we see Indigenous employment as a key component towards achieving this goal. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with drive, determination and a will to succeed.

### Jobs Available

Please check our website at abc.net.au/jobs

It is important to check the website on a weekly basis to ensure that you don't miss out on any job opportunities

For more information contact Paul Brant - Indigenous Employment Coordinator on (02) 8333 1089.

The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for positions. The Corporation is committed to Indigenous employment outcomes and values the Indigenous culture



## Wanted: Indigenous students looking for a challenge

### INDIGENOUS CADET

Cadet - Brisbane, Upper Mount Gravatt, Chermside, Newcastle and Townsville

(Several positions) \$12,479 - \$40,628

- Develop on the job skills while completing your studies
- . Have your HECS debt paid and a guaranteed job
- Start now and get paid to study before the end of the semester

We're looking for Indigenous students enrolled in an undergraduate degree at a recognised Australian University. As a cadet you'll participate in a structured development program of up to four years, experiencing a range of diverse roles that will show you the practical application of your studies. The knowledge you gain during the program will help you excel in your study area, while giving you a competitive edge in developing a rewarding career in the Tax Office.

If you are an indigenous student with strong academic results, good communication and people skills that can show initiative and achieve results, we'd love to hear from you. The cadetship program will best suit keen learners that have a range of interests and are looking for a challenge.

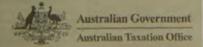
The information you need to apply for this position is contained in the candidate information kit. You can get a copy by visiting www.ato.gov.au/careers or by contacting Phil Ahmat on (02) 6216 6131. Send your application quoting advert number 16265 by 27 March 2008.

### More information

If you have read the candidate kit and need more information about this position, please contact Phil Ahmat on (02) 6216 6131.



For other opportunities available visit www.ato.gov.au/careers



## **Aboriginal Health** Worker Remote Male

Department of Health and Community Services

Aboriginal Health Worker Class 4 (\$54 473 - \$57 378)

Centre for Disease Control - Alice Springs

### Wanting to see the Centre of Australia and it's beauty

We are looking for an Aboriginal Male Health Worker to join the Centre for Disease Control in Alice Springs. This position offers the potential to move to an AHW5 within 12 months

The Primary focus is to build the capacity of rural / remote primary healthcare services within a designated area, this will involve travel to remote communities to facilitate the delivery of a comprehensive Sexual Health program within communities with a focus on both men's and women's sexual health.

You will be a Registered Aboriginal Health Worker in the Northern Territory and preferably with a relevant postgraduate qualification. You will have an interest in Public Health, Primary Health Care and Community Development and an understanding of the issues involved in working with indigenous Australians.

For further details contact Dy Kelaart on 08 8951 7551 or visit our website at

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Closing date: 21 March 2008

### Contact us now

1300 659 247

nt.dcis@nt.gov.au

www.nt.gov.au/jobs





the Territory

## Positive Futures



## Building positive futures.

If you want to make a positive difference in the lives of people with a disability while enjoying a rewarding career, we want to hear from you.

Disability Services Queensland is establishing the Specialist Response Service to provide positive behaviour support to adults with an intellectual or cognitive disability who exhibit severely challenging behaviour and we need skilled direct support officers to join our team.

## 10 team leader positions - direct support (OO6)

As a team leader, you will provide expert technical guidance, support and leadership in positive behaviour support techniques and active support principles to respond to the complex needs of adults with an intellectual or cognitive disability who exhibit severely challenging behaviour.

Reference number: DSQ 5335-08 Total package value: \$62 457 - \$65 788

### 25 residential care officer positions - direct support (OO3-OO4)

As a residential care officer, you will work with adults with an intellectual or cognitive disability who exhibit severely challenging behaviour in their places of residence and assist them to develop skills in personal care and dally living activities, while encouraging participation in community life.

Reference number: DSQ 5333-08 Total package value: \$43 431 - \$52 980

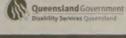
We offer a generous employment package, including a competitive salary, flexible work arrangements, professional training and development and a choice of diverse career paths.

For an information pack, email careers@disability.gld.gov.au or call (07) 3224 2813

To apply, visit www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Applications close Monday 11 April 2008.

ations may remain current for a period of up to 12 months.







## Heritage Project Officer, Barwon-Grampians Heritage Programs

- \$60,307 \$68,424 plus 9% super
- Located in Ballarat

Abortiqued Affairs Victoria provides leadership and guides action across government to enable hydigenous communities to drive policy development and service delivery and now seeks a committed professional to join its team.

Do you have a sound knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management tasses. Do you have incedim project management and the oblity to successfully manage relationships with a diverse range of stateholders? If so, read on

The Hortage Project Officer, Regional Programs is responsible for implementing cultural heritage management programs and policies in partienthip with local and regional stakeholders in the Barwon-Grampians Region.

This spile presents an excellent apportunity to work with the local Abanginal communities to strengthen their capacity to manage their cultival heritage a strength of sharpful unapplicable strangers within the appine.

To apply and access position description and key selection

www.careers.vic.gov.au

refer to position number DPCD/PACA/VC1556

Closing date for applications is Friday 14 March 2008



## Careers @ Justice



## PROJECT MANAGER -KOORI STRATEGY

Grade 5, \$69,584 - \$84,190

The Project Manager - Koori Strategy will be responsible for the delivery and ongoing development of the Enforcement Operations Koori Strategy for Infringement Management and Enforcement Services (IMES). Reporting to the Divisional Operations Manager, the successful candidate will co-ordinate the implementation and ongoing development of a range of initiatives to improve the Koori experience and compliance with the law enforcement functions within Enforcement Operations

Working in conjunction with Sheriff's Officers, the successful candidate will also play a key role in liaising with Victorian Aboriginal Communities and other relevant stakeholders to assist with the implementation of initiatives under the Victorian Aboriginal Justice

Your highly developed knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society and ability to mmunicate effectively with Victorian Aboriginal people will assist to ensure key objectives

This is an identified position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position Policy.

All appointments to the Department of Justice are subject to the following checks: reference hecks, criminal record check. Some positions may also be subject to a 'Working with

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 30 March 2008

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice



VICTORIA POLICE

## ABORIGINAL ADVISORY UNIT -**Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer**

Unit objective: The ACLO will perform a haison role between Victoria Police and the Indigenous confortering mutual trust, understanding and respect between Police and local Indigenous communities. The ACLO will contribute to the accomplishment of the key objectives of the Victoria Police Aboriginal Strategis Plan, Victorian Implementation Review of the Recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC), Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (Phase 2) and the Victoria Police Way Ahead

Aboriginal Advisory Unit, Community & Diversity Division,
Operations Coordination Department
Salary Range \$48.714-\$59,148
POSITION NUMBER: LIAISON 54 - SWAN HILL

Industrial Relations Exemption Apply - only Aboreginal & Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. Please enture that you address the Key Selection Criteria fully prior to submitting your application.

Duties: In partnership with Indigenous groups, develop and maintain knowledge of Indigenous issues within the focal area and maintain a concemporary knowledge of relevant legislation, policies and procedures. Contribute to catabilishing effective communication and networking between Police members, local Indigenous community members and either povernment and non-government agencies. Establish and maintain a possible partnership environment in which Indigenous communities are encouraged to cummunicate and interact with Police members to recolds sources and netwely promote awareness of the role of Vactoria Police within Indigenous remembers, assist in developing, implementing and providing appropriate training programs dealing with Indigenous resides Represent Vactoria Police as required at meetings, forum or event that relate to Indigenous resides in the development and implementation of appropriate strategies to improve service delivery to customers based on customer needs. Prepare briefing notes and reports.

Contact for position description including key selection criteria: Nicole Bernard on 9247-6368.

Contact for further information; Jacqui Marion 9247-6197

Note: This partition requires necurity clearance, which will include fingerprinting. The corcessful applica will be bound by the Victorian Public Service (Non-Executive Staff - Victoria) Agreement 2006.

Closing date for all applications is 4th April midnight.



OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

## **Legal Officer Community** Legal Education (Civil), Aboriginal

Legal Officer Grade I-III, Haymarket, Permanent Full-Time Job Reference No SP08/058. Total remuneration package valued to: \$90,756 p.a. (\$55,472-\$82,244).

The position holder is required to assist in the analysis of the needs for civil law CLE in communities across the state and participate in the implementation of a Civil Law Community Legal Education strategy which is responsive to those needs

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, Eligible to hold a NSW practising certificate. Sound knowledge of civil law and capacity to conduct a civil law practice. Capacity to develop deliver community legal education programs, legal education tool-kits/information and modules and e-learning programs for diverse community groups across numerous geographic areas. Highly developed oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills. Ability to interpret, analyse and summarise legislative and common law organisational skills and ability to work independently.

Good understanding of and commitment to the role, functions and services of the Legal Aid Commission and other legal aid service providers and of the NSW legal and justice system.

Notes: This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Richard Funston (02) 9219 5890. Information Packages: Tasia Courtalis on (02) 9219 5124.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:

Kate Jolliffe, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket 1238; online at www.iobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to employme legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSIN



## SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER SPECIALIST (TARGETED)

Clerk Grade 5/6 Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division South Coast Team, South East Area Nowra

Permanent Full-Time Position No: DOH-08-11192

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (salary \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

leave loading.

Job Description: The Department requires a person with
expertise to ensure quality housing and support packages are
provided to clients with complex or high support needs,
including Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander clients.

## SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent communication including negotiation and mediation, assessment and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with high support needs.
- Understanding of and ability to flaise with a variety of human-service client groups and organisations and ability to initiate and develop networks.
- Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team, liaise with internal stakeholders and provide training and support to other team
- Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to assisting clients with special needs including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, and people with disabilities.
- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in Social Work. Psychology, Behavioural Sciences or related area or demonstrated industry experience.
- Current driver's licence

Job Notes: As part of the Department's Aboriginal employment Job Notes: As pair of the Department a Aboriginal employment strategy we are largeting to employ an Aboriginal person to this position. Applicants should note that the position works with both Indigenous and non-indigenous clients of the Department. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. At least one reference from current or recent supervisor is preferred. An eligibility list may be created.

Inquines: Kate Vasey (02) 4423 9101.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers.or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.



Department of Health Government of Western Australia

Statewide Indigenous Mental Health Service

## Aboriginal Mental Health Liaison Officer- Male (50d)

Level/Salary: HSU L6 \$63,679-\$69,394 pa

We are currently seeking a suitably experienced Abo male to liaise & riegoliate with Aboriginal commun & health professionals in Western Australia for the development, planning and implementation of outurally appropriate Mental Health Services

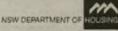
Other Conditions: Please note this is persection 500 or the Equal Opportunity Act 1984. This position is subject to a Working With Children (WWQ) Check.

For further information please refer to the WWG website at vww.checkwwc.wa.gov.au/default.htm

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Michael Michael, Program Manager, on (08) 9347-6674 ar mail Michael Mitchell@health wix.gov.au

Applicant Instructions: Applicants are requested to apply online at jobs walgocau or request an application package by phoning (08) 9480 9307

Closing Date: Monday 7 April 2008 at 4cm.



## PROJECT OFFICER

PROJECT OFFICER
Clerk Grade 5/6, Housing Operations
Asset Performance - Program Management Unit
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: D0H-08-11297
Total remuneration package valued up to 574,429 per annum
(salary \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa), Includes employer's
contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
Job Description: To provide administrative support and
analysis assistance to assist the Program Management Unit to
ensure that the Department's Housing Asset Programs as
effectively monitored and audited.
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  Sound experience in the use of PC based tools to

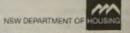
- manipulate data. Experience in research and data analysis and in using analysis tools and models. Demonstrated ability to use and interrogate data base systems (such as IHS and SAP). Sound data entry capability including above average speed. Demonstrated ability to utilize MS Office and other software to manipulate data, format and develop reports and presentations.
- presentations.

  Demonstrated capacity to work as part of a team and balance conflicting priorities.

  Demonstrated capacity to conduct research.

 Ability to think conceptually and analytically.
 Job Notes: Further information about this position is a on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Inquiries: Carl Quagliata (02) 8753 8680

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package Closing Date: Friday 28 March 2006.



## MANAGER - IT KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Clerk Grade 11/12 IT Knowledge Manageme Organisation Improveme Head Office, Ashfield

Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: D0H-08-11242
Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per antum
(salary \$91,589 pe - \$105,923 pe), includes employer's
contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
Job Description: To ensure appropriate quality assurance
and documentation for the implementation and transfer for
new and upgraded business and technical solutions and to
advise on the departments strategic / operational approach to
knowledge (change management).

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Verified customer management experience with strong influencing and negotiation skills, and the capacity to deal with a range of internal and external stakeholders. Demonstrated ability to analyse complex problems, see multiple pathways for resolution and identify the most appropriate.

appropriate.

Ability to define existing and future business process needs and perform gap analysis against the current capabilise of existing Department systems.

Ability to understand both business and technical assess and technical assess and technical assess and technical services from an end surperspective.

perspective.

Proven team management skills and experience.

Excellent oral & written communication skills, facilitation and presentation skills.

Knowledge of current industry trends in IT Change and transformation.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is on-line and you must address the full selection criter inquiries: Viadas Leonas (02) 8753 8818.

Information Package: www.housing.new.gov.au/Careers Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.



## MANAGER, KOORI COURTS

VPS Grade 6 \$85,350 - \$114,216 MC2047 (Ongoing, Full Time)

Koori Court division of the Magistrates Court

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria

The Koori Court currently sits at Shepparton, Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura, La Trobe Valley and Bairnsdale Magistrates' Courts. The Children's Koori Court is based at the Children's Court in Melbourne and

This position requires a strategic leader who will take responsibility and accountability for the operation of the Koori Courts. This includes providing strategic and authoritative advice to various stakeholders, representing the Department and promoting the Aboriginal Justice Agreement at high-level committees and forums across both Government and the Koori community

You will have a demonstrated knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society and an ability to communicate effectively with Victorian Aboriginal people.

The Koori Court Unit embraces the Department's key values. Serve the Community - Work Together - Act with Integrity - Respect other people - Make it Happen @ One

This is an identified position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

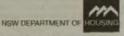
Position descriptions are available from Careers @ Vic Gov, or by telephoning (03) 9603 9015.

For further information contact Mr Graeme Chirgwin, Manager Specialist Courts and Court Support Services, Telephone: (03)9603 9015.

The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

Applications are to be forwarded to: Human Resources Melbourne Magistrates' Court GPO 882G

Melbourne, 3001 Or email to: ldefazio@magistratescourt.vic.gov.au Applications close 28 March 2008.



### CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT

Clerk Grade 11/12 Resitech Ashfield Permanent Full-Time Position No: DOH-08-11272

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: The Construction Superintendent manages the Construction Services Team to deliver contract administration and supervision services to residential construction and upgrading projects to achieve high quality built outcomes.

- Qualifications and experience in Building, Architecture, Engineering or similar discipline to provide expert leadership and professional advice in construction and contract
- and professional activities administration of technical expertise in the contract administration of building projects. Demonstrated excellent leadership capacity to develop and foster a team of technical specialists focused on superior customer service and continuous improvement in business.
- because service and communications improvement in coarriess processes through practice management. Extensive experience in managing contractual and business risks related to construction activities as well as experience in negotiations and contractual dispute resolution. Demonstrated high level of interpersonal skills, sufficient to

- Demonstrated high level of interpersonal skills, sufficient to support change management in a team combining employees and external contractors. Demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills with the ability to analyse and interpret complex information and provide strategic advice on matters arising in construction and contract administration. Sound oral and written communication skills with proven ability to answer adhoc questions and accurately interpret information to meet business needs as well as a current driver's licence.
- diver's licence.

  Sound computer literacy with experience in the use of applications such as Microsoft Excel, Word, project management tools and time recording systems.

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Job Notes: This is a readvertised vacancy and all previous interested applicants will need to reapply. Resitach is a service agency of Housing NSW and provides project management and other related services to internal and external clients. Projects range from acquisition and disposal of property to lire safety and other upgrading of dwellings, to design and construction of new housing developments. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Ajt Mohan (02) 8753 8010. Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council (JLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act. 1983 (ALRA), and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the JLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Yee Ching Cheam by email: yeeching.cheam@rsml.com.au or on 1800 214 714.

Applications can be forwarded to Email: yeeching.cheam@rsmi.com.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Yee Ching Cheam
Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council
(Administrator Appointed)
GPO Box 200, Canberra ACT 2601

Applications close: Thursday 3 April 2008

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



## The University of Sydney

## **Director or Deputy Director**

## Centre for Indigenous Health

Reference No. S08/070

The Faculty of Medicine currently seeks to appoint a Director or Deputy Director to establish a Centre for Indigenous Health. This nationally-unique enterprise aims to pioneer the transformation of Indigenous health care, government policy and the training of future professionals in the care of Indigenous people. It is also envisaged that the Centre becomes a pivotal coordination point for University-wide activities relating to Indigenous communities.

Critical to these appointments are an understanding of issues relating to the health of indigenous people and a commitment to their improvement. Clear evidence of appropriate leadership skills and the ability to motivate, negotiate, coordinate, advocate and inspire will be essential, as will the capacity to travel to remote areas. Proven success in health provision, health education and involvement in Indigenous communities will be highly regarded.

This is an exciting development for the Faculty and the University, enhancing its potential to make a significant contribution to the health care of indigenous Australians, to the training of future health professionals in the care of Indigenous people and to government policy.

The Centre may be based in Sydney or at another site appropriate for

For further details and to apply please visit

http://bull.ucc.usyd.edu.au/personnel and search under Senior Academic Positions. The role will be listed under its reference number S08/070. Enquiries should be directed to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Professor Bruce Robinson on (02) 9351 6570 or by email: dean@med.usyd.edu.au

Closing Date: 26 March 2008

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## Cultural Heritage Field Officer

Applications are being sought for a Cultural Heritage Field Officer to work casually at Hail Creek Mine. This contract role will provide an excellent opportunity to persons of Wiri descent who are recognised as the Traditional Owners of the land on which Hail Creek Mine operates

Working closely with the Aboriginal Relations Advisor you will assist with ensuring compliance with Hail-Creek Mine's Cultural Heritage Management System. You will have a hands-on attitude, taking responsibility for tasks such as monthly auditing, water storage monitoring and barricading of recorded cultural heritage sites.

This is a casual, site based role that will initially involve approximately 5-6 days per month.

Ideality, you will have previous experience working on a mine site with a basic understanding of cultural beritage management systems. Your excellent communication skills, strong work ethic and enthusiastic attitude will ensure your success in this role. A current Australian driver's licence is essential.

For further details regarding this role please contact the Cultural Heritage Management Committee Secretary on (07) 4951 6400, or alternatively send your resume and cover letter to:

Cultural Heritage Management Committee Secretary, PO Box 3097, Mackay Qld 4740.

Applications close Monday, 31st March 2008.



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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE OFFICE

OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH BRANCH

PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION TEAM

**EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1** ASSISTANT DIRECTOR \$76,718 - \$87,498

Reference Number: 08-0032 **ADELAIDE** 

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, South Australian State Office, is looking for a highly motivated person to join the team. The successful applicant will have a high level of program management experience, strong organisational and communication skills and be able to achieve results within set

The role of Assistant Director in the Planning and Coordination Team is a challenging and rewarding one where you will be managing a team responsible for planning and coordination of funding allocations. Further, your team will be involved in implementing national policy initiatives including: Bringing Them Home, Link Up, Substance Use, Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Sexual Health.

This is a senior position within the Branch and the successful applicant would be expected to participate in business planning and Branch management. Regular travel to rural communities is required.

Contact officer: Bridget Booth on 08 8237 8027 or bridget.booth@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Helen Ladd on 08 8237 8250 (helen.ladd@health.gov.au)

## NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE

OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH BRANCH

APS 6

PROGRAM MANAGER \$62,428 - \$70,429

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 08-0036 ALICE SPRINGS / DARWIN

rking from Darwin or Alice Springs, you will undertake the program and project management of the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Health (OATSIH) Indigenous health and substance use programs in the Northern Territory. Working with a range of stakeholders including government / non-government agencies and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health and Substance use organisations you will promote and assist with the implementation and maintenance of needs based funding and planning systems, and coordinate advice on appropriate strategies for the development and implementation of OATSIH programs. Regular travel by road and air to very remote communities to work with funded organisations is an important component of this position.

Contact officer: Craig Cross on 08 8950 1632 or craig.cross@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Peta Mayo on 08 8919 3472 (peta mayo@health.gov.au)

## CORPORATE SERVICES BRANCH HR AND FINANCE SECTION

APS 6

HR AND FINANCE MANAGER

\$62,428 - \$70,429

Reference Number: 08-0037

DARWIN

The Human Resources and Finance Unit provides support and strategic guidance to the Northern Territory Office in recruitment, organisational health, organisational development, workplace relations, workplace planning and the co-ordination of financial services.

As Manager for the Human Resources and Finance team, we are looking for someone with exceptional relationship management skills and demonstrated capabilities in working in an HR environment including a strong focus on delivering a high quality service within available resources to ensure the section's and branch's objectives are met. The Human Resources and Finance section, provides support and strategic guidance to the Northern Territory Office in recruitment. organisational health, organisational development, workplace relations, workforce planning and the coordination of financial services.

Contact officer: Felicity Laczina on 08 8919 3437 or felicity.laczina@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Peta Mayo on 08 8919 3472 (peta.mayo@health.gov.au)

Applications close 27 March 2008, 7pm EDST.

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant KIT, available online (www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or by phoning the contact person for the job. Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents from the Department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Collective Agreement.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.



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SUB-REGIONAL MANAGER Aboriginal Primary Health Care – Angle Park/Gilles Plains 575,751 - \$82,227 – Perm F/T – ASO7

Phone 1300 882 992 www.health.sa.gov.au/careers







Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd is an Organisation that provides health, housing and social support services for the Indigenous Community in the Greater Shepparton area.

The Co-operative is located two hours north of Melbourne and is accessible to local wineries, the Murray and Goulburn Rivers and the Victorian ski fields.

Through its unique Housing Team, Rumbalara pro exceptional housing services in the Goulburn Valley Area. Suitable applicants are sought For the position of:

### **Executive Manager-Housing** Services (Full-Time)

(Full-Time)

The successful applicant will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Housing Program. All applicants will be required to undergo a Police Check and in their applications demonstrate and show avidence of experience relating to Section 2 - Competency & Experience requirements in the Position Brief.

For a Position Brief please contact Scherie Moulton on (03) 5825 2111 or email: scherie@raclimited.com.au

Applications close 5.00pm 28th March 2008.

Applications including resume are to be addressed to: Felicia Dean, Chief Executive Officer, Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative, PO Box 614, Mooroopna 3629.

Applications will not be accepted via email.

We encourage applications from members of the Indigenous Community.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF



## DIRECTOR COMMUNITY HOUSING STRATEGY

Senior Officer Grade 3 Community Housing Strategy Office of Community Housing Head Office, Ashfield

Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: D0H-08-10325
Total remuneration package valued up to \$174,040 per an
(salary \$143,678 pa - \$157,716 pa), includes employ
contribution to superannustion and annual leave loading.
Job Description: Leads the strategic direction to grow
strangthen the community housing sector by develop
strategy, policy and plans, facilitating the regulatory frames
and managing key projects.
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Superior conceptual, analytical and problem solving side.
 Exceptional consultation, influencing, negotiating, confirmanagement skills and excellent communication skills.
 Highly developed leadership skills and demonstrated abit to lead teams.
 Senior experience in strategic planning and strategic development, high level policy development and evaluation experience.

experience.

Strong project management experience.

Excellent track record in initiating strategic change.

Demonstrated capacity to build and maintain relatenships
with key stakeholders.

Good understanding of outsourced service delivery in
housing or other human service.

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Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection oritina. Please ensure all information is attached as a single file who submitting your application.

Inquiries: Maura Boland, Executive Director on 02 8753 850 Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.



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VICTORIA POLICE

## ABORIGINAL ADVISORY UNIT -CULTURAL RESPECT TRAINING OFFICER

Unit objective: The Cultural Respect Training Officer will develop, implement and participate in initiatives, programs and strategies to achieve Force, Divisional and Team objectives to deliver cultural respect training to Victoria Police viste-wide. The Cultural Respect Training Officer will contribute to the accomplishment of the key objectives of the Victoria Police Abnorginal Strategie Plan, Victorian Implementation Review of the Recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCTADIC), the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (Phase 2) and the Victoria Police Way Ahead Strategie Plan 2008-2013.

Aboriginal Advisory Unit, Community & Diversity Division,

**Operations Coordination Department** SALARY RANGE \$48,714-\$59,148 POSITION NUMBER: OFFSUPP 1674

Industrial Relations Exemption Apply - only Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. Please ensure that you address the Key Selection Centeria and submit three (3) Referees prior to submitting your application.

dutiest in parmership with Indigenous groups, develop and maintain knowledge of Indigenous issues within Mictoria and maintain a contemporary knowledge of relevant legislation, policies and procedures. Contribute in establishing effective communication and networking between Police members, local Indigenous community members and other government and non-government agencies. This position is responsible for developing, implementing and facilitating the delivery of training programs for Victoria Police state-wide. Represent Victoria Police as required as meetings, forms or events that relate to Indigenous issues, Participate in the development and implementation of appropriate strategies to improving relationships between Victoria Police and the Indigenous community, Mentify, straipse and monitor local, national and overseas trends in community policing techniques to ensure that the natures of crime prevention/discriptorially intervention and community safety programs are relevant to Police and community meeds. Prepare briefing notes and reports.

To obtain residion description including Key Selection Criteria not to probe for the position online please visit.

To obtain position description (including Key Selection Criteria) and to apply for the position online please visit swin careers vicegovan, or alternatively applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria should be forwarded to HR Combined Services Group, 5th Floor Building C, 637 Flinders Street Melbourne 3005.

Contact for position description including key selection criteria: Nicole Bernard on 9247-6368.

Contact for further information: Acting Inopector Nick Finnegan on 9247-5246.

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Note: This position requires security clearance, which will include fingerprinting. The successful applicant will be bound by the Victorian Public Service (Non-Executive Staff - Victoria) Agreement 2006.

Closing date for all applications is 4th April midnight.

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Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts





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- \* Sciences

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http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/graduate

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To find out more and to apply online, visit www.graduates.vic.gov.au

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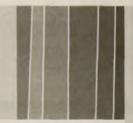
Check our website on: www.nci.tafensw.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm





### Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations



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NSW STATE OFFICE, TAMWORTH

## Programme Officer

APS 5 \$54,844-\$57,958 Reference no: 08-055

The Programme Officer facilitates the effective delivery of the Department's education programmes to providers and clients within the District. They work in a Whole of Government context and liaise with public and private organisations regarding education initiatives to achieve DEEWR NSW/ACT leadership and business outcomes. They are the 'face' of DEEWR in the field.

This is an Identified Position and the duties of this position 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

Contact Officer: Cathy Duncan on (02) 6701 9024

## How to Apply

Applications close: Thursday 20 March 2008

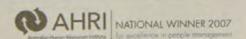
The selection documentation is available on our website at www.dest.gov.au/recruitment, or by email recruitment@dest.gov.au, or 24 hour answering service on (02) 6240 9154.

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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Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS) provides a range of services to the Aboriginal community throughout South Australia. These services range from working with the Aboriginal community to strengthen their families to providing emergency accommodation and support to young Aboriginal people up to 25 years of age.

## **Aboriginal Child Protection Worker** (SACS Level 5)

The Aboriginal Child Protection Worker will be actively involved with community development and capacity building projects such as: processing of court responses, attending family care meetings, development of key policies and plans for AFSS in relation to provision of services to Aboriginal people.

Please contact (08) 8212 1112 or email alss@alss.com.au for a Job Description.

Further enquiries regarding the positions to Mandi Wormald.

Closing Date for Applications is Friday, 28th March 2008 by 5:00pm.

People of Aboriginal Descent are encouraged to apply.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CLIMATE CHANGE, POLICY AND PROGRAMS GROUP PRINCIPAL PROJECT OFFICER

EPO Class 11, Goulburn Street, Sydney, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-089, Total remuneration package valued to: \$107,128 p.a. (\$88,089-\$97,081) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Develop and deliver the Aboriginal Land Management for Biodiversity Project. Contribute significantly to strategies and programs to achieve priority outcomes and corporate goals in relation

Develop and deliver the Aboriginal Land Management for Biodiversity Project. Contribute significantly to strategies and programs to achieve priority outcomes and corporate goals in relation to environment protection and conservation issues. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, knowledge of contemporary Aboriginal land management issues, principles and practices; understanding of the aspirations of Aboriginal people and experience in dealing with Aboriginal organisations in relation to land management. Strong understanding of the workings of government and demonstrated understanding of the principles of effective public policy and experience at a senior level in policy development or related activity. Demonstrated superior written and verbal communication skills and strong experience in senior level negotiation, liaison and conflict resolution with the ability to maintain constructive relationships with stakeholders. Demonstrated project management experience including the development of complex schemes, legislation, electronic or administrative systems. High level initiative, creative and analytical problem solving skills, sound judgement and foresight for policy development and formation. Experience at a senior level in program advantaged gevelopment and implementation. Exposure to the complexities of the environmental debate, in particular, environment protection and conservation policy issues. Superior interpersonal skills and demonstrated team leadership skills with the ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977 and is temporary for the period to 1/12/2010. This project forms part of the implementation for the BioBanking Scheme. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquirles: Louisa Mamouney (02) 9995 5577 Email: Louisa Mamouney@environment.nsw.gov.au Information Packages: Elizabeth DeCarli (02)9995 5575 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment®environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.



## **Australian Government**

Aboriginal Hostels Limited

## Join our team in Canberra

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company awned and financed by the Australia Government. Through our Central Office located in Canberra, and eight Region Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of affering employment and training apportunities for Aboriginal and Tones Shail Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

Central Office

Finance and Property Division

## **Property Management Officer**

\$42,896 - \$49,611 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a person, who with limited supervision can take responsibility for bank reconciliations, debtors and creditors register and associated training. Flan and coordinate annual stacktakes. Maintain the company's assets manual and computerises assets register. Assist with the development of associated policies and guidelines. Admin and maintain the Project Management System to control acquisitions associated with the company's new works and hostel maintenance programs.

Further inquiries: Vrishal Raj Telephone No: 02 6212 2051

Selection documentation: Vrishal Raj Telephone No: 02 6212 2051

witten oppiconon addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 28 March 2008 and should be sent to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30 Woden ACT 2606.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the six month probation period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for this position.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Warkplace Diversity.

This is an identified position. www.ahl.gov.au

## NSW@HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

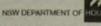
Applications can be lodged on line at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3272.

## Aboriginal Midwifery Support Worker

Indree Community Health
Temp Full Time (until April 2009)
Position No: 58280
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role.
Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the AntiDiscrimination Act (1977).
Enquiries: Amanda Morris, (02) 6757 0211
Closing Date: 28 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



### PROJECT OFFICER PLANNING

Clerk Grade 9/10
Resource Planning
Central Sydney Division
Sydney
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-11245

Total remuneration package valued up to 596,295 per annum (salary \$79,188 pa - \$87,263 pa) includes employer's sontribution to superannuation and annual leave loading-dob Description: To support the Division's asset portfolio planning programs and consultation framework, and contribute

- Understanding and demonstrated experience of land development processes, planning instruments, linancial and economic appraisal and relevant legislative and regulatory
- High level oral and written communication, interpersonal and presentation skills and the capacity to produce lucid and succinct reports, briefings, including Ministerial correspondence.

Superior skills in periors, briefings, including Ministerial correspondence.

Urban Planning, asset management or related qualification, in addition to related industry experience.

Demonstrated knowledge and experience in the use of computer software in GIS (e.g. Mapinfo) and spreadsheets (e.g. SPSS and Excel).

Sound networking, negotiation and engagement skills to ensure commitment to the asset planning process.

Superior skills in portfolio analysis.

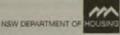
Awareness of human services delivery structures in Government and Non-Government sectors and of the issues facing disadvantaged communities.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Con O'Donnell (02) 9268 3521

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Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.



## PROGRAM ANALYST

PROGRAM ANALYS I
Clerk Grade 9/10
Program Management Unit
Housing Operations - Asset Performance
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time, Position No: DOH-08-11238
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: The purpose of the position is to assist the
Program Management Team to ensure that the Department's
Housing Asset Programs are effectively monitored and audited.

- SELECTION CRITERIA:

   Extensive experience in the identification of data requirements, data validation, data cleansing, data analysis, data analysis systems development and reporting at a senior
- perience in development, management and enhancement computerised program, financial management and counting systems including a working knowledge in plementing and using financial systems and reporting
- High level skills in decision making, initiative and flexibility demonstrated by innovation in adapting rules to fit the
- demonstrated by innovation in a shallon. Demonstrated experience monitoring capital budgets including demonstrated working experience in the use and navigation of the SAP financial system. Experience in working with the transportation and integration

- of large databases.

  Experience in the preparation and analysis of management reports of a capital nature.

  Demonstrated understanding of project management. High lavel client focus, problem solving skills and strong influencing, networking and negotiation skills to deal with a tange of internal and external stakeholders.

  Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. Inquiries: Carl Quagitata (02) 8753 8680 Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package Closing Date: Friday 28 March 2008.

## the childyen's hospital at Westmead NSW@HEALTH

## Expression of Interest -

**Aboriginal Employment Strategy** 

Position No. 694541/0092/08. Closes 04/04/08

Independent Contract

We are seeking expressions of interest from capable & experienced individuals or organisations to prepare the 2008 - 2013 Aboripeol Employment Strategy.

Enquiries: Josie Winsor - Aboriginal Manager on (02) 9845-3630 or email losephiw@chw.edu.au

Locked Bag 4001. Westmead NSW 2145

visit the website for job information www.chw.edu.au



Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS) provides a range of services to the Aboriginal Community throughout the Metropolitan area and Northern Country. These services range from working with the Aboriginal Community to strengthen their tamilies.

## This position will be located initially in Adelaide

For the program to be successful, AFSS is seeking a suitably qualified person, who has a strong commitment to making a difference to Aboriginal Families in crisis. Successful applicants will need to be highly motivated; able to work autonomously and be passionate about their work.

AFSS has an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement in place that offers salary sacrificing to all employees. This may add thousands to the successful applicant's base salary.

### MANAGER

Far North Country (Coober Pedy) and Community Wellbeing (\$53,829 - \$56,035)

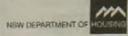
(\$53,829 - \$56,035)
As the Manager of the Far North (Cooper Pedy) and Community Weilbeing, will be required to ensure the effective and efficient use of human, financial and physical resources of the program to previde for crisis of family breakdown among the indigenous peoples of Adelaide and for Far North Country Areas. The Programs are designed for Aboriginal families who are experiencing significant difficulty and where immediate intensive intervention is required prior to a real crisis occurring (eg. Family breakdown or children being removed).

A capacity to relate positively to Aboriginal Familie This position reports directly to the CEO of AFSS.

Please contact (08) 8212 1112 or atss@atss.com.au for a Job and Person Specification.

Closing date for applications Friday, 28 March, 2008 by 5,00pm

People of Aboriginal Descent are strongly encouraged to apply.



## ASSET PROGRAMS REVIEW OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8, Housing Operations
Asset Performance - Program Management Unit
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time, Position No: DOH-08-11298
Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (salary \$69,466 pa - \$76,895 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
Job Description: The purpose of the position is to assist the Program Management Team to ensure that the Department's Housing Asset Programs are effectively monitored and audited.

- Extensive experience in the identification of data requirements, data validation, data cleansing, data analysis, data analysis systems development and reporting at a senior level. Sound experience in using analysis tools and models. Experience with computerised management systems. Demonstrate capital budgetary monitoring experience. Experience in the preparation and analysis of management reports, of a capital nature. A high level of problem solving ability is required to identify risks, manage analysis of processes and develop appropriating responses.

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   Demonstrated capacity to devise and implement an effective analysis and advisory system to produce clear, concise, accurate and timely information for use at all levels across the Department with minimal supervision and support.

  Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Carl Quagliata (02) 8753 8680.

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package Closing Date: Fnday 28 March 2008.



## The University of Sydney

## **Administrative Assistant**

### Staff and Student Equal Opportunity Unit Reference No. 122984

Are you an experienced and motivated administrator looking to progress your career within Australia's premier university? This is your chance to develop your skills in a rewarding role that will allow you to

engage your commitment to equal opportunity, and contribute to the prevention of harassment and discrimination across the University of Sydney and the wider community. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For more information or to apply online, please visit http://positions.usyd.edu.au and search by reference number 122984. Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Janine Cradick or Julie Barton on (02) 9351 2212. General enquiries can be directed to Vanessa Lascano Fierro on (02) 9036 7801.

Closing Date: 25 March 2008

Leadership... Innovation... Transformation...



## COD BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

## Manager - Corporate Communications

Position No.: New po

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to March 2011 - Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Administrative Officer Level 7/8BI - \$76,128 - \$85,112

This position leads the institutes marketing, communication and web strategy. The role is instrumental in the development and mana-the institutes brand strategy, brand advertising, sponsorships, campaign management, local area marketing and community relations

It is essential that you will be able to demonstrate:

- It is essential that you will be able to demonstrate.

  \* Significant marketing/brand management/strategic planning experience.

  \* An ability to manage client groups through significant change, including issues management.

  \* An understanding of and demonstrated experience using current methods and developments in market research and analysis.

  \* Demonstrate advanced project management skills (including budgeting).

tion about this position, please contact Peter Garrigan on 0419 008 738

## Builder - Building and Construction (Skills in Regions)

Position No.: SUPN

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP - Dec 2008, NT

Remuneration \$100,000 gross under AWA with conditions

This position is responsible for the delivery of construction training through the building of a 117 sq metre building at remote indigenous Communities throughout the Northern Territory. Additionally you will be responsible for the collection and management of all student data involved with these projects. Accommodation will be provided at these locations.

### Lecturer - Environmental Health

Position No.: 14677

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP - December 2011 - Batchelor / Alice Springs, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

Responsible for the development and delivery of approved education and training courses in environmental health with an emphasis on community infrastructure and housing. The position requires coordinating of delivery and assessment in the Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health). This will include management, co-ordination and quality assurance of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities, maintenance of student files and monitoring of student flearning outcomes in accordance with curriculum guidelines and School of Health, Business and Science progedures and Batchelor Institute standards. Supervision of students, liaison with remote Aboriginal communiand with industry partners is essential. Travel throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement of the position.

## Applications close Friday 21 March 2008

For further information, the Selection Criteria's and the information for applicants sheet are available from the institute's website wave batchelocedu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (05) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batcheloc.edu.au

The institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment

Batchelor Institute has a vital national position as the only higher educational institution solely for Indigenous students (AUQA report 2008).

As such, BITE endeavours to be a strong employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. BiTE strongly encourages applications for the above positions from suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous Australians.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between Darwin Palmerston and some rural areas.

## Cobar Local Aboriginal Land Council Chief Executive Officer

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)
Please note: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people
encouraged to apply.

The Cobar Local Aboriginal Land Council (CLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Right Act 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistant and support to the elected board through the day to day management of the CLALC affairs in accordance with delegated authorities: the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Boards resolution in a timety and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the ALRA 1983, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practice and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package please contact Cober Local Aboriginal Land Council on 02 68361144.

Application to be marked 'Confidential' and posted to: Chairperson, Cobar Local Aboriginal Land Council, PO Box 410, Cobar NSW 2835.

Applications close: 4.30pm 20 March 2008.





## ATSI BUSINESS TRAINEE Albury Motor Registry

Salary Range: \$11,271 to \$25,307pa

Temporary Full Time -Traineeship for 12 months

We are seeking a highly motivated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant who will be responsible for the delivery of quality, team based customer service for driver licensing and vehicle registration products and services and for providing administrative support to the Registry Services Manager, Criminal record checks apply.

### Position Number 5000 7687

Applicants must obtain an information package from the Newcastle Contact Centre on 1300 361 852 or download from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Applicants can apply online or mail to Recruitment Services, PO Box 3035, Parramatta NSW 2124. Further information is available at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applications close 21 March 2008.

## The Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC). Service Manager

Service Manager

The Queensland Aberiginal and islander Health Council (QAHC), the peak body for the Community Controlled Health Sector (CCHS) in Queensland and state affiliate of the National Aberiginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), is calling for applications for a Service Manager to lead the successful and safe operation of the Logan Residential Care Facility and Programs. This service has been developed to meet the needs of children and young people who have been identified as at risk and who require immediate and specialist care under a transitional program. The role reports to the Child Protection Services Manager and has been designed to ensure that all stakeholders are appropriately connected and that all staff and young people are managed and supported appropriately.

In order to qualify for this role you must have a minimum relevant qualification in human services, social work or another associated discipline area. You must submit to undergoing necessary criminal history checks and must possess or be able to acquire a Blue Card. It would also be desirable for applicants if they had knowledge and an understanding of child protection, had knowledge and an understanding of child protection, had knowledge and an understanding of the policies as they relate to children and young people and had some financial management skills.

For more information on how to apply please contact Di Harvey on 07 3320 1900.

For more information on how to apply please contact Di Harvey on 07 3320 1900. Applications close: Monday 17th March.

### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

## ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6, Lismore, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08120. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Provide advice and support to the case management of Aborignal offenders in the community and

Provide advice and support to the case management of Aboriginal offenders in the community in the transition from custody. Identify and build collaborative community networks in partnerships to enhance community based offender programs. Selection Criteria: Aborigina Broad understanding of the organisational and operational structure of Community Offan Services and the Department of Corrective Services. Ability to work in an enforcement and help case management role with Aboriginal offenders. Knowledge of the Criminal Justice System. Videveloped knowledge of, experience in and acceptance by Aboriginal communities to previously influence in community partnerships. Excellent interpersonal, negotiation and liaison at Effective oral and written skills and computer literacy. Current driver's licence and have willingness/ability to drive within NSW.

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Notes: In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authors by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. All staff will be required to attend the Integral Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment. This is a tempor appointment/employment under the Public sector Employment & Management Act 2002 to period of up to 6 months. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, background chewill require applicants to be Ingerprinted. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declared form with their application and are also requested to provide e-mail addresses for two normal referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor.

Inquiries and Information Packages: Julie Webber, telephone: (02) 6622 1277 Ex

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruit Ground Level, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, SYDNEY NSW 2001. Closing Date: Friday 14 March 2008.

## move your career into new territory

## Department of Local Government, **Housing and Sport**

The Northern Territory (NT) enjoys Australia's best outdoor lifestyle, with year round sunshine and a great environment right on the doorstep. So it's no wonder that it also enjoys one of Australia's highest participation rates in sport and

Sporting facilities are of an excellent standard throughout the NT. The sporting season never ends and produces high achievers from a range of sports, many of whom are supported through the state of the art NT Institute of Sport. There are also enormous amounts of talent in remote communities waiting to be discovered.

We are looking for a talented person who can take on a leadership position in this challenging and rewarding environment.

### Director Facilities and Events

Administrative Officer 8 (\$76 423 - \$79 448)

Permanent vacancy

Reporting directly to the Executive Director, Sport and Recreation, this is a newly created and instrumental position in providing leadership in effective development and management of Government owned sport and recreation facilities, and management of major sporting events supported by the Government

The successful person will be responsible for providing high level expertise in the planning, development, construction, maintenance and management of government owned sport and recreation facilities within the Northern Territory, as well as overseeing the delivery of sporting fixtures.

### The Person

The successful applicant will already have extensive experience in property management, utilisation and construction of engineering, preferably in sport and recreation, extensive experience in contract / lease management and an understanding of event management principles.

They will have a demonstrated record of achievement in program management and people management, exceptional ication skills and an appreciation for sport and recreation.

### The Rewards

As an employee of the Northern Territory Public Sector, the successful applicant will work in an environment that recognises and rewards commitment, service excellence, innovation and leadership. Personal and professional development is encouraged while benefits include generous superannuation benefits and six weeks annual leav

To find out more about the position contact

Steve Rossingh

Executive Director, Sport and Recreation

Ph: (08) 8982 2369

ail: steve.rossingh@nt.gov.au

To find out more about living in the Northern Territory go to www.theterritory.com.au

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 4397 Closing date: 21 March 2008

## Contact us now

1300 659 247

Recruitment@nt.gov.au www.nt.gov.au/jobs

the Territory www.nt.gov.au/jobs



Tuvenile

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethnic religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

## JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNSELLOR (ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG)

Karlong, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08/042. Total remuneration package valued \$78,951 p.a. (\$46,320-\$71,546) Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and lei This position is responsible for providing a range of alcohol and other drug clinical se

This position is responsible for providing a range of alcohol and other drug clinical services including assessment, counselling, supervision, group work and other programs in a centre based setting. Selection Criteria: Degree in Psychology or Social Work (or equivalent). Experience in working with substance abusing clinints and an understanding of factors contributing to substance abuse and offending behaviour. Demonstrated expenence in developing interventions, education and offence focused counselling and interventions with young people with drug use issues and their significant others. Demonstrated expenence in assessment, case planning and group work. An understanding of and sensitivity to Aborginal issues. Effective written and oral communication skills, including computer skills, and an ability to work as a team Current Minimum Class C NSW drivers isomore.

issues. Effective written and oral communication skills, including computer skills, and an ability to work as a team. Current Minimum Class C NSW drivers licence.

Notes: Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Inquiries: Ana-Maria Citic 1021 4340,3800.

Inquiries: Ana-Marija Ciko (02) 4340 3800.

Inquiries: Ana-Marija Calo (02) 4340 3800.

Applications Marked 'Contidential' To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 28 March 2008 PSN/C 987259.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## **BUSINESS SUPPORT MANAGER**

Clerk Grade 9/10
Business Support Unit
Southern & Western NSW HS Division
Queanbeyan/Nowra/Goulburn
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-11247

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (salary \$79,188 pa - \$87,283 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This role is responsible for development & implementation of a service delivery framework that drives continuous improvement, ensuring service delivery strategies are review & improved & new products & services are delivered.

## SELECTION CRITERIA:

Excellent oral and written communication skills
 Experience in business planning and priority development.
 Ability and experience in translating strategic direction to local action.
 Strong experience in continuous improvement.
 Demonstrated ability to analyse complex problems and identify multiple pathways for resolution and identify the most appropriate response.
 Sound operational experience in service delivery in a human services environment including experience in service.

Proven track record of working collaboratively with a range of government and non-government and non-government to deliver cross agency products and services.
 Basic knowledge of the housing system.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full time position for a period of up to 2 years in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the PSEM Act 2002. This position can be located in either Queanbeyth, Notes or Gouldourn. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the M selection criteria. At least one reference from current or recent supervisor is preferred.

Information Packages; www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or NSW Businessink (02) 6200 5620 Apply on-line: As per link in the information Package or post to The Recruitment Offices, 8 Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.



## **Educational Support Officer**

Permanent Part Year

Inquiries: Cathy Lowe (02) 6872 2287 or Marie Thomas 0400 375 442

Total remuneration package of up to \$55,769 pa pro rata, including salary (\$46,320 - \$50,356 pa pro rata), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a sensus sex offence to apply for these positions.

^Application Form: Visit our websites: www.wit.tafensw.edu.au, www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs or email: recruitment western@tafensw.edu.au or telephone the Recruitment Officer, (02) 6093 5953 / 5973.

Closing Date: 28 March 2007 (late applications will not be accepted)





DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

## **ASSISTANT IN NURSING ENROLLED NURSE** REGISTERED NURSE

Metro South Region, Various positions ner Hill, Condeil Park, Yagoona, Mortdale and Liverpool manent & Temporary, Full-Time & Part-Time & Casual Position No: DADHC-08-11244

Position No: DADHC-08-11244

Salary: AlN: \$25,757 pa - \$33,349 pa (\$12.99 ph - \$16.82 ph) EN: \$37,344 pa - \$40,643 pa (\$18.83ph - \$20.50ph) RN: \$42,341 pa - \$59,464 pa (\$21.35 ph - \$12.99 ph) Total remuneration package valued up to \$55,619 pa, includes employer's contribution to superannuation & annual leave loading.

Job Description: Care for children and young adults with an intellectual disability and complex health care needs. Development and implementation of individual programs, community access and the smooth running of the unit. Promoting a health/ and safe environment.

Selection Criteria:

- Current List A with Nurses and Midwives Board of NSW or First Ald Certificate.

- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Experience working with people with developmental disabilities and a commitment to enhancing their size.

Demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills
 Ability to use initiative.
 Understanding and working knowledge of the Disability

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Ability to use initiative.

Understanding and working knowledge of the Disability Services Act 1993 and its applications to working in a supported accommodation unit.

Current Driver's licence.

Abile to work a seven day rotating roster. Able to work a seven day rotating roster.
 Job Notes: Various positions available, casual, permanent & temporary (full-time & part-time) positions in terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

the forms.

Inquiries: Gary Dunne, Tracy Murray, or Yvonne Turiano, telephone: (02) 9797 8133.

Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or telephone: 1800 185 466.

Apply on-line: As per link given in information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.

## Part time Casual **Teaching Employment**

Applications are sought from suitably qualified and experienced people who wish to be considered for placement on a suitability list for positions, which may occur during Semester 2 2008 with TAFE NSW Western Institute.

Hourly Rate of Pay: Teaching Duties \$64.86; Coordination Hours \$60.98; Duties Other Than Teaching \$51.21.

Access and General Education Faculty Location: Cowra JRN: W08-207 Abonginal Education Inquiries: Sally Delaney (02) 6340 1732

Business Art Information Technology Faculty
Location: Dubbo
JRN: W08-224 Visual Arts & Aboriginal Arts - All Studios including Screen and Digital Arts

Location: Lightning Ridge JRN: W08-227 Abonginal Arts Inquiries: Mary Dorahy (02) 6883 3680

Inclusion on the auitability list does not guarantee an offer of employment. Completion of Gerificate IV Training and Assessment is highly desirable. Successful applicants can although teacher training programs (aligned to six modules from the Certificate IV Training and Assessment) which provide skills and knowledge in delivery and assessment in their own time.

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions.

Application Form: Visit our website: www.wit.tafensw.edu.au or email: recruitment western@tafensw.edu.au or telephone the Recruitment Officer, 6363 5963/6973.

Closing Date: 11 April 2008 (late applications will not be accepted).

## LOVE YOUR WORK

## **Senior Operations** Coordinator (Redfern Community Centre)

\$66,087 p. a. plus Super Redfern Community Centre Are you its new Centre Manager?

Redfern Community Centre played a major role in the recent "Sorry Day" celebrations, hosting elders from the Aboriginal community, the Lord Major, the Governor General and many others, celebrating an important day in Australian history. Behind the scenes the person performing this job was working hard to make it happen, their challenges high, their

rewards many fold. Could you do this?

We require an experienced Manager to manage this unique inner city community centre. You will have experience managing and inspiring teams, organising events and programmes and building strong relationships with communities, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The ability to plan and deliver an exciting vision for this important community resource and be part of the City of Sydney's Community Centres team is critical to the job.

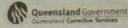
The role includes managing staff and program facilitators, financial and administrative management, programming events, courses and advising the City of Sydney on cultural projects.

Compliance with Child Protection Legislation is essential. Abonginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged

Applications must address the selection criteria available from the City's website at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au and include the names and telephone numbers of two referees. Previous applications are still under consideration.

Visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/jobs for a position description. Applications should be made online via our website by Friday 21 March 2008, quoting Ref No. S059422.

city of villages



## Cultural Liaison Officer (Identified)

eensland Corrective Services seeks to employ an original or Torres Strait Islander person to full the role of Itural Liaison Officer at the Brishane Correctional Centre.

This person will focus on ensuring that the individual, cultural and social needs of all Abonginal and Torres Strait, Islander people in the custodial environment are met as well as providing assessments, programs and reports on request.

Another important part of the cole of the Cultural Liaison Officer is to liaise with staff, family members, community groups and visitors in relation to those issues that impact on bodiginal and Torres Strait Islander people during their time in custody and to assist prisoners on their transition back into the community after release.

Salary \$44 356 to \$49 454 p.a.

For further information and to apply for this position, visst www.jobs.qld.gov.au or phone 3239 0513 for an information pack.

Changing Lives - Protecting the community



Worawa is a fully residential school for Aboriginal boys and girls Years 7 - 10 based in Healesville, Victoria. The College plans to enrol students from Term 2 and seeks applicants for the following positions:

### **House Parents**

our boarding houses.

### Teachers

ull or part-time roles in one or a combination of the following

ABORIGINAL CULTURE

ENGLISH MATHEMATICS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

Aboriginal Culture is a core component of College curriculum and ite. Aboriginal men and women are warmly encouraged to apply. Intending applicants must obtain the relevant information for Applicants before applying. Please contact: admin@worawa.vic.edu.au; telephone 03 5982 4344 as soon as possible.





## Manager (Specified)

Deportment of Child Safety Salary: \$86 442 - 591 425 p.a. Location: Edmonton, Cairns REF: QED/CHSS350/06

REF: QUD/CHSS350/068
Key Dotlies: Lead and manage the Child Safety Service
Centre in delivery of high quality child protection services
through the professional development and management
of staff. Implement case management systems/pearties/
standards and establish productive partnerships with
carers, community, public and other stakeholders.
Participate/ lead local area forums. Provide advice to
the Zonat Director to develop delivery and improvement
strategies, reforements agreement and tempora. strategies, performance agreements and training, Enquiries: (07) 3006-7693 or E-mail:

## **Child Safety Support Officer**

Child Safety Services Division

Applicants must identify as being of r Torres Strait Islander decent.) Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander dece Department of Child Safety Salary: 352 437 – 357 663 p.a. Location: Calcoundra REF: QLD/CHSS206/08 Enquiries: (DT) 3006 7693 or E-mail: vacchs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au Closing Date: Monday, 24 March 2008

Client Service Manager

Mackay/Whitsunday Area Office, Client Services (Temporary for 12 months with possible extens Department of Housing Salary: \$60 769 - \$66 050 p.a. Location: Mackay

Enquiries: Bronwyn Patton (07) 4967 0858 or Email: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au. Closing Date: Tuesday, 25 March 2008

## Manager (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland(Specified

Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

Department of Communities

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a. Location: Ipswich

REF OLD/COMS433/08

Key Duties: Establish, lead and manage a Youth

Justice Service Centre, including human, financial and technological resources to achieve the objectives of statutory acryice delivery. Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated high level of

strategic and operational leadership. Develop, implement, monitor and evaluate effective programs and services for you people.

Enquiries: (07) 1006 7675

E-mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au. Closing Date: Wednesday, 26 March 2008

## Administration Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference

Islander community.)

Department of Communities Salary: \$44 347 - \$49 455 p.u.

REF: QLD/COM5424/00

Engulries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: accom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au Closing Date: Wednesday, 26 March 2008

## Smart jobs in Queensland

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## Indigenous Policy Officer

Queensland Shelter advocates for the housing needs of all low and moderate income Queenslanders. The Indigenous Policy Officer will be responsible for proactively developing and communicating housing policy and solutions through liaison with Indigenous housing stakeholders and policy makers.

The successful areas.

The successful applicant will demonstrate skills in social research, policy analysis and development, effective stakeholder engagement and high level communication. Experience working with Indigenous communities will be highly regarded.

Further information is available from: Adrian Pisarski on 07 3393 2433 or email info@qshelter.ash.au Expressions of Interest highlighting relevant skills and experience, along with a full resume, should be forwarded to: Queensland Shelter, PO Box 393 STONES CORNER QLD. 4120 by COS on Thursday 20 March 2008.

Queensland Shelter is an equal opportunity employer.



### MIIMALI ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY **ASSOCIATION INC**

St Mary's, Western Sydney

## Community Liaison Officer

Full time - 1 year contract

With salary packaging equivalent up to Sac's award Level 3 dependant on experience, including superannuation and other benefits.

## Youth Workers x 2

Full-time Position

With salary packaging equivalent up to Sac's award Level 2 dependant on experience, including superannuation and other benefits.

For further information or job packages Contact: Community Liaison Officer - Belinda Trikilis on 9673 4144 Youth Workers - John Trikilis on 9673 4144. Applications Close: 4th April 2008.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



## **Events and Partnership Worker**

Reconciliation Victoria is the state peak body working for rights, respect and recognition for Aboriginal Victorians and just and respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

This position has been created specifically to work on Reconciliation Victoria's Partnerships and Events with a goal to establishing several working groups in outer Melbourne and regional Victoria. These working groups will focus on Reconciliation activities and events to promote Indigenous culture and heritage.

A full job description, key selection criteria and person specifications are available from our website on www.reconciliationvic.org.au.

All applications must be in writing and address the key selection criteria.

For all enquires about the position or the application process, please call: 03 9662 1645 or email Julie.warren@reconciliationvic.org.au

Closing date for applications is: Monday 24 March

Indigenous Applicants are encouraged to apply.



Department of Ageing. Disability & Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

## SYSTEM SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6
Purchasing and Funding
Planning and Access
Metro South Region, Burwood
Permanent Full-Time, Position No: DADHC-08-11190
Total remuneration package is valued at up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa) Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
Job Description: Support the systems, databases and administration for the Purchasing and Funding Team and support other teams in the Metro South Region area, to enable them to provide quality services and advice to stakeholders, consistent with resources and policy.

Selection Criteria:

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Skills and experience in design of tracking and monitoring systems and processes with the ability to work with software applications such as Excel and Access.

Analytical/problem solving and data analysis skills.

Understanding of funding, planning, monitoring and evaluation processes used in the community services industry.

community services industry.

A solid working knowledge and contemporary understanding of human services and key issues for departmental clients and stakeholders.

Planning, organisation and prioritisation skills supported by a systematic approach to data and issue tracking and management.

Conceptual and analytical skills and ability to interpret and identify issues on performance data, financial results, benchmarking, quality assurance measuraments, workflow analysis, client management systems and Unit performance results.

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Inguiries: Chris Chippendale (02) 9334 9700
Information Package: www.darthc.com/employment or 1800 185 466
Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package.
Closing Date: Friday 21 March 2008.

## NSW@HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

### MENTAL HEALTH

Area

Clinical Leader, Aboriginal Mental Health (Children, Youth & Families) Location negotiable within Eastern Cluster, PFT, Salary: Health Manager, Level 2: \$70,143-\$83,193 pa, Recruitment No: GW57455, Enquiries & Application Kit: Sharon Iones, (02) 6360 8000 or sharon jones@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au Close: 26/03/08.

Application Kits are also available on our website www.gwahs.nsw.gov.au

Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service

## Senior Aboriginal Health Worker (Re-advertised)

conamble Aboriginal Health Service is currently recruiting to Connamble Abonginal Health Service is currently recruiting to the position of Senior Abonginal Health Worker for its service in Coonamble. Prospective applicants will need to posses Enrolled Nursing qualifications and demonstrate a high level of experience in Abonginal health.

Note: Abonginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Anti-Unscrimination Act 1977.

Packages: All interested applicants for the above position will need to contact Michelle Shields, Acting Chief Executive Officer on (02) 68/25/31/2 for an information package detailing the Selection Criteria for the position.

General Information: The successful applicant will be required to undertake relevant criminal record and working with children epipels.

with children's checks.

Applications should be marked confidential and sent to the CEO, Wellington Abonginal Corporation Health Service, PO Box 236, WELLINGTON NSW 2820.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 28 March 2008. No late or faxed applications will be accepted.

## NSW@HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST

AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Closing Date: 28 March 2008

## POPULATION HEALTH

Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer (HEO)

f: 54614. Salary: \$745.10-\$1218.30 pw. mp F/T up to June 2010 at Population Health, Liverpool. q: Myna Hua, 9515.9081.

Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer (HEO)

Readvertised. Ref: 54724. Salary: \$745.10-\$1218.30 pw Temp F/T up to June 2010 at Health Promotion, Narellan Eng: Myna Hua, 9515.9081,

## COMMUNITY HEALTH

Aboriginal Health Service Manager (HSM Level 1)

Readvertised. Previous applicants need Ref: S4755. Salary: \$53,357–\$71,776 pa. F/T at Liverpool Community Health, Eng: Patricia Clark, (02) 9828 4844.

FOR ALL POSITIONS:

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 RSW 1871 or email applications to: jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

## **EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO** THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE **OFFICER**

Attractive Renuneration Package, Benefits and Salary Packaging options.

This is an ideal opportunity if you are looking for a rewarding, challenging and pivotal role within a dynamic organisation while receiving an attractive remuneration package together with an extensive range of benefits and conditions.

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The successful applicant will have effective interpersonal, planning, organising and priority setting skills together with the capacity for sound judgment, initiative, confidentiality and the ability to work independently. Superior computer, keyboard and secretarial skills and an understanding of Aboriginal issues are also essential.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact Diane Lee by email: diane lee@acc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator NSW Aboriginal Land Council PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close Monday 31 March 2008.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



## SEEKING BRILLIANT WEBSITE

If you have the capacity to reinvent our online presence, saising with NASOA staff on the style and bechnical aspects, we want to hear from you Pressa contact Jennifer Dakers at j.dakers@nuisida.com.au or call her 02 4340 3121 for full details. Deadline 20 March.

## PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE (PIAC)

## Solicitor: Indigenous Justice Program

PIAC invites applications from solicitors to work with PIAC's indigenous Justice Program (LIP). This is an opportunity to work in a dynamic community legal centre as a member of a professional team community to achieving social justice.

In this challenging and rewarding position you will build and maintai links with Indigenous organisations and work with PAC staff on advice, casework and advocacy in the public interest on behalf of Aborigina and Torres Straft Islander clients.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

## Student Intern: Indigenous Justice Program

PIAC invites applications from final year Indigenous law students to apply for a legal internship with PIAC's indigenous Justice Program (LIP). The Intern will assist the LIP in all aspects of the LIP's legal and project work.

The Intern will work full time during university vacations and part-time during semesters. This is a fixed-term position until June 2009.

This is a position for an Indigenous person established as a special measure in order to help address disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Stratt Island people.

Job information for both positions, including the selection criteria, can be found at http://www.piac.asn.au//about/jobs.html. Further enquiries should be directed to Natasha Case on (02) 8898 6517.

Applications close 9 April 2008.



MANAGER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Department of Health 585,367 - \$88,750 - Temp F/T (12 mth contract) - ASO-8

of high level Aboriginal employment leadership, expert advice and consultancy services, resulting in the effective development and utilisation of the health systems capacity and capability to attract, recruit and retain Aboriginal people. You'll have experience in strategic workforts planning or policy management in a human services agency, and in the provision of a broad range of services to Aboriginal communities. Job Ref. 1487.

Phone 1300 882 992 www.health.sa.gov.au/careers



of South Australia





Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd is an Organisation fiell provides health, housing and social support services for the indigenous Community in the Greater Shepparton area.

The Co-operative is located two hours north of Melbourne is accessible to local wineries, the Murray and Goulburn Riv and the Victorian ski fields.

Through its unique Housing Team, Rumbalara provide exceptional housing services in the Goulburn Valley Area.

## **Executive Manager Health Services**

(Full-Time)

(Full-Time)
The successful applicant will be responsible for overseing service delivery of all Programs within the Health Service. All applicants will be required to undergo a Police Check and in their applications demonstrate and show evidence of experience relating to Section 3 - Competency & Experience requirements in the Position Brief.

For a Position Brief please contact Scherie Moulton on (03) 5825 2111 or email: scherie@raclimited.com.eu

Applications close 5.00pm 28th March 2008.

Applications including resume are to be addressed to: Felicia Dean, Chief Executive Officer, Rumbalara Aborghal Co-Operative, PO Box 614, Mooroopna 3629

Applications will not be accepted via smail.

We encourage applications from me Indigenous Community.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

## CONSORTIUM OF NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES FAR NORTH COAST the following within the Brighter Futures North Coast Progr

## ABORIGINAL FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

SACS NSW Grade 4

To be located at South Grafton New School of Arts Neighbourhood Centre

Successful applicants will require a Working with Children Check and a Criminal Record Check Applicants MUST address criteria.

Applications close Wednesday 19th March, 2008

Enquiries and job packages to: Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre, (02) 66 824 334 or

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Funded by the NSW Department of Community Services Brighter Futures Program

### PROJECT WORKER

### ABORIGINAL WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

We are a women's domestic violence service based in South-West Sydney and would like to employ an experienced worker to develop and conduct a series of education programs for indigenous women that will train & menter local Aboriginal women to become trainers & advocates within their own communities. The project will also set up a local Violence Against Women committee to address the specific needs of Aboriginal women. You will have relevant program and community development experience and an understanding of the dynamical effects of domestic violence and have good written & oral communication skills. This is a 2 year position, salary based on SACS award with above award conditions & salary sacrificing. For an info pack call (02)96029160.

Closing date: 26th March, 2008

Being a woman is a genuine employment requirement under Section 31-2 of the Anti-Discrimination Act and Aboriginality is a genuine employment requirement under Section 14 of the Act.

This position is funded by Federal Attorney-General's Dept.

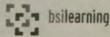
## We can help you get a job!

- Have you ever been in trouble with the police?
- Have you spent time in a Correctional Facility or done
- Community Service?
- Are you on Remand, Probation or Parole?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then give us a call!

NSW: 1300 137 504 • QLD: 1300 784 563 www.bsilearning.com.au

We run a DEEWR funded support program that can help you get and keep a job.



## Namatjira Haven Drug & Alcohol Healing Centre

Alstonville NSW

Namatjira Haven is a government funded 14 bed residential centre based on the North Coast of NSW servicing the needs of Aboriginal men who require assistance in dealing with substance abuse and domestic/lamity violence issues. Currently we are looking for staff with the right qualifications, skills, ambition and attitude to fill this opportunity:

Counsellor D&A, Sacs Grade 3 to 4. Full time 5 days 38 hours per week, some weekend work

Remuneration depending on Qualifications and experience

Applicants will need to have relevant qualifications for the position and experience in a drug & alcohol residential organisation, knowledge of current trends in their area of expertise, an understanding and appreciation of the issues faced by Abordinal communities, excellent verbal and written communication skills, high level PC skills using MS applications, the ability to work well within a multidisciplinary team and a current driver's licence and reliable transport.

Applicants must address the essential and common selection criteria as outlined in the information pack and complete Prohibited Employment (Child Protection) and Criminal Records Check forms, Information packs may be obtained by phoning Dian Challinor, Administration Officer on (02) 68 28 1098. These appointments are subject to a 6 month probationary period and salary sacrifice will also ese appointmen able after this per

Applications close on 25/03/08. 5pm. Interviews will be on or near 03/04/08.



NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC

## Foster Carer Support - Caseworker

Essential: Aboriginality, Relevant Tertiary qualifications and/or a minimum of 3 years relevant experience in human services areas such as, out of home care, social welfare, carer support or working with communities, families, children and young people. A general understanding of foater care and the needs of foster carers, of Out-of-Home-Care, relevant Child Protection and Out-foeme Care legislation and Children's Guardian requirements. Experience in assessment and training of Foster carers and/or understanding of group dynamics/processes. Demonstrated ability in case management with children and tamilies, ability to carry a small caseload. Experience in working with the health, welfare and child support areas, ability to failise and work collaboratively with Government, Non-Government agencies and Aborighal communities. Experience in working with the Issues important to Aboriginal personal communities, on the Far North Coast. Excellent verbal and written communication skills including report writing. Ability to achieve work plans and effective time management. Demonstrated ability to effectively work as part of a leam, follow established Policy and Procedures, to collect and analyse program data and sound computer and record keeping

Sataries: A generous remuneration package ranging from \$51,784 to \$67,448 will be negotiated plus superannuation and leave loading and including salary sacrifice.

the position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by clion 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Contact: Lencre Mariows - Manager, 02 66 628044

information Package: must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on

ne to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 646 Casino, NSW, 2470

Closing Date: Friday, 28th March 2008.



## NOTICE FOR THE PROPOSED COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND

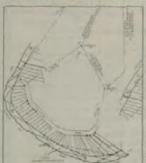
Bankstown City Council propose to acquire a parcel of Crown Land.

LOCATION: Carinya Road, Picnic Point as shown on the plan shown below.

Folio Identifier Lot 1 in DP 1121057 being part of Lot 7007 DP 1075850 Local Government Area: Bankstown Parish of Bankstown, County of Cumberland.

NATURE OF ACT: Bankstown City Council intends to acquire the land for the purpose of creating a public road to ensure that legal access is provided to the adjoining land owners.

Any surplus land acquired will not be resold by Council



DISTURBANCE TO LAND: Excavation in rock, excavation of soil, filling, refilling, truction of road and associated services.

NOTIFICATION DAY: 26 June 2008.

Pursuant to 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 the

CONTACT DETAILS OF BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL: Tim Elliott, Bankstown City Council, PO Box 8 BANKSTOWN NSW 1885. Ph. (02) 9707 9999 Fax: (02) 9707 9555. FURTHER INFORMATION: You are able to obtain further information about the

proposed act from the following:

1. Bankstown City Council (contact details above)

2. Justin Thornton, Marsdens Law Group 49 Dumaresq Street PO Box 291 CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560. Ph: (02) 4626 5077 Fax: (02) 4626 4826.

You can also obtain further information about the "right to negotiate regime" in the Native Title Act (Cith) 1993 and Native Title Amendment Act (Cith) 1998.

CORRECTION to published notice in relation to an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales



Notice previously published 27 February 2008 in the Koori Mail and the Parkes Champion Post.

Applicant's name: Non-native title interest: Federal Court File No:

Robin Arnheim Permissive Occupancy 165287 NSD2443/07

In the previous notice the following statement appeared:

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.

The statement should have read:

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 11 June 2008. After 11 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 11 June 2005, 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.

All other details in the previous notice are correct.

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 INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M**

TAKE NOTICE that LINCOLN MINERALS LIMITED ACN 050 117 023 ("Lincoln Minerals") of 28 Greenhill Road, Wayville SA 5034 (formerly CENTREX EXPLORATION LIMITED ACN 050 117 023) proposes to undertake mining operations in an area located within Exploration Licence number 3553 held by Lincoln Minerals described below.

A description of the area of Land ("Land") upon which mining operations may take place is as follows:

Mining operations may take place is as follows:

Kallioota Area approximately 60 km north north east of Port Augusta bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31o50'S and longitude 137o50'E, thence east to longitude 137o53'E, south to latitude 32o03'S, east to longitude 137o58'E, south to latitude 32o06'S, west to longitude 137o50'E, and north to the point of commencement; all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated 6 October 1966.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is

**Lincoln Minerals** propose to carry out exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation. Those operations will include reconnaissance geological mapping, soil sampling and drilling, downhole-probing, sampling and testing of drill core and cuttings, hand held photography, gridding, aerial photography, airborne and ground magnet, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying, geochemical sampling, water sampling, hydrological studies, and rotary air-blast, aircore, reverse circulation and core and include all things necessarily incidental to

The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the Exploration Licence number 3563 (which is subject to Native Title Determination Application SC96/4 Barngarla Native Title Claim, to Native Title Determination Application SC96/5 Nukunu Native Title Claim, and to Native Title Determination Application No. 1 SC99/1 Adnyamathanha,) (including any extensions or renewals of any of these exploration licenses and any future exploration authority under the Mining Act over the Land or any part of it).

Lincoln Minerals seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, Lincoln Minerals may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

ANY PERSON who holds or may hold native title in the ANY PERSON who holds or may hold native tibe in the Land is invited to contact the proponents, Lincoln Minerals, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land. Minerals, agreement

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months of the initiation of these negotiations. Lincoin Minerals and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact Lincoln Mineral's Ltd Wayville SA 5034 Tel: (08) 8274 0243 Fax: (08) 8274 0242



## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting lounce applications under the Mining Act 1978. NO APPLICANT AREA LOCALITY CENTROID SHIRE NO APPLICANT AREA LOCALITY CENTROID SHIRE 13km NEW of Kalgoorte Kalgoorie-Bouster City 167.50ha 48.26a 325.50ha 111km NE'ly of Kalgoorie 88km NW'ly of Marcies 71km NW'ly of Mercies List 30:12 Long 122°26 Kagnonie-Bouder City List 29°15 Long 120°26 Mendes List 29°13 Long 120°32 Mendes Banck (Granny Smith) Phy Ud Banck (Granny Smith) Phy Ud Banck (GSM) Limbed (ACN 002 594 881) 11.44ha 21km NEW of Laverton List 28/29" Long 122/33" Barrok (GSM) Limited ACN 002 594 881) Crear Cold Meren NL.
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Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

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Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each idence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day 8 e. 12 July 2008, a notice party longer 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 desicted to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Tiernon, Perth. or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act tinoluting extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resource; 100 Plan Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3626.

## Notice to Native Title Holder

Description of the Crown Land:

515m2 of Crown land, known as part of Crown allotment 3 Section 21, Township of Alexandra, located in Downey Street Alexandra in the central husiness district.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment proposes to sell the Crown land pursuant to section 209 of the Land Act 1958. The sale of the Crown land is subject to the successful registration of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).

Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to land in the area may wish, in response to this notice, to become a party to the ILUA. If so, you are asked to lodge an interest in writing within 28 days of the date of this notice to: Therese Davis, Native Title Co-ordinator, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Box 303, WODONGA VIC, 3690.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, contact Therese Davis on 02 6043 7937

#### **DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY**

Applications to amend an existing Water Supply Works And Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

#### Lower Murrumbidgee Deep Groundwater Source

Robert Lindsay & Anne Hamilton ROLLINSON for 1 x Bore (additional) at Lot 14 DP756257, Parish Bowna, County Townsend for Irrigation. (Ref.50CA504004)

#### Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source

VISCOUNT AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD for 1 x Bore at Lot 112 DP752290. Parish Mulwala, County Denison for Domestic water supply for a residential subdivision. (Ref. 50WA506529)

Undsay John & Heather Marjorie COWAN for 1 x Bore (replacer Valgadoori, County Townsend for Irrigation (Ref.50CA504195) acement) at Lot 304 DP610772, Parish

An application to amend an existing Joint Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

#### NSW Murray Regulated River Water Source (Murray River)

Ishn Bennett PARSONS & Others for 1 x 50 mm Pump, at Lot 44 DP725880, Parish Speewa, Dounty Wakool for Stock & Domestic purposes. (Ref. 50WA502804)

Applications for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

#### Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source

Gladys HAY, for 1 x Bore at Lot 168 DP756251, Parish Blackwood, County Townsend for Irrigation.
(Application No. 1701)

#### NSW Murray Regulated River Water Source (Merran Creek)

Share Anthony & Stephanie Joy O'MEARA for 1 x 50mm Centrifugal Pump at a Road adjacent to Lot 383/1069509, Parish Toolmah, County Wakool, for Domestic purposes. (Application No. 1685) 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 this publication. GA2:537440.

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

TAKE NOTICE that CENTREX METALS LIMITED ACN 096 298 752 (Centrex Metals) of Level 3, 100 Pirie Street, Adelaide, South Australia 5000 proposes to carry out mining exploration operations Exploration numbered 3125, 3287 and 3375 (Land)

Centrex Metals has served Form 27 notices on all relevant parties in accordance with section 63M of the South Australian Mining Act

Exploration Licence 3125 is held by South Australian Iron Ore Group Pty Ltd ACN 098 555 474 (SAIOG) and covers an approximate area of 52 km² and is located approximately 50 km WSW of Whyalla, South Australia.

Exploration Licence 3287 is held by SAIOG and covers an approximate area of 155 km² and is located approximately 50 km west of Whyalla, South Australia.

Exploration Licence 3375 is held by Centrex Metals and covers an approximate area of 170 km² approximately 60 km ENE of Kimba, South Australia.

Centrex Metals proposes to explore for minerals within the tenements referred to above. The nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is mineral exploration and prospecting including, but not limited to, drilling operations to ascertain the nature and extent of, and any mineralisation occurring within, paleochannels beneath the surface of the Land.

The area is subject to Native Title Determination Application SC 96/4, Barngarla Native Title Claim.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, Centrex Metals may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

ANY PERSON who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponent, Centrex Metals, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within four (4) months of the initiation of these negotiations, Metals, and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact:

Centrex Metals Limited Attention: Gerard Anderson Level 3, 100 Pirie Street ADELAIDE South Australia 5000.



## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dupt, of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain It Ports WA 2014 may great the following refuge linear applications under the Manne Act, 1975 (WAL)

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/378	Harnersley Iron Pty Ltd	771.58tu	113m NW1y of Paraburdoo	Lst 22"45" Long 118"41"	Adhburton
08/3/9	Harrersley Euploration Pty Ltd	89234hr	120km NWIy of Parabucios	Lat 22°45' Long 116'36'	Agripioton
20/420	Gold Mines of Australia MIAI No.	491.64%	57km S1y of Meskatherra	Lat 27'05' Long 118'19'	Oue
20/421	Gold Mines of Australia (WA) NV.	692,2914	56km NEV of Our	Let 27*05' Long 118*18'	Cue
20/437	Mercator Gold Accircle Phy Util	785.85ha	56km STy of Merkathana	Lat 27°G4" Long 115"19"	Die
20/438	Mercalox Gokt Australia Phy Uld	154.07ha	S7km NETy of Out	List 27*05' Long 116*18	0.0
20/443-4	St Bartista Ltd	1103.22%	S0km NETy of Curr	Ltd 27'06' Long 118'14'	Ciri
20/476	Mercator Cold Australia Pty Life	19.86hi	50xm NE'ly of Our	Lat 27"10" Long 118"17"	Cost
24/721	Border Resources NL	929.55Fu	15km NW ty of Kalqoorle	Lat 30'37' Long 121'22'	Kalasonie-Boulder Cir.
	Natural Intelligence List				
37/996	View Gold Pty Ltd	911,7870	57km NEW of Lander	Lat 27/35' Long 121'08'	Lagnors
46/431	Viedostal Minno Ltd	200.24ha	17km ETy of Nullsigne	Laf 21'51' Long 120'16'	East Filton
46/432	Widostal Mining Ltd	528.84hu	4en Sty of Nutsome	Lat 21°55' Long 120'06'	East Pittera
16433-4	Wedowtal Mining Ltd	1391,99ha	34len Elv of Nullagine	Lat 21'49' Long 120'26'	East Pittern
47/809-19	Hancock Prospecting Pty Utd	9837,73hs	60km Wily of Newman	Lat 23°17' Long 119°07'	East Pilton
	Hamersley Resources Ltd		and the distriction of the latest of the lat		
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67/856-9	Hyperstey Euploration Pty Ltd	2596.29hi	Silan MV ly of Newman	Lat 23'05' Long 119'11'	EXIPROS
47/1097	Harriersley from Pty Ltd	882.79ha	70km W Iv of Tom Price	Lat 22"38" Long 117"07"	ASSUME
47/1099	Hamirstey Iron Pty Ltd	1090,31ha	73km W/V of Tom Phos-	List 22'09' Long 117'05'	Arrivatori
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47/1179-80	Hamersley von Ptv Ltd	1148.61ha	73km Wily of Tom Price	Lat 22"31" Long 117"06"	Authorities
(7/1181-5	Harriersley Exploration Phy Ltd	4565,17ha	77km NW1v of Paraburdoo	Lat 22'50' Long 117'02'	Ashburton
47/1186-90	Hyrtecky kon Pty Ltd	3315.21ha	85km NWN of Paraburdoo	LW 22'48' Long 116'58'	Auroutton
17/1192	Hismarsley Iron Pty J.td	3482 39hs	110km NW V of Paraburdoo	Lat 22"44" Long 116"43"	Astrumon
8 47/1196-9	- and and and and				
17/1200-5	Hamesley Exploration Pty Ltd	5015.9ha	118km Silv of Pannawonica	Lat 22'40' Long 116'36'	Ashburton
47/1206	Harnersley Euploration Pty Ltd	136,99%	115km STy of Pannawonica	LM 22"38" Long 116"35:	Ashburton.
47/1210	Hamersky son Pty Ltd	645.91ts	100km SETy of Pannakonica	Lat 22°28' Long 116'44'	Ashtarton
47/1212	Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd	538.47ha	100km SETy of Pannanonica	Lat 22"27" Long 116"43"	Ashburton
63/637	PlaceLtd	151.7ha	10km NWN of Norseman	Lat 32'06' Long 121'41'	Durdis

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: 12 March 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take bertain step 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 12 June 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a netive title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Engains in mation to fining 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 (bit) 9/268 7100. The mining easies may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 12 July 2008), there is no mative rise party under section 30 of the Native Title Act. 1993 (Ctr) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act finducing extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plan Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



### NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HERCBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Porth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

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04/1722	Blackfin Pty Ltd	104.5km <sup>(1)</sup>	52km Ety of Derby	LM: 17"22' Long 124"06'	Derby-West Hirribotey
28/1656	Image Resources NL	133.34km²	182km Ety of Kalgoorle	Lili 30"10" Long 123"15"	Kalgoorle Soulder City Mensies
28/1694	Newmont Exploration Pty Ltd	183.78kmF	133km NETy of Kalgoorle	Lat 30'09' Long 122'40'	Kalgoorle-Boulder City Minches
28/1734	Jackson Gold Ltd.	5.91km/	111km NETy of Kalgoorte	Lat 30"19" Long 122"30"	Kalgoorie-Boulder City
28/1799	Independence Group NL	11.75km²	129km Ety of Kambalda	Lai 30'59' Long 122'59'	Kalooorie-Boulov City
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29/684	Vedo Energy Pty Ltd	209.82km²	49km SWNy of Leonora	Litt 29°12' Long 120°59'	Messes
29/685	Everton Nominees Pty Ltd	14.96km²	54km NW1y of Morosos	Lat 29"16" Long 120"35"	Merzins
31/734	Heron Resources Ltd	50.74km²	92km SETy of Leonora	Lat 29°27' Long 122°01'	Menzies
31/735	Heron Rissources Util	53.79km²	70km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29"19" Long 121"51"	Merces
31/816	Ausoold Exploration Pty Ltd	127.87kmF	137km STV of Laverton	Lat 29°50' Long 122°42'	Mergies
36/596		99.93km²	24km SETV of Lenster	Lat 28'00' Love 120'55'	Leonora
	Heron Resources Ltd				
37/876	Heron Resources Ltd	27.07km²	37km MW/ly of Leonora	Lat 28'42' Long 121'00'	Leonora
37/886	Picadilly Resources Pty Ltd	66.32km²	65km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28'26' Long 121'45'	Laverton/Leonora
37/894	Fairstar Resources Ltd	93.55km²	61km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°20' Long 121°26'	Leonora
37/927	Enterprise Exploration Ltd	91.1km²	58km NETy of Leinster	Lat 27"40" Long 121"11"	Leonorii
38/1522	South Bouder Mines Ltd	75.71km/	52km Why of Cosmo Newbery Misson	Lat 27°53' Long 122°23'	Laverton
38/1970	Eagle Bay Resources Nt.	211.91km²	41km Why of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27'57' Long 122"29'	Laverton
38/2108	Jarvie Eigolocation Pty Ltd	146.029m2	103km-SETy of Cosmo Newbury Mission	Lat 28'33' Long 123'43'	Laveron
38/2113	Duskgale Pty Ltd	193.51km²	77hm N'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27*21' Long 123*11'	Laverton
39/1254	Heron Resources Ltd	48.43ktrF	52km Wily of Lavenon	Lat 28'32' Long 121'52'	Lavenon/Leonors
39/1255	Heron Resources Ltd.	51.29km²	67km NWNy of Laverton	Lat 25"19" Long 121"48"	Leonora
39/1256				Lat 28°22' Long 122°11'	
	AhplevLtd	96.51km/	35km MW ly of Laverton		Laverton
39/1343	Kali Namores Pty Ltd	113.38km	154km SETy of Laverton	Lat 29/31 Long 123/37	Merstes
39/1344	Kall Normoes Pty Ltd	55.53km²	164km SETy of Laverton	Lat 29'37' Long 123'38'	Mercles
39/1347	Barber Exploration Phy Ltd	65.82km²	65km S1y of Laverton	Lat 29"11" Long 122"36"	Leveron Monaies
39/1361	Jindalee Resources Ltd	8.97km	62km SETy of Leonora	Lat 29"14" Long 121"50"	Mercies
39/1363	Floger Michael Lindsay	2.98mi	95km 51y of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 122°19'	Mergies
	Stuart Lesile Hooper				
39/1369	Stuart Listile Hooper	8.99ml	91km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29"26" Long 122"21"	Leonora/Menzies
	Roger Michael Lindsay				
40/219	Great Gold Mines NL	11.96km/	29km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29108' Long 121"20"	Merces
57/609	Yeelimie Minerals Pty Ltd.	213.6km²	B3km SW ty of Wituns	LM 27°16' Long 119'52'	Leonora/Sandsone/Wikina
69/1881	Barrick POI Australia Ltd	208.34km²	136km NV of Rawlens	Lat 29'49' Long 125'00'	Morphis
70/1542	Ermic Pty Ltd	53km²	48km SETy of Cervantes	Lat 30'51' Long 115'17'	Dindriger/Gron
		184.1km²			
70/2658	Hampton Hill Mining NL	109/19/16	16km Villy of Bidgetown	Lat 33"55" Long 115"58"	Browleys Greenballer
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70/3073	Grange Resources Ltd	540km²	74km NE'ly of Albany	Lat 34'33' Long 118'29'	Abany Plantagenet
77/1431	St Battara Ltd	17.43km²	73km NETy of Hyden	Lat 32"11" Long 119"37"	Kondriv/rigam
77/1460	Goldpride Pty Ltd	23.96vm²	134km STy of Sandstone	Lat 29"12" Long 119"18"	Marales/Surditione
	Darlington Geological				The second section of the second
	Services Pty Ltd				
80/3982-4 &		2328.73km²	130km NW ty of Winimanu Community	Lat 19"23" Long 127"00"	Halls Creek
80/4002-3					
80/4001	Northern Star Resources Ltd	458.04m²	132km N ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17102' Long 127'38'	Derby-West Kimpensyl-tods Creak/ Wyndfam & Ball Kimberley

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## 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 Perh 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.

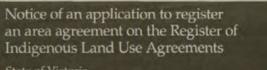
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#### Notification Day:12th March 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have unit 3 months after the natification 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 12th June 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. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title defermination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, Reprince (I/8) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day is a 12th July 2008, there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 in nation 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 Petrollium and Royalties Division, Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plan Street; East Perm WA 6004, or free dail 1800 628 767 leak for extension 238 (3).



State of Victoria Notification day: 26 March 2008



V12007/005 Gunai/Kurnai - Morning Star Regional Exploration and Mining ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 1,352km² and is located approximately 20km west of Heyfield, 26.5km north of Morowell and approximately 30km north-east of Warragul as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort (unincorporated), Baw Baw Shire Council, Mansfield Shire Council, Wellington Shire Council, and Yarra Ranges Shire Council.

## Parties to agreement and their contact address.

Olive Tregonning, Sandra Middleton Patten, Graham John (Bootsie) Thorpe and Albert Mullet on behalf of the Gunat/Kurnai Native Title Group, c-Native Title Services Victoria, PO Box 431 NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051 Morning Star Gold NL, Level 4, 20 Loftus Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

## The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in italics and brackets are inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 6.1 The parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA are not intended to apply to any Future Act listed in clause 6.2.

Clause 6.2 Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement, the parties: 6.2.1 agree to the doing of certain Future Acts in respect of the ILUA area, being:

- the grant by the State of the Licence to the proponent and to any consent required by or on behalf of the proponent pursuant to the Licence; and

- the use of the Licence and of any consent required pursuant to the Licence, by the proponent.

6.2.2 agree that any such Future Acts done in respect of the ILUA area are valid.

[Clause 35 includes the following definition]:

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Future Act' has the same meaning given to that term in s. 233 of the NTA and includes those classes of Future Acts listed in Schedule D. [Schedule D.

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### Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by a the Representative Aboriginal/Torres. Strait Islander Bodylies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 26 June 2008.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne by 26 June 2008.

Data statement: Agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title. 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 contact Nadja Mack on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

## Sport

## Gowa power



IN the space of two years, he has overcome cancer, met his father for the first time, moved away from

family and friends to dedicate himself to athletics and won the Australian 100m title on debut.

Otis Gowa has some story to tell.

The 23-year-old is the oldest member of the Jump Start to London 2012 Indigenous development program, set up in 2006 by the Australian Sports Commission and Athletics Australia.

He has taken giant strides on the track in the intervening time, culminating in his 29 February stunning Australian championships 100m victory in 10.63 seconds, with Australia's two fastest men Matt Shirvington and Patrick Johnson left in his wake.

Even then, Gowa had to endure a nervous two-hour wait while protests from Shirvington and Johnson that they had been denied a fair start were heard and then dismissed by the race referee and jury of appeal.

### Self-composed

Through it all, Gowa remained remarkably self-composed while being supported by his Jump Start colleagues, mentor Kyle Vander-Kuyp and development manager Sally McGrady.

"The team atmosphere is the people within the program, the quality of the people," said Gowa.

"I fike to have quality people around, people who make you laugh, people who are not going to upset you. They come from different parts of Australia and they've all got different stories.

"I've got a lot of younger guys in my squad and I'm like the big brother to them."

Gowa can teach them plenty about battling back from adversity.

Within months of joining the Jump Start program, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The medical experts told himhe would be unable to train for more than a year following the chemotherapy, but he defied their advice and was back on the track within eight weeks.

"It just goes to show it doesn't matter how healthy you are, there's always going to be a hiccup in your life," Gowa said.

"This is just one of those hiccups.

"It was meant to happen and I've grown bigger and stronger out of it."

Then, on the day he was due to fly out to Samoa to compete at the Oceania Games in December 2006, Gowa finally met his Ghanaian-born father for the first time.

Father Peter now lives in Sydney and the pair have since spent time getting to know each other.

Gowa had grown up in the tiny far north Queensland town of Ravenshoe with his mother Peta, who hailed from the Torres Strait Islands.

The promising rugby league junior moved to Cairns after taking up a job as an AFL development officer.

And after getting involved with the Jump Start program, Gowa made the decision to relocate to Brisbane to train under former Olympic sprinter Darryl Wohlsen.

The improvement has been remarkable.

He set a personal best of 10.52 seconds in the heats at the national titles, just scraped through the semis and then kept his head in the final to claim a remarkable victory – with the help of a little advice from the world's fastest man.

Gowa and his Jump Start squad mates were among the lew Australian athletes to seek out Asafa Powell and his Jamaican squad during their recent visit to Australia.

"I did learn a couple of things from Asafa, just to stay relaxed," said Gowa.

"Obviously, when you look at him, he's involved in a nice, relaxed atmosphere, he just doesn't try and rush anything too quick.

"You're always going to learn things along the way.

"Those guys (Powell and Olympic and world 400m champion Jeremy Wariner) are quiet but terrific guys.

"It would be good to meet or train with Asafa again." Given Gowa's astonishing rate

Given Gowa's astonishing rate of improvement, that meeting could happen as soon as August in Beijing, if Australia are able to qualify a 4x100m relay team.

In the final, Gowa crossed the finish line first in 10.63 seconds. Jacob Groth was second in

Jacob Groth was second in 10.67 and Isaac Ntiamoah (10.68) was third, while Australian record holder Patrick Johnson trailed in last after standing up in the blocks, presumably in the expectation that a false start would be declared.

Johnson and fourth-placed Matt Shirvington lodged protests. Both claimed there had been

Both claimed there had been an unfair start, while Shirvington also argued that he was unsteady in the blocks.

The protests were dismissed by the referee and the jury of appeal, who handed down their finding two hours after the race.

Gowa was a rank outsider, even in the absence of four-time defending champion Joshua Ross.

Gowa's time was the slowest winning 100m effort at the Australian titles since Paul Narracott clocked 10.80 in 1979.

# Headland ready to roll in 2008

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



FORMER Brisbane Lions AFL premiership player and now veteran Fremantle Docker Des Headland appears to have matured overnight.

His 2007 was certainly up and down and full of controversy, but over the pre-season he has seemingly changed his game enough to play permanently in the midfield this year, and has taken on the responsibility of a leader, and certainly the recent club trip to South Africa has opened his eyes to just how good he has it as an AFL

Headland has been slightly disappointing since joining Fremantle after 52 games with Brisbane and the 2002 premiership, but this could potentially be the biggest season of his career.

After always being behind the likes of Michael Voss, Simon Black Jason Akermanis, Nigel Lappin and Luke Power at Brisbane, and the likes of Paul Hasleby, Peter Bell and Josh Carr at Fremantle, 2008 could be his first season playing predominately in the midfield.

predominately in the midfield.
"I'm 27 this year and have played nearly 150 games, so it's time I take on a leadership role and I'm looking forward to it," Headland said.
"I'm just trying to get as fit as I can and hoping to get more opportunity in the midfield. That will be different than past years, so I'm trying to take that on board to help the team out. I'm trying to run with the team out. I'm trying to run with Josh Carr to get as fit as he is, but that's hard work. If I can keep up with him, I will know my fitness is where it needs to be.

#### Refreshing

"I haven't played midfield for a full year, so hopefully at the end of this year I will know if it's my best position. It's refreshing to look at a new role and get away from half-forward. I want to be a good playmaker for the team."

playmaker for the team." His new coach, Mark Harvey, a former Essendon star, has been delighted with the new approach from Headland and his team-mates

Des has stepped up in many

ways and it's a credit to him," Harvey said. "He is playing in the midfield regularly and he is realising the potential that he has. It's not just him; the whole team is learning how to play for each other."

The majority of the Dockers squad spent 10 days in South Africa on what proved an eye-opening experience dealing with some poverty-stricken communities. It proved a cultural shock for Headland, and one he appreciated

Headland, and one he appreciated having the chance to experience. "Seeing all the happy faces on the kids and knowing they were enjoying themselves was the best part. Teaching them about football and seeing their skills straight away was just unbelievable," Headland said.

"A lot of the players, especially myself, haven't seen the conditions they live in before and it puts into perspective how good we have it here. I will go home now and not take things for granted. To see the smiles on the kids faces, even though they have nothing, was unbelievable

## Amazing experience

\*Being a father with three kids and to see how they live and the struggles they have, it brings back to home just how good you've got it. "To go to the HIV clinic and see

babies who are walking and crawling around – they are just like normal people, you wouldn't know they have any disease at all. It was

an amazing experience."

As well as the interaction with the communities, the Dockers held some clinics and beat Carlton in an exhibition match. The only hiccup for Headland was trying to get through customs with ostrich eggs that he and team-mates brought

"The interest in our game was amazing and I wasn't expecting it to be that big. At the game, there was something like 10,000 kids running around. They loved playing and watching the game so it was great to see how they embraced it," he said.

"Wiz (Jeff Farmer) and I found the ostrich eggs and then a few other boys got some as well, but I wish I didn't as it took two hours to



## Camp for Sydney Indigenous amateur boxers



A TWO-DAY camp for Indigenous amateur boxers will be held in the Sydney suburb of Woolloomooloo on Saturday and Sunday

It has been organised by the newly appointed indigenous Co-ordinator for Boxing NSW, Alex Wymarra.

The camp will be held at the

Woolloomooloo PCYC at the corner of Riley and Cathedral streets, starting at

noon each day. Wymarra, who also is the Aboriginal Liaison Officer at the Woolloomooloo PCYC, said there were wonderful opportunities for Indigenous boxers to come through the ranks of amateur boxing and to attend the Australian Institute of Sport and receive scholarships and

opportunities to travel and to even represent their country in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games.

But he said there were many talented Indigenous fighters who knew nothing

about these opportunities. The kids just don't know what's available," he said.

Wymarra's job is to lift the profile of amateur boxing within the Indigenous

community. An older brother of leading professional Edgar Wymarra, he said that down the track' he would hold another camp for boys under the age of 14. Wymarra also said he planned further

introductory camps around Sydney and possibly in regional New South Wales

Wymarra can be contacted on 0406 348 113 or email alex.wymarra@gmail.com

# Cox tops in the WNBL

By ALF WILSON



CHAMPION Indigenous player Rohanee Cox has been named the best player in Australian women's representative basketball.

The 27-year-old WNBL Townsville Fire star was named on 27 February as Australia's International Player of the Year for the 2007/08 season.

Cox has moved to Cairns in the off ason and spoke to The Koori Mail on 1 March as she was shopping at the Myer complex there.

"I had a consistent year and worked hard on my defence and being a good leader and being more aggressive. I am negotiating with the Fire for next season and I am looking forward to it," she said

Cox is a 182cm guard from Broome who played her first basketball in WA

with the Willeton Tigers.
She first played WNBL in 1996 and her clubs included AIS (1996-98), Perth (1998-00, 2002/03), and Townsville (from 2005).

Her international games include 70 games, with 53 as a junior and 17 as a senior.

The award capped off an amazing season for Cox, who was also informed of her selection in the exclusive WNBL All-star side with other stars such as Alicia Poto and Natalie

"I am pretty happy about that and was impressed to be named Player of the Year," she said.

Cox said that playing with the Townsville Flames in the Australian Basketball Association in the off season made sure her fitness level was up and she was pumped to play

Last August, the Townsville Flames beat the Hume City Broncos 92/49 in the 2007 'Champion' Australian Basketball League Women's grand final at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre

#### Chance for Beijing

Cox was outstanding for Townsville, netting a game-high 30 points, while Townsville Fire guard Celeste Heilbronn added 21 points and nine rebounds in support.

Cox is also in the 12-member Australian Opals squad which is heading into the selection process for the Beijing Olympic Games

She had been offered an

off-season contract in France, but decided to stay in Australia to concentrate on gaining selection for the Olympic Games.

"I am looking forward to the next Opals camp in Canberra in early April,"

A proud Aborigine, Cox also won a prestigious Deadly Award in 2007, along with North Queensland Cowboys rugby league back Johnathan Thurston.

The pair later attended a celebration at the home of Townsville's other Deadly Award winner, community leader Gracelyn Smallwood

Cox has praised the support of her partner Aaron, who has supported her in everything she does.

"I am shopping at the moment with my mother-in-law," she said. Cox has visited the north

Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island, conducting a coaching clinic and has been involved in Queensland Health programs educating Indigenous youth on the benefits of exercise and eating healthy

The previous season. Cox was the Townsville Fire's most valuable player, and ran fifth in the WNBL





David Kerrin, left, and Cody Saltmere.

## Mt Isa boys pitch in at softball

By PETER ARGENT



A PAIR of Mount Isa lads made their presence felt at the 2008 National Under-19 fast-pitch softball championships, held by the Redlands Softball Association, at Ormiston, in south-east Queensland.

David Kerrin and Cody Saltmere had an impact in the field and at the batters' plate during the 10-game series from 20-26 January.

"Both the boys are first-year under-19 players and will be eligible to play in the 2009 championships," Queensland team manager Debbie Prouton said.

"David and Cody performed well individually."

"David and Cody performed well individually and were tremendous team players as well. "Cody is an outfielder, having the ability to play

in any of these positions - right, centre or left

\*David is very versatile, being able to adapt quickly to roles in the infield – like first or second base – or be used in the outfield if required.

"They are very quiet boys, getting the job done and doing exactly what is asked of them along with fitted into the team structure very well.

Given indications from their performances at the 2008 nationals, both have huge potential in the game."

### Highlights

Highlights for Saltmere included catches in the outfield in game two against Victoria at right field, and Western Australian in game five at left field. In the play-off match against South Australia, he

collected a safe hit from his two times at bat. For Kerrin, his better performances came in game four against South Australia – where he was at bat three times for one 'on base' from an error and one sacrifice bunt to get two runners

In game six, also against the Croweaters, he was at bat three times, for one safe hit to left field and one 'on base' on an error, along with scoring a run. To finish his tournament, Kerrin had a triple from three turns at bat in the fifth versus sixth

play-off decider.
The Queensland team finished in fifth position in the six-team competition, beating South
Australia convincingly in the play-off match to
conclude the titles. They had an emphatic 7-0 win
against the fast-pitch minnows from SA.

Team officials say the side is primed for better
results next year, losing only two players from the

2008 squad. Australia is among the world's top softball nations, a reflection of the quality of education and accreditation systems in place in areas such as technical, coaching, umpiring and scoring in

Australian softball benefits greatly from the many volunteers who give their time to administer

The Australian senior men's team is ranked third in the world. It has competed at all world championships since 1988 and achieved their highest ranking in 2004 in Christchurch, New Zealand, where they came third.

The under-19 men's team has won the last three consecutive world junior championships. being ranked number one in the world.

## There's still time to win the Jason Gillespie cricket cap



■ NTRIES for the personally-signed ■ limited-edition Jason Gillespie cricket cap close on 19 March.

There are just 201 caps, each with a unique number: One cap for each of the 201 runs Jason scored in his last Test appearance for Australia – against
Bangladesh in Chittagong in April 2006.
The caps have been produced by the
Adelaide Cricket Club to celebrate Jason's

world record score for a night-watchman. Jason's dad, Neil Gillespie, passed on one of the caps (No 189) to us to give away as a prize to a Koori Mail reader.

Gillespie has played his last first-class match in Australia, although he still is contracted to English County side Glamorgan and will play in the rich Indian Cricket League Twenty/20 series. All you have to do is fill in the missing

letters in the entry form at right, and post it to the address shown. There can be just one

A winner will be drawn from all of the correct entries. Remember to write your name and address on the back of the

## How to enter

Fill in the missing letters below and

send your entry to: Jason Gillespie cap competition Koori Mail

PO Box 117 Lismore NSW 2480

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## Connelly turns hand to helping touch footy



MICHAEL Connelly, the man behind raising enough money to send an Indigenous boxing team to Fiji last year, is at it again ... this time committing his energy to touch football.

Australian Indigenous touch football men's and women's teams are planning an exchange tour of New Zealand from 1-7 April.

And like the amateur boxers, organisers are having trouble finding the money to pay for the trip. Enter Michael Connelly, from Dreamtime Kullilla Art. Brisbane

### 'Very simple'

Connelly makes the \$60,000 target sound simple: \$1 from 60,000 people, or \$60 from 1000 people, or \$2000 from 30 organisations.

"That's all it will take - it is very simple and it has worked before," Connelly says in an email.

"Aboriginal people represent just over two per cent of Australia's total population, which equates to over 500,000 Aboriginal and TSI people Australia-wide so if we can't pull \$1 from 12 per cent of our people Australia-wide, then we are not

really trying."

Connelly said people helped the Australian Indigenous boxing team and now 'as Cultural Ambassador to the inaugural Australian Indigenous men's and women's touch football

teams, I am seeking your support once again "This is the first time Australian Indigenous touch football teams have been selected to compete in a competition in another country," Connelly said.

"Australia's most talented Indigenous players have been selected from areas including Sydney, Perth, Newcastle, Dubbo, Wollongong, Lismore, Ballina, Kempsey, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Townsville, Cairns, Bundaberg, Mt Isa, Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs.

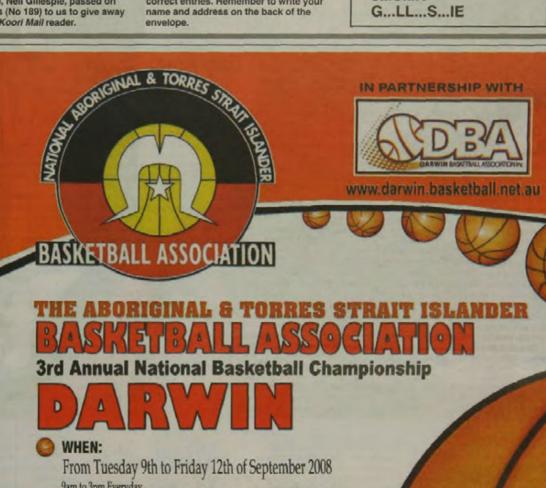
## Where to donate

Cheques and money orders can be sent to: Dreamtime Kulliilla-Art AITF 2008, PO Box 137, Redcliffe Qid 4020.

Direct deposit donations can be made to Bendigo Bank\_BSB: 633 000\_A/c: 132813619\_Name: Dreamtime Kulliilla-Art – AITF

2008 Leave surname as a reference. Connelly said he had set up a separate account under his business name for the fund to save unnecessary costs and time. He said he would keep a fundraising tally on his website:

www.dreamtime.auz.net A fundraising auction for the Australian Indigenous touch football teams will be held on Friday night at the Footsteps Gallery, 166 Ann Street, Brisbane, at 7pm. There will be Aboriginal arts and crafts, sporting memorabilia, an Aboriginal design watch, Aboriginal and Thursday Island hand-made jackets and more.



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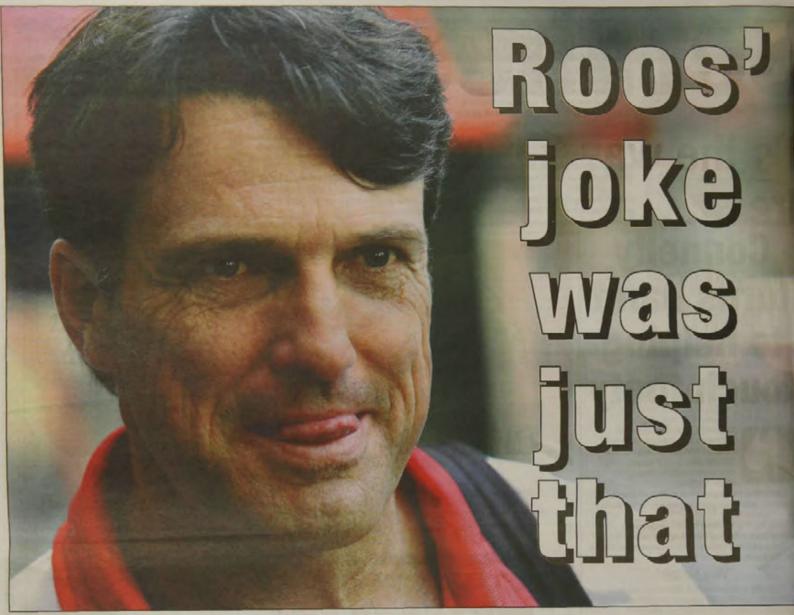












AUL Roos (pictured) will forever be remembered as the man who coached the Sydney Swans to their first premiership in 72 years. Of course, as a player, premiership success eluded him during 17 seasons and 356 games with Fitzroy and the Swans.

But whether as a player or as a coach, no one has ever had cause to question Paul Roos' integrity until the recent investigation into whether he attempted to cause us to lose a game in the NAB Cup.

Like all my fellow players I

Like all my fellow players I treated the whole situation as a joke – which Roos claimed his alleged comment was – until the seriousness of the charge sank in

seriousness of the charge sank in.

Tadhg Kennelly summed up the team's feelings when he said Roos had been harshly treated over his 'joke' and that all of us at the Swans were too competitive to seriously contemplate throwing a game.

Roos on Wednesday fronted the AFL investigation where he was questioned about his alleged comment to Jarrad McVeigh about not kicking a goal

not kicking a goal.

Kennelly said Roos liked to joke around and that's why we couldn't believe the matter had gone this

"Roosy can fight his own battles, but it's really harsh," Kennelly said.

"Roosy has never, ever, once – as long as he's been here and I've been hero – ever said to us 'go out and lose a game' or 'throw a game' or 'don't do your best'. "Look, you are dealing with a bunch of competitive footballers, blokes who are really competitive and don't ever want to lose.

and don't ever want to lose.

"So if you even try and tell a player to lose they are not going to be able to do it I think, because we've got such a competitive nature in ourselves.

"It's tough and Roosy has got a sarcastic type of joke and that's the

way he is about things.
"What he said to (McVeigh), I
wasn't down there, but I can see
why he'd say it, because that's the
character he is.

character he is.
"He likes to joke around about things and that's all it was for

In supporting Tadgh, I can say that while our main focus – like the majority of clubs – is on the premiership proper, we all give of

our best in every match.
Internal competition for a place in the side is tough enough and you never want to give any opponent the satisfaction of feeling

he has got on top of you.

The whole episode just shows how ridiculous levels of scrutiny in the game have become.

What makes the whole situation even more distasteful is that Roos and I have a long-term relationship going back to well before his appointment as Head Coach and we will hopefully maintain a strong friendship into the future beyond our time at the Swans.

He has had an enormous influence beyond my football career and has helped shape the person I am today.

Magic<sup>9</sup>s Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

magic@koorimail.com

The qualities that make him a successful coach are in stark contrast to a person who would 'tank' a game.

Firstly, Roos is a supreme

Whether he is talking to a player one-on-one or dealing with the pressures of a media scrum, he almost always remains calm, unflappable and direct.

If you asked the person in the street to describe Roos, they would almost certainly include the words

honest and decent in their answer.

And so it is with the man.
Paul himself has often said that
communication is the key to
everything.

Even when there is a drama in the club, Roos believes in getting the truth out there and getting it out quickly.

He believes that communication between the coaches and the players is far more important these days than it was 20 years ago.

days than it was 20 years ago.
As professional players, we are committed to improving our game and want constructive feedback to help them become better.

Roos has great confidence in his staff – as do the players – and we would all receive direct feedback from somebody on the coaching staff as much as four times a week, both individually and as a group.

He also has great faith in our leadership group which is another key factor in successful communication within the club.

But perhaps the biggest factor that distinguishes Roos is the way the club deals with a loss.

After a loss the coaching staff communicates any disappointment quickly and moves on so we don't carry any negativity through the week

The players are told honestly why we lost and what we did wrong, both collectively and individually, so we can learn from our mistakes.

Sometimes as human beings we are disappointed with what we hear but then we all realise we have to prepare mentally for the next game. The same balance is there if we

The same balance is there if we win. We try to come down from the emotional high and focus as quickly as we can on the next opponent.

This interaction and dialogue is the key to the relationship between the coaches and the playing group. If you don't communicate the

If you don't communicate the right messages, a season can easily unravel.

Part of his philosophy can be attributed to a list Roos wrote down at the end of his career so he would never forget what it was like to be a player.

One of them was to be as

One of them was to be as positive as you can because players don't go out to make mistakes deliberately. That's what he brings to our team: Honesty, perspective and balance.

He will keep us focused, but try

not to allow the external pressures of the media and public expectation to affect our preparation.

And so it was when all the current drama was swirling around the club

Roos made certain he remained calm and reasoned and dealt with all the public drama in a matter-of-fact fashion.

As you would expect of a man

of integrity.

His values are our values.

They are the foundation on which we will build our season – no tanks' to the critical

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Only one team can turn the dream into a lity, but we will all achieve goals along

The more I play the game, the more I alise the importance of setting short-term als to help me achieve my long-term

And the more I work on these goals in port, the more I realise how the lessons are the same for life.

As important as having a dream is, the road to achieving it can be seem too difficult

all we do is focus on the destination. Specifying the goals that you would like to achieve will make the road you need to take much clearer.

Goal setting helps you decide what you want, and exactly what you need to do to

Once you know what you need to do, you can start putting in the hard work

Also, setting your own goals helps you become more confident and motivated.

The most motivated and confident ceople are those who know what they want, now how to get it, and know exactly what o do to maximise their chances of

Lots of athletes find that they do not perform as well as they can because they

If you don't know what your goals are, ou won't know what you need to do so you tan get where you want to go.
Goal-setting helps to get people on the

If you know where you want to go, then you will have a better idea of how to get there, and you will be more likely to do the

That's why I like the way we are approaching things at Souths.

We all have the dream of winning the

premiership however, even now, that seems a long way off and difficult to achieve. But, with the help and guidance of our

coaching staff, we set ourselves some intermediate goals over the off-season as markers on our journey.

These are both team goals and, perhaps more importantly, individual goals in terms of fitness, speed, strength and weight.

All of these goals can be broken down into targets that can be measured on a weekly or monthly basis.

As each target is achieved, you gain

confidence and move on to the next target.

At each point the dream seems more achievable and the road not as long and

Very soon you find yourself waking up and setting yourself a list of goals for the

day.

These short-term or daily goals are perhaps the most important as they provide a focus for training in each and every

The more you experience the benefits of setting yourself these daily targets, the more you realise it is what distinguishes the successful performers from the less

successful members of the team.
The likes of Roy Asotasi, Craig Wing. Davis Kidwell and Nigel Vagana are the ultimate professionals

They measure their daily performances and are the first to check reports on fitness,

strength and flexibility.
You can see the impact they have on the younger players coming through the ranks.

Beau Champion, Yileen Gordon, Isaac Luke, John Sutton, Germaine Paulson and all the other young bucks are starting to understand the benefits of the discipline of this simple system.

Every week we try to decide what we

need to do to take another small step towards our next intermediate goal and ultimately towards our dream goal.

The beauty of this is that we are not just setting goals for competition because we realise we spend more of our time practising and training.

And, unlike a game situation, we can control our training environment much more

Importantly, we have transferred this to our team training.

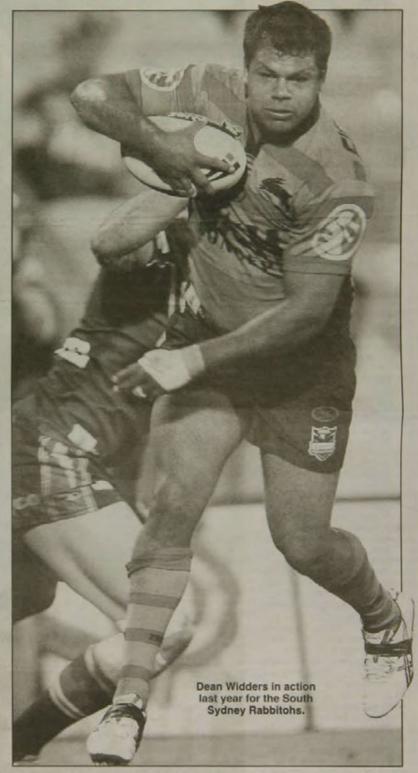
As happy as we were with our achievements last year, we were not

We achieved our aim to gain respect through our defence, but realised we needed to develop a far more flexible and potent attack if we were to take our game to the next level.

So we have redefined our vision of the type of team we want to be.

Defence will still be our platform, but our

The beauty of this is that the vision is shared by players and coaching staff



It is a challenge but, because we have broken it down into stages, we know it is achievable

Challenge is the balance between goals that are too easy and provide little motivation and unrealistically difficult goals that can lead to loss of confidence and eventual rejection of the goal.

That is where Jason Taylor hit the right note last year.

Our targets were challenging but realistic and, by any measure, we had a successful

This has not only given us confidence in our systems but has allowed us to set our sights higher for the season.

It all starts this week with our highly-hyped game against our neighbours the Roosters

It will hopefully be a successful step towards our ultimate goal. But expect to see a stronger, more

attacking outfit than took the field last year. These days you have to score tries before you get the chance to kick goals!

Defence will still be our platform, but our attack will define our character



## DAVID LIDDIARD

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\*HERE are certain games in the rugby league calendar which will always defy the

logic of form and player strength.
They are the games where,
because of traditional rivalry or geographical proximity, each side will always rise to the occasion to

Most of these games take the form of the local derby such as the Sharks playing against the Dragons or the Eels playing against the Panthers

Other games can take on this special feeling if the teams have a shared history, such as Manly and Parramatta who entered the competition during the same

Occasionally, a single event can build up a sense of competitive hatred between clubs, like the famous Manly 'Silvertails' versus the Western Suburbs 'Fibros' clashes of the 1970s and 1980s.

And then there is the greatest rivalry and hatred of them all – the Roosters versus the

Rabbitohs.

These foundation clubs capture all levels of the rivalry outlined above - and then some!

Both clubs were loyal to the ARL during the Super League war, but there were no Roosters tears when the Rabbitohs were kicked out of the NRL

Move forward a few years to the reborn Rabbitohs under the ownership of Russell Crowe and Peter Holmes a Court and the only difference is the rivalry seems to be even more intense.

The return of Craig Wing to the Rabbitohs has set the scene for an almighty clash in the opening round of the Telstra Premiership this week.

There have been barbs in the press, with some from the Roosters camp telling Wing to stop whingeing over his bitter departure from Bondi Junction.

Despite some unconvincing form, however, the bookies have installed the Roosters as favourites

From where I sit, this will suit the Rabbitohs nicely.

Souths' win over the Dragons hardly suggested a premiership was beckoning, but there were

some very positive signs.
The determined defence of last season was in evidence but there were also glimpses of a more positive and potent attacking pattern.

Not surprisingly, Craig Wing was in the centre of the action.



# Two tribes go to war

but Isaac Luke, John Sutton and Ben Rogers also showed creative flair.

Sutton in particular is relishing playing alongside Wing.

"Because I play next to him, he's always talking to me and helping me out," Sutton said. 'Just with his leadership, he can lead me around the park and I

"Hopefully we can get a bit of

a combo going this year.
"I think he can take my game to the next level."

The Rabbitohs are exuding the quiet confidence of a team comfortable in where they are heading.

They all took confidence out of the performance against the determined Dragons.

"It was a good test to see where we're at," Captain Roy Asotasi said. "We feel like we can be competitive with the bigger teams.

There is still a lot of work to do - there's no such thing as the perfect football team.

"Last year I thought we were competitive week in, week out. That was the first step. We wanted to get respect.
"Over the last 20 years the

club had basically been the easybeats, but we have got respect back now.

"I think all 16 clubs are competitive and are contenders for the premiership. We'd like to be in that mix. We made the top eight last year and would like to go better this year." Asotasi predicted another

rugged battle with the Roosters.

We are both foundation clubs who have been around for 100 years," he said. "It will be a big match between two clubs with plenty of history. It is a battle for the eastern suburbs and we want to prove ourselves

'We don't care if we're the underdogs; it's not something we think about. If the Roosters are favourites, that's their problem.

"All we know is we're keen to win the first game and start the season well.

David Kidwell will also be like a new signing after his

disappointing injury last year. Kidwell, who said he stripped fitter than ever for the Charity Shield hitout, said coach Jason Taylor had plenty of players to choose from this season, which reflected the great depth at the once-struggling club.
"And it's a good thing I don't

bet. It's up to the punters what they bet on, we'll just stick to the footy," he said.

South Sydney has been given an added boost with flyer Natha Merritt re-signing with the Rabbitohs for a further four seasons

Merritt, 24, is regarded as one of the most electrifying outside backs in the game, being crowned the NRL's leading try scorer in 2006 with 22 tries.

Merritt's re-signing means he will join fellow Rabbitohs stars Roy Asotasi, David Fa'alogo. John Sutton and Craig Wing as players contracted with the club until the end of 2011.

Merritt says he is pleased he will be with the Rabbitohs for at

"Souths is my junior club and l've always wanted to play in the red and green," he said. "We had a bit of success last

year but I think we can achieve more. It all starts against the Roosters and I'm getting ready to make my return to footy in that

"It's exciting to know I'm going to be a part of this club for at least the next four years and hopefully for a few more years after that.

"It's a big season for the club, especially being the centenary year, and it's great to be part of

It all starts this Friday night in a game 100 years in the making. Bring it on!

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#### By PETER ARGENT and AAP



IN one of the worst-kept secrets Australia's first with an Aboriginal

heritage - Jason 'Dizzy Gillespie - announced his retirement from first class cricket in Australia on Friday 29 February during the Pura Cup match against Queensland. He confirmed that he has

signed a three-year agreement to play cricket for the rebei Indian Cricket League Twenty/20 competition and also said he would complete his agreement with Glamorgan in the English County system

"I am very excited about the challenge," Gillespie said during his press conference at the Adelaide Oval.

"It is certainly a challenge and a great opportunity to do

a great opportunity to all something different.
"My body is feeling pretty good for a 32-year-old, but I've been toying with the question of retirement for a little while now."

In a prepared statement, Gillespie said: "Cricket has been more than good to me and I am very grateful. I am grateful to Cricket Australia for sticking by

me early in my career when I was plagued by injuries. "And I am grateful to the selectors who continued to have faith and select me to play in more than 175 first-class

I owe an immense amount to my Australian team-mates, and to the many coaches, captains and team staff at Cricket Australia who have supported

me over the years.
"I have been fortunate to wear the Australian colours and you all contributed to my dream of playing for Australia.

#### **Trainer praised**

Gillespie also acknowledged a number of friends, mentors, sponsors and family, including his trainer Robert Crouch, who, he admitted, saved his career on more than one occasion.

He also recognised former Australian Test player and coach Jeff 'Bomber' Hammond who taught him to bowl – this giving him a career – and the fact that he and wife Pauline helped Gillespie through some tough

Gillespie also mentioned long-time team-mate and captain, the recently retired Darren Lehmann, who he affectionately referred to as

"Jason has been at the forefront of the Redbacks' bowling attack for many years and the experience he has imparted to younger players has been invaluable," SACA Chief Executive Mike Deare said

Since his first-class debut in 1994-95, Jason has played 175 matches and taken 588 wickets for an average of just over 26.

"Jason's popularity with the cricketing public is matched by the respect with which he is held

by his team-mates."
Coincidently, Gillespie started his first-class career against Queensland at the Adelaide Oval back in 1994 and he departed the Australian cricket scene playing the same side

'Dizzy' pulls up stumps

... But India beckons with the lure of rich pickings



Jason Gillespie announcing his retirement from cricket in Australia.



Jason Gillespie with wife Anna, daughter Sapphire and boys Brandon and Jackson entering the press conference at the Adelaide Oval on 29 February.

Leaving first-class cricket, Gillespie is the sixth highest wicket-taker in the country's Test cricket history with 259 scalps at an impressive average of 26.13, with a best effort of 7/37 against England in 1997.

For the early part of this decade, with New South Wales pace man Glenn McGrath this pair were regarded as the most potent opening bowling attack in

Gillespie's final test innings of 201 not out (a record for a night-watchman never expected to be broken) has been etched into cricketing folklore.

But as importantly as all his records at the elite level are, it's Gillespie's honest, straight-forward and genuine nature which has won him numerous friends on and off the

## \$1.1 million contract

AAP reports that Gillespie is on a three-year contract with the rebel Indian Cricket League thought to be worth about \$1.1 million.

But in considerable doubt is Gillespie's standing contract to play in the English County Championship for Glamorgan, following an England and Wales Cricket Board directive that ICL participants will not be allowed to take part in the northern summer.

However, it is difficult to begrudge Gillespie a chance to shore up his financial future while at the same time buying more time to spend with his wife and children

Of the rebel series in India.

Gillespie said: "I'm very excited it (ICL) certainly is a change, but it's something I'm very much looking forward to.

"The opportunity came up and I had to weigh things up. I wasn't sure what I was going to do - whether I was going to play on another season with SA. I was umming and aahing at that point

"The body is feeling good so we'll see how we go. Obviously I can't do the things I could do six or seven years ago, but I still feel I'm contributing.



By CHRIS PIKE



THE Clontarf Football Academy started out as something of a pipedream, but with its success in helping develop AFL stars and setting young Indigenous kids up better for life, it continues to

expand throughout Western Australia and to the Top End.

The main base of the academy remains in Perth, but new schools are opening up in Kwinana (south of Perth), Katanning (WA's south-west), Darwin and the Tiwi Islands,
Champion South Fremantie WAFL

footballer Marty Atkins has taken up the challenge of running the program in

'We are opening a new academy down in Kwinana and I will be the football operations officer and oversee the entire football program," Atkins

## Legend

\*Brad Collard will also be coming as a director. He is someone that I grew up watching, is a legend of the South Fremantle Football Club, has been involved every year since I've been football manager and it's great he is involved as well

There is also an academy opening up in Darwin, one in the Tiwi Islands, and one in Katanning, so they are opening up all over the place because

of how successful they have been.

The Clontarf program is fantastic for the Aboriginal kids and I look forward to helping them have a better Fremantle football manager to take up the position, which will be full-time and full on, but he's determined to help the kids of the area.

I will be involved in making sure the kids come to school and helping with the health and lifestyle side as well," he

"Our kids will know that they can't be walking around streets at all hours to be in the program, because they have to be up and at school by 7am the

next day."

You wouldn't know it by talking to him with his British accent, but for Atkins, it is the opportunity of going home and helping the kids from where he grew up that excited him most about this new venture.

For me, it's about going home again. I grew up and went to school there and I'm glad I am getting the chance to go back and put something back into the town, it's exciting for me,

he sald.
"I have a lot of Aboriginal friends in the area and I know the struggles they have in going to school and everything so I hope to be able to help with it. It will certainly provide a great challenge for me, but that's what you want in life and I can't wait.

As for leaving South Fremantle there's no doubt Atkins will be sorely missed and he will miss it after an unbroken association since 1988.

Atkins started as a player from England with little hope of making it at

However, more than a decade later, he had played 266 matches to be the game's record holder at the famous club, not to mention a premiership

player and cult figure.

As well as moving on to Clontart, Atkins wants to move into coaching and has taken over amateur side Wesley-Curtin for 2008, but desperately wants to coach a WAFL side down the track.
"I have been at South for 20 years,

so it's going to be a huge change, but I'll still be around and keeping an eye on how they go. I started there in November 1988, so it has certainly been a big journey for a young Pommy bloke," he said.

"I certainly have a desire to coach." Wesley-Curtin will give me my first opportunity to start that process and from there I will be able to see if I want to continue on with it."

### Fond memories

Former Richmond and Fremantle AFL player, Claremont coach and current Essendon assistant Ashley Prescott had a big involvement at Clontarf as coach before he left for Essendon and has fond memories of

"My experience at Clontarf was sensational. It was an innovative program when I became involved, but we had a strong belief in educating young Indigenous boys and it has come along in leaps and bounds, Prescott said.

"I've obviously taking great pride in seeing guys like Michael Johnson, (Leroy) Jetta and (Patrick) Ryder go onto the AFL, but I get just as much pleasure out of getting a kid an apprenticeship or to where he wants to go. (Gerard) Neesham has become a real mentor to me, Clontarf has been fantastic to me, and I will miss it.

## TSI league star signs up with Moranbah

By ALF WILSON



STAR Torres Strait Island rugby league player Jimmy Ahmat has signed with the Moranbah Miners in the strong Mackay competition for the 2008 season, boosting their chances of returning to premiership glory. The powerful forward has played 123 State League games for Brisbane's Wynnum-Manly and several NRL matches for the North Queensland Cowboys earlier in his

At age 29, Ahmat had initially

signed with Easts Tigers, which contests the Queensland Cup, but was transferred to Moranbah, a mining town 150km

Ahmat will strengthen the Miners, which missed the finals series last season, lost the 2006 grand final, and were premiers the two previous

During his seven years of service for Wynnum-Manly, Ahmat scored 52 tries and a total of 208 points.

Ahmat also has represented Queensland Residents several times when they played a similar NSW team as a curtain-raiser to State of

Origin clashes. Such is the experience of Ahmat that he would be a prime target for the Mackay Cutters side to compete in the 2008 Queensland Cup, if he is

Moranbah is a rich mining town where shift work has a bearing on the strength of the Miners

Ahmat has been a regular player at All Blacks carnivals in north Queensland and captained the Kulpiyam side which won the 2005 Townsville

He is a strong running forward who inspires younger players and is from the Ahmat family. which has produced many quality rugby league

Kulpiyam has won the 2005 Townsville All

Blacks carnival when captained by Ahmat, who was one of the best players at the carnival.

The Mackay competition is one of the strongest in north Queensland and Ahmat would be a bonus for their representative team, which

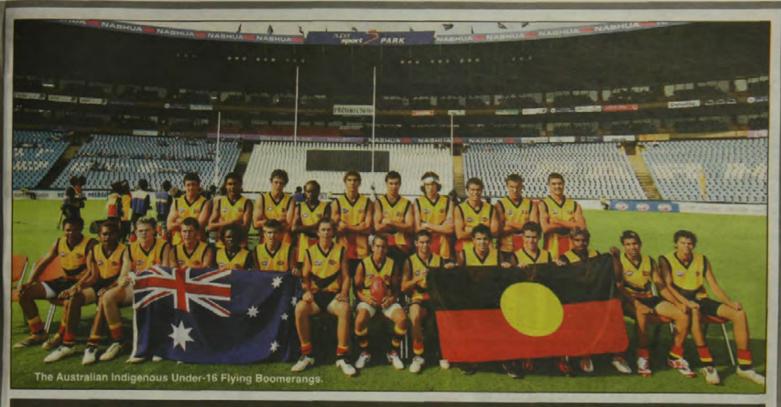
plays in the prestigious Foley Shield competition against Cairns and Townsville.

Moranbah Miners enjoy tremendous support from the town, most of whom are high-income



Jimmy Ahmat holds the Richard Mosby Memorial Trophy for best player with Billo Mosby.

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## Spreading the word

By PETER ARGENT



TWENTY-FIVE Aboriginal teenage footballers – known as the Flying Boomerangs – last month spent two weeks touring South African and spreading the word about Australian football

Coached by Jason Mifsud, the under-16 squad included five lads from the Northern Territory and Queensland, four from South Australia and Victoria, along with three from Western Australia and New South s, and an Apple Islander

Waies, and an Apple Islander
The Flying Boomerangs dominated the three
matches against the South African Buffaloes, including
the curtain-raiser to an exhibition match between
Carlton and Fremantie in Pretoria on Friday 2 February.
"We played the core of the South African national
under-19 side, and in the community games there were
local representatives." Mifsud said.
"The games were won quite convincingly, two by
more than 80 points and the other by 20 points.
"While it was a even contribution from the group,
Alice Springs lad Curtly Hampton, Steven May, a Darwin
boy who is now studying at Melbourne Grammar, and
Queenslander Rex Liddy were standouts."

Other tour highlights included a Soweto tour and a
visit to Nelson Mandeia's house and the Regina Mundi
Church, Hluhluwe National Park, an overnight stay in a
Zulu village, along with visits to Table Mountain and Zulu village, along with visits to Table Mountain and Robben Island.

"Feedback from the tour was very positive, as this was as much about personal development and leaderships skills," Mifsud said.

This was the second AFL Indigenous Youth Tour to South Africa; with the first being in February 2006, where members of the inaugural side included eight

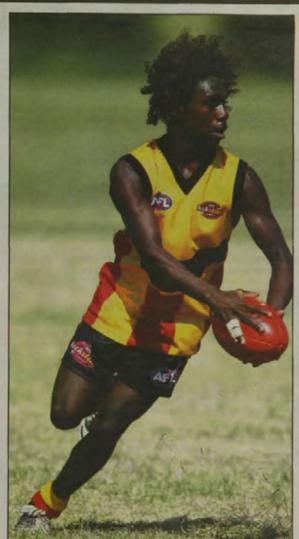
current AFL listed players.

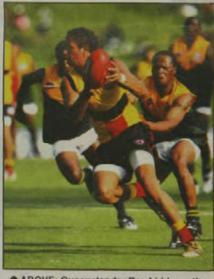
The players were selected for this tour following their attendance at the Qantas AFL KickStart Camp in

Melbourne last August.

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The Flying Boomerangs Squad – WA: Alliston
Pickett, Johnson Taylor, Hayden Collard; NSW: Djali
Bloomfield, Thomas Kickett, Anthony Taylor; NT: Steven
May, Ashley Lansen, Curtly Hampton, Anthony Hale,
Stanley Turner, Old: Thomas Holland, Anzack
Newman, Kieran Johnson, Peter Yagmoor, Rex Liddy;
Viscourses Boon, Brandon Edwards, Birchard Bamblett. Vic: Tyrone Bean, Brandon Edwards, Richard Bamblett, Dylan Somerville; SA: Joshua Wittwer, Timothy Milera, Nathan Ahmat-Watkins, Jarrad Brusnahad; Tas:





ABOVE: Queenslander Rex Liddy on the attack against the South African Buffaloes

 LEFT: Kieran Johnson, also from Queensland, swings into attack

 BELOW: The South Australians with AFL legends Derek Kickett and Gavin Wanganeen, from left, Derek Kickett, Tim Milera, Jarrad Brusnahad, Nathan Ahmat-Watkins, Joshua Witter and Gavin Wanganeen.



## Plan is more than just lip service

UGBY league has mapped out a series of initiatives, timelines and performance indicators as part of its Reconciliation Action plan (RAP)

In detailing the program, NRL Chief Executive David Gallop and ARL Chief Executive Geoff Carr said rugby league was a sport for everyone and from its earliest days, it had developed a proud association with Indigenous athletes.

George Green is recognised as the first Indigenous rugby league player, beginning his career with Eastern Suburbs in 1909.

He became the first in a line of talented Indigenous athletes that has carried on for generations.

The NRL and ARL chiefs said that as rugby league entered its centenary year, there was no doubting the contribution that had been made by champions such as Arthur Beetson, Eric Simms, Larry Corowa, Steve Renouf, Nathan Blacklock, Mal Meninga and Anthony Mundine, to

"Today, the likes of Matty Bowen, Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis

are among the 11 per cent of NRL

players who proudly boast Indigenous heritage," they said.

"A sense of the opportunities created through rugby league is underlined when one considers that Indigenous Australians account for less than three per cent of Australia's

wider population.
"This RAP is a formal recognition of the support that is extended to Indigenous communities by NRL clubs and players and the various arms of the game. It will be monitored by a

newly established Reconciliation Action Plan Management Group and will be publicly reported on an annual basis.

basis.

"As well as providing direct material assistance to Indigenous communities, the game's peak bodies are working in partnership with Reconciliation Australia to keep this RAP alive and ensure it assists in the wider goal of building understanding and positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia in the spirit non-Indigenous Australia in the spirit of reconciliation.

## Gallant in defeat

## **Kaiwalagal Kustodians** give Foley Shield squad a run for their money

BY ALF WILSON



QLD

THE Kaiwalagal Kustodians rugby league representative side from the Torres Strait turned in a spirited performance to go down 50-32 to the Cairns Marlins Foley Shield squad in Cairns. The Kustodians

led 22-18 at

half-time after the scores were locked at 12-all at quarter-time in a match which was played as a curtain-raiser to the Cowboys-Titans fixture in February

The capacity crowd included a strong contingent of Cairns' large Torres Strait population who enthusiastically supported the Kustodians.

The Torres Strait/NPA side dominated the first half, scoring five tries to three, but could

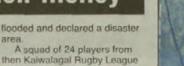
convert only one of them.
One try was a spectacular effort, with the ball passing through about 10 sets of hands.

## Dangerous out wide

The forwards made strong gains in the heavy traffic while the Kustodians always looked dangerous when the ball was spun wide

However, the Kustodians started turning over possession during the second half, and giving possession to the Marlins who then went on to lead 38-32 at the three-quarter break.

The side had been scheduled to play against the Mackay Foley Shield side on 1 March in Mackay as a curtain-raiser to the Cowboys-Canberra Raiders game. However that was ancelled after the city was



accompanied by six officials.

Manager Frank Cook said the team was the first to represent the region since a side played in the South Pacific tournament on the Gold Coast in 2000.

made the trip to Cairns

Players were selected from TI, two from Duaun and Badu, and one each from Saibai, Yam, Masig, Hammond, and one from the NPA. Weipa footballer



On tour: The Kaiwalagal Kustodians on the jetty.

Gareth Smith is a key forward," Cook said.

Most of the players lived on TI and played in the KRL competition with some having descendants on Mer and

Darnley islands.

Cook said that to compensate for the loss of the Mackay leg of the tour, a game had been lined up against Cairns Club Edmonton Storm.

Cook said the tour was an ideal opening for the young members of the squad to gain opportunities to be signed by Cairns, Townsville or Mackay teams, or even by NRL clubs.

"There were talent scouts looking at them and many are aged 18 and 19," he said.

#### Incentive

Cook said that the success of TSI player Michael Bani at Manly in 2007 had given TSI footballers incentive to follow in his footsteps

"For the first time, many got to use a dressing room, where up here they changed under a tree," he said.

KRL secretary Peter Gea said that Smith had been around football in the TSI and NPA for many years and his experience was great for the younger



From left, Kustodians Morrison Mosby, Olsen Sailor and J J Luffman at training.

## Titans' 'I won't rush Shannon Walker'

OLD

IT'S tempting, but Gold Coast Titans coach John Cartwright won't be picking exciting youngster Shannon Walker for the National Rugby League season opener against North Queensland on Friday.

Walker's cameo in the Gold Coast's 32-4 win over Wests Tigers on 1 March oved why the former Junior Kangaroo wid be selected for the blockbuster clash and exactly why he shouldn't.

He began nervously with a dropped ball of a mix-up with a team-mate, but still lved up to his 'next big thing' tag with a

tuning 60m run.
It followed a brilliant individual try for the itans under-20s in the curtain raiser at sold Coast's new NRL home at Robina,

Walker's nerves in a low-key trial appear have convinced Cartwright that the year-old should not be blooded in the t round all-Queensland derby match inst the Cowbovs

stage, no doubt about that," Cartwright said.
"But probably the pressure cooker of that first game is not the right opportunity for

"It's going to be a huge game against the Cowboys, so we have to try and stay as cool as we possibly can. The best way to do

that is with experience."

Coming off the bench late in the match,
Walker first had Cartwright kicking cans when the livewire teenager dropped the ball with the line wide open following a Mat Rogers bust.

He caused Cartwright more anxiety when a mix-up with a team-mate forced Walker to retrieve a Tigers kick deep in his

Then he exploded

Walker used express pace to leave ould-be defenders in his wake in a rousing 60m run that had the crowd of almost 15,000 on their feet.

Despite his speed, Walker is playing catch-up in Cartwright's team calculations Ben Jeffery impressed in the six-tries-to-one win over a hapless Wests Tigers. But the Titans have already begun

negotiating a long-term deal with the former Australian Schoolboy.

"If he didn't have some guys in front of him going so well, it would probably be a little bit easier (to pick Walker for NRL opener)," Cartwright said. The Titans coach admitted he faced a

welcome selection headache before the season opener after rating the Gold Coast's trial form as 'a little bit too good

However, Cartwright appears to have solved his five-eighth dilemma.

Dual international Rogers combined well with halfback Scott Prince for the second straight trial, opening up the Tigers defence almost at will.

"We've got a connection at the moment," Prince said of Rogers.

"But we have only played a couple of trial games. We've still got a lot to improve on – we will keep working hard on it." – AAP



SHANNON WALKER

## Soccer gets ready for 2008 Harry **Williams Cup**



Williams Cup - an Indigenous soccer competition - will be held in Sydney on Sunday (16

Harry Williams was the first Indigenous Australian to be selected for the national leam, and was part of the Socceroos team that competed in the 1974 World

Cup.

Held in honour of this outstanding

Harry Williams Cup, Australian, the Harry Williams Cup, recognised as Australia's first Indigenous football tournament, is all but set for yet another successful season in 2008 as

another successful season in 2008 as trials for the event are ready for kick-off. The Harry Williams Cup is part of the groundbreaking Football NSW Indigenous Development Pathway (IDP), aimed at increasing participation rates and the skill levels of Indigenous football players within levels of Indigenous football players within the Football NSW boundaries of Sydney Metropolitan, Riverina, Central Coast Southern Branch and Western Branch.

The age categories for the Harry Williams Cup are: Under 14 and under 16

girls; under 12, under 14 and under 16 boys.

The trials for the Sydney Metro, Central Coast and Illawarra Players will be held on Sunday 16 March at Valentine Sports Park from April 16 Sept.

Sports Park from 4pm to 6pm.
Players will need to bring shin pads.

boots and a drink bottle.

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LEFT: The Koalas, winners of the 2007 under-12 boys' division.





# Youngsters shine



ROCK-HAMPTON sensation Preston White has capped his remarkable

performance at the Imparia Cup final by being named in the Imparja Cup Honour Squad and the National Indigenous Development Squad.

White, who took 6/16 as Queensland defeated Tasmania in Alice Springs last month to win their fourth Imparja Cup in five years, joins his 17 year-old leg-spinning team-mate Chris Swain, along with Tasmania's Josh Walmsley and West Australian Lewis Upton in both

Imparja Cup legends Bernie Lamont and John Duckett were named in the Honour Squad for the fourth time since the squad was inaugurated in 2004, while younger players Peter O'Callaghan and Keren Ugle are building a substantial record too after they were each named for the third time.

The National Indigenous Development Squad will spend a week at the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence in Brisbane from 7-11 April, where the squad will gain access to the best coaching and facilities that Australia has to offer. In recent years Queensland's Worrin Williams has graduated from this squad to become a State contracted player

Imparja Cup winners: State & territory division

Queensland Major Centres Division

Women's Division - New

South Wales Community Division -

Imparja Cup Honour Squad:



 LEFT: Queensland left-arm opening bowler Preston White in action against West Australian Keren Ugle at Albrecht Oval. He starred for Queensland in the final and was named in the Imparja Cup Honour Squad and the Development Squad.

 BELOW LEFT: Josh Walmsley, one of Tasmania's stars throughout the Imparja Cup, plays a cover drive. Walmsley is one of four Imparja Cup players named in the Honour Squad and the Development Squad.

 BELOW: Star Tasmanian batsman Bernie Lamont drives Joshua Johnny, from the Northern Territory, in last month's Imparja Cup. Lamont was named in the Imparja Cup Honour Squad for the fourth time since the squad was inaugurated in 2004.



Matt Abrahamson (WA), Peter O'Callaghan (ACT), Bernie Lamont (Tas), Cameron Rosser (NSW), Josh Walmsley (Tas), Ian Chris Swain (Qld), John Duckett (NSW), Keren Ugle (WA), Gavin Farmer (WA), Preston White (Qld), Cory Wright (NSW), John

Squad: Josh Walmsley (Tas), Daniel Tye (ACT), Lewis Upton (WA), Malcolm Dow (Vic), William Searle (SA), Joshua Johnny (NT),

Preston White (Old), Nathan Price (NSW), Chris Swain (Old), Dane Ugle (WA), Andrew Blucher (Old), Josh Lalor (NSW), Brad Loveli (Tas), Matthew Stopp (SA).

## **Exclusion upsets cricket veteran**



COLIN Lamont admits he is fat, not overly fit and getting on in years

But he does not accept they are good reasons for his exclusion from the

Tasmanian Indigenous team, which finished runners-up in the Imparja Cup Indigenous tournament in Alice Springs

He is also upset that some players he did not consider to be Aboriginal were selected in the Tasmanian team. He said cricket authorities in

Tasmania had told him they would tighten their selection processes to ensure that players chosen were Indigenous.

Lamont claimed the Tasmanian Cricket Association was happy to accept a player's word on their heritage rather than requiring verifiable evidence of

The three-times Imparja Cup Indigenous Honour Squad member who has played at seven Imparja tournaments - said he was no less fit now than at any of the times he won a baggy black cap and his form was still good enough to warrant selection gi only a year ago he made the North West Tasmania Cricket Association All Stars side, scored more than 600 runs and was

Latrobe's club champion.

Lamont said that to judge him on age or fitness was discriminatory given his

form could not be questioned.
On the question of age, he pointed out that his brother Bernie, who was older than him, was in the Tasmanian Imparja Cup team, as was 39-year-old captain-coach Guy Grey. Bernie Lamont was one of the most dominating batsmen at the Imparja Cup and played a big part in carrying Tasmania into the final against

Colin Lamont told The Koori Mail he was 34 years old, 175cm tall, and weighed 133kg

He said he had been informed by the Tasmanian Cricket Association (TCA) that it had a duty of care to players given the likely temperature in the Northern Territory for the carnival.

But Lamont claimed it had never been an issue in the past

He said he was deeply hurt by his

non-selection and would consider taking the matter to the Court of Arbitration for Sport or Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC)

Lamont claimed the HREOC had informed him he had a potential case under imputed discrimination.

The TCA did not comment directly on the reasons for Lamont's non-selection, except to say the selection policy for the team was similar to the policies for the selection of all the association's youth and development squads.

.. the TCA has made a commitment to review its policy on eligibility for the Imparja Cup team following the concerns raised," the TCA said in a statement.

"The review of this policy will involve consultation and advice from all other states and territories through the National Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee as well as consultation with the Office of Aboriginal Affairs, the Tasmanian Cultcha Cricket Committee and the Game Development Committee.

and Graham Hunt



COLIN LAMONT

# e Man'



ANTHONY Mundine retained his WBA super middleweight world title for the third time with a

decisive, unanimous points decision over Nader Hamdan at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on 27 February.

The fight went the distance and was a worthy title showdown, but Mundine was always in control, the judges scoring the bout 120-108, 117-111 and 119-109 in his favour.

Hamdan lived up to his nickname of 'Lionheart', fighting on courageously and having the odd moment after finally earning a world title chance, but he never looked like causing the upset as

Mundine improved his record to 31-3

Hamdan repeatedly found himself on the receiving end of some impressive Mundine combinations and couldn't keep up with 'The Man's' speed, skill and power for any sustained period

He certainly has his critics, but there is no doubting Mundine's ability in the ring and he keeps improving.

### Step up

But having overcome injury and worked his way back to his optimum shape, the time has surely come for Mundine to test himself against some of the

biggest names in the fight game "Nader 'Lionheart' Hamdan.

He gave me a great performance," Mundine said after the fight.

Once again the critics who said it was a mis-match, you all saw a great fight tonight.

"I thought it was going to go 12 rounds

"He prepared like never before

and he wasn't coming in with the mindset of being stopped." Hamdan enjoyed a healthy amount of support from the crowd, who roared their approval when he entered the ring, Ithough Mundine supporters just

held sway. And it was Mundine who started the strongest, showing the type of poise and patience from the opening bell that has resulted in two world titles.

Hamdan is no mug, having won 40 of his previous 45 fights before this fight, and his best moments came when he was able to stay close to 'The Man'. But whenever Mundine

backed off and created space, he picked off Hamdan at will.

### Clear winner

Mundine opened a cut under Hamdan's eye in the seventh round and while Mundine tired towards the end of the fight, he still finished the strongest and was a clear winner.

Mundine must now turn his attentions to some bigger fights against better-credentialed opponents

One super middleweight target, undefeated Welshman

Joe Calzaghe, has moved up to light heavyweight for a fight in April against American veteran Bernard Hopkins.

Current middleweight king Kelly Pavlik and his great rival in the division, fellow American Jermain Taylor, are considering a move to super middleweight and could be targets.

A re-match with Mikkel Kessler, the last man to beat Mundine, would also be a possibility.

Mundine has been treading carefully since overcoming a bicep injury and an eye infection over the past 12 months, but if The Man' is to truly count himself amongst the world's best, it is time to take it to the next level.



Anthony Mundine, left, connects with a left in his WBA super middleweight fight against Nader Hamdan at Sydney's Entertainment Centre on 27 February - AAP image

## Indigenous amputee golfer takes on the best

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he commutes to Sydney, where he is a youth worker in the south-eastern suburbs. He often stays overnight in Sydney

cause his job requires late-night work Hartman recently was among Australia's top amputee golfers to have enlisted worldfirst golfing technology in an effort to refine their game for the Australian Amputee Golf

He joined current national titleholder and three-times Amputee Open winner Shane Luke, Nicholas, a 12-times US and UK Open winner, multiple State Open winner Steve Prior, and Queensland's Ben Tullipan, the worst injured Australian survivor of the Bali bombings, at the golfing

They made last-minute adjustments to their swings during the Ignite Golf Clinic held at Olympic Park, Sydney, before

heading to Canberra.

A world-first virtual technology golf program developed in Australia, Ignite Golf takes personal coaching of the Australian Open competitors to a whole new level.

Ignite Golf was developed by PGA pofessionals Stephen Liddle, James Comerford and Chris Charlton.

A complete work station consisting of a laptop, two digital high-speed cameras. special state-of-the-art software and a

22-inch LCD screen captures the golfer's swing from a dual angle and transfers it to the internet where the tootage can be analysed instantaneously and sent anywhere in the world.

The swing can be analysed in slow motion, where the teaching professional utilises drawing tools to diagnose and communicate strengths and weaknesses to the player, making it one of the most effective coaching tools in the world.

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Still time to win the Jason Gillespie cap

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## New kid on the blocks



Otis Gowa, of Queensland, reacts after winning the final of the men's 100m race at the Australian Athletics Championships in Brisbane on 29 February. Behind him are his more fancied rivals, Matt Shirvington, left, and Patrick Johnson. ● See Page 74

- AAP image

## Choc's cousing could be a bolter at the Broncos



may have clinched rookie Reece Robinson an NRL debut for Brisbane

in the first round against Penrith.
The 20-year-old cousin of former
St George-Illawarra star turned world boxing champion Anthony Mundine took a big step toward clinching a wing berth for the Brocnos' Suncorp Stadium season-opener with another

strong showing in the 24-22 trial match win over Redcliffe on 1 March. Robinson impressed coach Wayne Bennett with

his deft footwork and speed and sparked the crucial try to Joel Moon in the second half which put Brisbane in the lead after they had been down 16-0.

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With Darius Boyd having claims to one wing, former St George-Illawarra flyer Tom Hewitt and Craig Frawley were thought to be vying for the other spot until Robinson bobbed up in the trials.

"Reece Robinson really showed us something today and I think he could have solved a problem for us," said Bennett. "He did a really good job, he looked like he knew what he was doing.

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"He's probably put his hand up for us.

"We've got Darren Lockyer, Peter Wallace and Justin Hodges to come back as well, so the backline you saw will be vastly different from the one that will play for us against Penrith."

Test fullback Kermichael Hunt who knows a lift.

Test fullback Karmichael Hunt, who knows a lot about being thrown in the deep end after debuling as Brisbane's youngest ever player in 2004, was thrilled to learn of Bennett's thoughts on Robinson.

"I thought Reece played exceptionally well. He's cot a lot of page and attempts and he's out a lot of

got a lot of pace and strength and he's got a lot of talent," said Hunt, who will return to his fullback duties after playing five-eighth against Redoliffe. "I'm pretty sure his performance would have

impressed Wayne.

"He definitely put his hand up for a start and I think everyone from the players through to the coaching staff acknowledged he did very well." - AAP

## Taking on the best

## Missing leg no obstacle for Indigenous golfer

By GRAHAM HUNT



INDIGENOUS man Brad Hartman this week is taking on Australia's best amputee golfers at the Australian Amputees' golf championships in Canberra.

Hartman is the only Indigenous man in the tournament, which began on Monday and ends tomorrow at the Federal Golf Club.

Hartman, from the NSW central coast town of Kincumber, lost his leg in a car crash as a

15-year-old. The crash happened near Blacktown, in Sydney's outer west.

That mishap put an end to his rugby league

Many sports are out of reach for amputees, but an uncle of Hartman's realised that golf was a sport that Hartman could try.

He took up golf, but dropped it.

About three year ago, he returned to golf and now plays the game with a passion. So much so that the NSW Golf Association

wants to use Hartman as an example in their

attempts to attract more Indigenous people to the game. The NSW Golf Association is sponsoring Hartman at this week's tournament.

Hartman, a left-hander, plays off a handicap of 20, but according to one of his mates, Geoff Nicholas, another amputee golfer, that handicap will come down.

Nicholas describes Hartman as a long hitter and is 'as keen as mustard'

While Hartman, 26, lives on the central coast,

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