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'Equal by 2030'

Govt names target date to close the health gap

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people will have access to the same standard of health services as other Australians within a decade, under a nine-point

Federal Government plan unveiled in Canberra last week.

The Government has also promised to close the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians by the year 2030.

At the end of the three-day Indigenous Health Equality Summit at Parliament House on Thursday, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Health Minister Nicola Roxon and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin joined Indigenous doctors, nurses, dentists, community health services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma to sign an historic Statement of Intent on the issue.

Opposition Indigenous affairs spokesman Tony Abbott refused to sign the plan, saying he was given too short notice and had not been involved in the wording of the pledge.

"I think it makes a mockery of the Government's so-called bipartisanship to give us these sorts of complex documents with such short notice and expect us to sign on the dotted line," he said.

However, Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson did sign a statement of support, along with former elite swimmer Ian Thorpe and Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman.

"Of course we support the pledge in closing the gap," Dr Nelson said. "There would be no sensible Australian who would believe otherwise in closing the gap."

But Dr Nelson said that, in order to do so, there needed to be much more than Aboriginal participation and involvement in development and delivering of services.

According to Oxfam Australia, while most women in Australia can expect to live to an average age of 82 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women can expect to live to only 64.8 years. The situation is even worse for Indigenous men whose life expectancy is only 59.4 years.

The Government also announced two major policy initiatives it said would be critical to closing the Indigenous life expectancy gap within a generation:

- \$14.5 million to tackle high rates of smoking in Indigenous communities; and
- \$19 million in a training plan to get more Indigenous health workers.

The Statement of Intent was drafted by Close The Gap, a coalition of some of Australia's leading health, human rights and Aboriginal organisations which kicked off a major campaign championing health and life expectancy equality under the reign of the former Howard Government early last year.

Members of the campaign were bitterly disappointed when the 2007 Budget allocation for Indigenous health fell way short of the \$460 million estimated as necessary annually to turn around the burgeoning Indigenous health crisis.

Nearly 100,000 Australians have pledged their support to the campaign, while the Council of Australian Governments issued a communiqué in December stating it would close the 17-year life expectancy gap within a generation.

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CLOSE THE GAP

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd addresses the Indigenous Health Equality Summit in Canberra last Thursday. AAP Image/Photographer Alan Porritt

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HERE I am (second from right) with my partner Patrick, my daughter Julianna-Bree, who is two in June, my Mum Liz and my dad John. Mum's grandfather is from the Bloomfield River region, so we identify as Eastern Kuku Yalanji people.

My daughter has been lucky enough to be given a Kuku Yalanji name for her christening, which is Birrimba, which means white sulphur-crested cockatoo.

My grandmother was taken away to Palm Island when she was just five years old.

We've all lived in Mackay for the majority of our lives, but we moved to Cairns so we could get to know our extended family in Wujal Wujal a lot better and get involved with community and Yalanji business.

For the past ten years we've been searching for our traditional family links in the Bloomfield River region, which is known now as Wuia! Wuia!

I also came to Cairns to continue my studies for a Masters of Science in Indigenous Land Management which I undertook with the Diabujay people from the Kuranda region.

And I also now work with the Australian Conservation Foundation in the Northern Australian Program, predominantly in Cape York, on conservation and cultural initiatives.

This gives me a great opportunity to work with my own Yalanji people and also to learn about family links with other parts of the Cape.

Patrick is a descendant of the Waanji mob from out around Burketown/Lawn H regions. He works for the Department of Housing in the northern regional office dealing with housing issues in Aboriginal communities across Cape York. He also just graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Indigenous Community Management and Development.



We're all a bit footy-mad, and we have our own footy tipping comp amongst the family.

We like to take the girl (Juilianna-Bree) to the Cairns lagoon swimming on the weekends.

And we enjoy having family barbecues and spending time at home with other family members.

In the summer we all enjoy going swimming at the beach or at home here in our pool.

We travel down to Mackay and visit family there a few times a year for special family birthdays, events, weddings, and christenings.

We've also been up to Wujal Wujal a few times together to visit some of our extended family and enjoy camping up there with them.

We generally just like catching up with friends and family.

A group of five children are playing a game of tag in a grassy area. In the center, a boy in a red and blue striped shirt and blue shorts is running towards the left. To his left, a girl in a green top and white shorts is also running. To the right, another girl in a pink shirt and pink shorts is running. In the background, a boy in a green shirt is visible. They are all smiling and appear to be having fun. A building with a white door and windows is in the background.

Young 'Storm' (centre) was happy to take the lead during a recent pre-school workshop conducted by Circus Oz at Hope Vale, in far north Queensland. Circus Oz Tour Manager Madge Fletcher said the circus group 'saw the future' in every child they met. "Not only do the kids come to the show and the workshops, but also they hang around afterwards, tell us stories, laugh with us, and also talk about their dreams of becoming circus performers themselves," she said of the budding acrobats and trapeze artists. "I think the joy on the kids' faces tells it all."

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Journey is cloaked in history



PICTURED at Sydney's Powerhouse Museum are, from left, conservator Suzanne Chee,

Curator Anne-Marie Van de Ven and Dr Dawn Casey looking over an exquisite possum cloak from the new exhibition *Yinalung yenu: women's journey*.

Dr Casey started as the Powerhouse Museum's new Director last week, becoming the first Indigenous head in the Museum's 128-year history.

The *Yinalung yenu: women's journey* exhibition is due to be officially opened today by NSW Government Minister Linda Burney. It explores the important place that Indigenous women have in Australian society – featuring the outstanding achievements of six prominent women who share their stories: Aunt Sue Blacklock, Dr Marilyn Clarke, Dr Marlene Kong, Aunt Beryl Carmichael, Professor Larissa Behrendt and Bronwyn Bancroft.

Indigenous people traditionally wore skin cloaks in the cooler, southern parts of Australia. Designs were cut into the leather side of the skin and could represent the wearer and their totems.

Victorian artists Lee Darroch and Vicki Couzens have recently begun reviving this tradition. This cloak is titled *Thanampool kooramook*, *gunya-winyarr*, meaning women's possum cloak in Couzens' Keeray Wurrong language and Darroch's Yorta Yorta language.

Photo by MARINCO KOJANOVSKI



Clerics full of praise



RECONCILIATION and forgiveness were the central themes of this year's Easter messages

from leaders of the Anglican and Catholic churches.

On Good Friday, the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney described the Federal Government's apology to the Stolen Generations as a new beginning for Australia. In his Easter message, Archbishop Peter Jensen says the apology was a 'very Christian idea'.

"This year, we as a nation have been summoned to a new beginning in our relationships with the first people of our land," Dr Jensen said.

"We have been asked for reconciliation – a very powerful and very Christian idea."

Dr Jensen said Australians must be determined to make reconciliation work.

"Apology on the one part, forgiveness on the other and a determination to make this 'new day' work," he said.

Sydney Catholic Archbishop Cardinal George Pell said the resurrection of Jesus offered

people godly forgiveness if they repent.

"This alone is a good reason for rejoicing. Easter greetings and Easter peace to everyone," he said.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Philip Wilson also emphasised the vital importance of peace in his Easter message.

Innocent

"Everywhere we turn, senseless violence is influencing the lives of poor and innocent people and one can be tempted to think that in the midst of all this, there is no way for us to make a difference," Archbishop Wilson said.

"But at the same time, there is another message, another story and we see that exemplified in the lives of so many people who in the ordinary circumstances of their daily lives are peacemakers."

On Thursday, a Melbourne cleric suggested that Good Friday should be dumped as a public holiday and replaced with a national reconciliation day recognising Aborigines as

integral to Australia's identity.

The Rev John Evans, the Uniting Church Minister at the Church of All Nations in Carlton, said Good Friday had lost its religious significance outside the Christian community.

He also said Australia was becoming a more multicultural, multi-faith society, and having Good Friday as a public holiday may no longer be appropriate.

Dr Evans applauded Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's public apology as a major step towards reconciliation, but said a day such as Good Friday should be set aside to mark the recent steps forward.

"We have done a great thing with the national apology but when you look at our public holidays there are no public holidays that recognise the role and place of Aborigines as the first people of this land," he said.

Dr Evans said any day, not just Good Friday, could be suitable for a national reconciliation day. He said Good Friday would not lose its name or significance as a result. – AAP

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Cultural centre wins award



AN Aboriginal cultural centre near Sydney has been honoured at the 2007 Qantas Australian Tourism

Awards. Muru Mittigar, which opened in 1998 as an initiative of the Aboriginal community of Western Sydney, provides visitors with an educational tourism experience, as well as employment for the local community. It tells the story of the Darug people, the traditional owners of the area, and includes a cultural museum and retail gallery, along with an associated retail nursery specialising in native plants.

The centre offers visitors an authentic Aboriginal experience through hand-made arts and crafts, traditional arts, cultural workshops, educational tours and Koori cooking.

The centre won the Indigenous tourism category in the Qantas awards, which are recognised as the \$75 billion national tourism industry's premier awards.

Muru Mittigar Land Management Supervisor Greg McEwen and Cultural Co-ordinator Robert Hammond received the award at a gala presentation held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

They were among almost 1000 industry leaders, with the crowd including State and

Muru Mittigar Land Management Supervisor Greg McEwen and Cultural Coordinator Robert Hammond with the tourism award.



Territory tourism ministers and Federal Minister for Tourism Martin Ferguson.

Mr Ferguson paid tribute to all of the finalists and award-winners, saying they represented innovation,

excellence and, above all, outstanding achievement and commitment to the Australian tourism industry.

"The awards have recognised the incredible diversity and quality that exists right across the \$75

billion national industry," he said.

The night was filled with entertainment, which was headed by MCs Andrew Daddo from Channel Seven's *The Great Outdoors* and Sally Obermeder from *Sydney Weekender*.

Special entertainment included Australian music legend Jimmy Little performing the national anthem and *I Still Call Australia Home* together with the Qantas Choir and the cast from the hit Monty Python musical *Spamalot!* performing a piece from the show.

The awards are organised annually by the National Tourism Alliance (NTA) on behalf of the Australian tourism industry and hosted by NTA Chairman Col Hughes and Qantas Group General Manager Sales and Distribution Rob Gurney.

"The evening was the high point in an excellent year in tourism," Mr Hughes said.

Muru Mittigar is just off the M4 freeway, one hour west of Sydney and one hour east of Katoomba, on route to the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains.

A highly commended was awarded in the category to the Koorie Heritage Trust in Victoria.

And while Muru Mittigar took out the honours on the night, other Indigenous businesses also did well by winning the State and Territory competitions.

They were Bookabee Tours Australia, in South Australia, Kapa Kapa Enterprises in Western Australia, Koorie Heritage Trust in Victoria, Tiwi Tours in the Northern Territory, and the Torres Strait Regional Authority - Gab Titui Cultural Centre in Queensland.

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Huggins to take lead



INVITATIONS to the Rudd Government's Australia 2020 ideas summit are expected to go

out this week.

Nearly 8000 people nominated to take part in the summit, which will be held at Parliament House in Canberra on 19-20 April and is expected to help shape a long-term strategy for Australia's future.

One of ten key sessions at the forum will be 'Options for the future of Indigenous Australia' which was to have been co-chaired by Australia's first Aboriginal ear, nose and throat surgeon Dr Kelvin Kong.

However, earlier this month family health concerns saw the Worimi man forced to withdraw from participation in the Summit.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd thanked Dr Kong for his valuable contribution in the lead up to the summit and wished him and his family well before announcing historian and former Co-chair of Reconciliation Australia Jackie Huggins as his replacement.



JACKIE HUGGINS

"Dr Huggins is a first-class individual who will bring a wealth of experience to this role," Mr Rudd said.

"Dr Huggins' rigorous approach to her work and her contribution to policy development in this area will be a valuable addition to the Australia 2020 Summit, and I look forward to working with her in this capacity."

A woman of the Bidjara/

Birri-Gubba Juru peoples, Dr Huggins is currently Deputy Director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit at the University of Queensland.

A historian and published author, she is a Director of the Telstra Foundation and a member of the Indigenous Reference Group at the Centre of Domestic and Family Violence Research in Central Queensland.

World Vision Chief Executive Tim Costello told the ABC last week that he and his fellow chairs had sifted through all the resumes received and would now hand the Government their recommendations.

"The Government has reserved a right to make some appointments of their own and they can be people who either didn't apply or people who did apply and we left out," he said.

"With the Prime Minister saying we want the brightest and best there, anyone with any sort of healthy ego felt compelled to apply, so it's attracted absolutely brilliant people."

Begorrah! An Aboriginal St Patrick

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



DID you hear the one about the Aboriginal

Irish man who was St Patrick? No it's not a joke, it's a true story.

It's not every day you see a black St Pat, but this year's St Patrick's Day (17 March) saw Aboriginal Irish eyes smiling, as Koori man John Ingram led the Irish march through Sydney.

The 60-year-old Sydneysider, originally from Condobolin, was voted in to be this year's St Patrick.

"It was really great," he said. "People get nominated, and this year I was selected."

"I'm the first Aborigine to be the Irish St Patrick. It's really good, it puts us Kooris on the map."

Mr Ingram, who has Irish heritage from his father's side, said the crowd responded warmly to him.

"Everyone was waving, and welcoming to me, it felt really good," he said.

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Here's cheers to the Aboriginal St Patrick ... These lovely colleens raise their glasses at Aboriginal man John Ingram, in full St Patrick dress, at the family day in Sydney on 17 March. Photos by Tania Shannons.

Manager for the Sydney St Patrick's Day Parade and Family Day Una O'Neill agreed that Mr Ingram was well received by the thousands attending the parade.

She said Mr Ingram had been involved in the

parade for the past few years, helping to submit the Koori parade float.

"He took the commitment seriously and he puts such an effort into the parade, it was a way of giving back to him for his support,"

Ms O'Neill said.

She said this year's event drew a record estimated crowd of 75,000. Sydney had the second largest St Patrick's Day celebration outside Dublin in Ireland, after New York.



Aboriginal girls Tamara and Tara, suitably dressed in Irish green, with 'St Patrick' John Ingram.

New TSI fears

Report anger as teachers threaten to take action

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE fallout over the alleged rape of a nurse on Mabuiag Island in the Torres Strait is continuing, with a Queensland Indigenous activist launching a blistering attack on media editorialising of the incident.

A tour of the region by Qld Health Minister Stephen Robertson last week failed to end a threat by nurses to pull out of the region if they are not provided with adequate security. And the State's teachers have now joined the threats.

Mr Robertson has been under immense pressure over his handling of the security concerns, raised after the Mabuiag attack on 5 February. A 22-year-old man is in custody after being charged over the incident.

The Queensland Nurses Union (QNU) has set a 28 March deadline for Queensland Health to address a range of security problems. Work is reportedly yet to be completed on broken locks on housing on

Murray Island, broken windows in the Horn Island clinic and security lighting on Badu Island. If nurses' concerns are not met by March 28, nurses will start leaving their posts and would provide only a fly-in, fly-out service, the QNU has told the Government.

Queensland Teachers' Union (QTU) President Steve Ryan said its budget submission to the State Government identified a \$50 million shortfall in funding for teacher accommodation.

Mr Ryan said teachers were leaving remote schools, and others were discouraged from going there, due to 'horrible' security breaches. He said QTU members had already taken stop-work action in the central Queensland community of Woorabinda over security, and other schools would follow if concerns weren't addressed.

On 12 March, *The Koori Mail* reported Torres Strait community concerns that the

Executive Officer Paleta Luffman said she knew of no such threats and the former health worker's comments could unfairly stereotype Torres Strait Islanders.

Last week, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) Chairman Les Malezer described as 'sensationalism' and 'vilification' a story published in *The Australian* newspaper about the Mabuiag incident. In a 10 March story titled 'Desperate hours of island rape victim', journalist Tony Koch detailed the 27-year-old nurse's experiences during the 5 February incident.

However, Mr Malezer said the article made 'a quantum leap, steps up to the plate, and blames the Indigenous people of Queensland for this scenario'.

The article read: 'Mabuiag, like the majority of Indigenous communities in Queensland, treats visiting police, teachers, nurses, health workers and other public

servants have a duty to wait on them hand and foot, with no reciprocal response'.

Mr Malezer strongly disputed the article's conclusions. "What rot! What deception! What vilification! What orchestration against the real victims in these locations, the residents themselves!" he said in a statement.

Mr Malezer said there was a big dividing line between the wages paid to local residents and those paid to public servants.

"Koch knows that communities which still experience chronic overcrowding in below-standard housing witness new and modern public servant housing being erected without limits on Aboriginal land, often housing for one or two persons per unit," he said.

Mr Malezer said "do-gooder" public servants had little to do with the locals, refused to integrate into the local society, refused to learn the local traditional languages and looked to spend their time in the locality 'fishing, drinking and partying somewhere away from the people they are there to serve'.

"Having just returned a few days from one of these local communities, I want to qualify my generalisations by saying some public servants at least are just as frustrated as the local population about the difficulty in delivering good services to the communities," he said. "However, they are inevitably part of the overall problem because they should not be found in a situation where they are privileged people in a deprived society. Unlike some others, I do not see our communities as 'lost causes' and trouble spots. I see them as the habitats and security zones of our people trying to maintain traditional value and lifestyles."

"Koch should keep his bile to himself. The people in these communities are far more moral, ethical and kindly than the white Australians who condemn them." - with AAP



'Unlike some others, I do not see our communities as 'lost causes' and trouble spots. I see them as the habitats and security zones of our people trying to maintain traditional value and lifestyles'

- FAIRA Chairman Les Malezer

debate about security on Mabuiag could unfairly stereotype the region as violent and unsafe.

A registered nurse who worked in several Torres Strait communities for six years from 2000 has said that that health workers were often threatened with violence by local people.

However, Mabuiag Island Council Chief

servants like unwanted and unnecessary filth... They are not welcomed on the island and usually not the slightest effort is made to make them safe or comfortable. This is typical of the types of trauma faced by nurses who work alone on communities where there is no doctor and no police officer, and no help from the community which harbours a view that white public

Nine-point plan to fix our health



THERE was considerable community scepticism when former Labor Prime Minister Bob Hawke declared in 1987 that 'by 1990 no Australian child will be living in poverty'.

In stark contrast, the Rudd Government's pledge last week to close the Indigenous and non-Indigenous life-expectancy gap within a generation won widespread praise from the Indigenous and health sectors.

A Statement of Intent formally commits the Government and other parties to work together to achieve a nine-point plan that includes:

- Developing a comprehensive long-term plan of action to achieve equality of health and life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other Australians by 2030

- Ensuring primary health care services and health infrastructure are capable of bridging the gap in health standards by 2018

- Ensuring full participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in addressing their health needs

- Working together to address the social determinants that affect health equality for Indigenous Australians.

Also signing the pledge was the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses, the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA), the Indigenous Dentists Association of Australia, and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

Those parties were amongst participants in the Indigenous Health Equality Summit who described the Statement of Intent as 'an excellent first step' and 'a milestone in the reconciliation journey'.

Under its plan, the Rudd Government will invest \$14.5 million over four years to tackle high rates of smoking in the Indigenous population.

"Half of Indigenous people aged 18 years and over are current smokers, which is more than double the smoking rate of the non-Indigenous population," said the Government in a communiqué on the pledge.

"According to some reports, smoking rates are as high as 80 per cent in some Indigenous communities.

"Tobacco smoking is the number-one risk factor for chronic conditions and diseases – such as cardiovascular disease and cancer – in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"In 2003, smoking was responsible for 12 per cent of the total burden of illness, and one-fifth of deaths amongst Indigenous Australians.

"Tackling smoking is critical to closing the gap in Indigenous life expectancy."

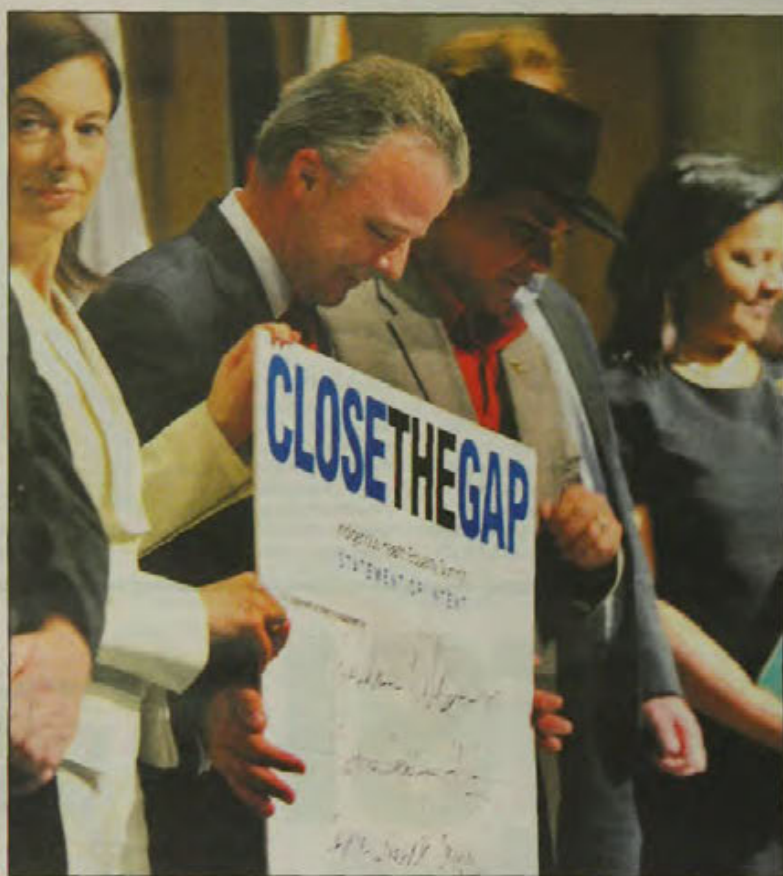
The Government's initiative will comprise three key elements:

- Supporting research into Indigenous tobacco control. In partnership with research organisations such as the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH), this initiative will help build the evidence base around what works in helping Indigenous people to quit smoking

- Trialling a range of innovative community interventions, including targeted, culturally appropriate communication activities

- Offering smoking-cessation training to staff working in Indigenous health.

The Government will also invest \$19 million over three years in a National Indigenous Health Workforce Training Plan that will:



Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson looks down at a blank statement of intent he signed at the Indigenous Health Equality Summit in Canberra last Thursday. Behind Dr Nelson is Professor Mick Dodson. AAP Image/Photographer Alan Porritt.

- Support AIDA to expand its work of mentoring and networking young Indigenous doctors

- Support the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Indigenous Nurses to expand its network of mentoring Indigenous nurses

- Support the Aboriginal community controlled health sector to encourage Indigenous people and students to join the Indigenous health workforce

- Provide additional training opportunities for Aboriginal Health Workers, and support for the establishment of a National Aboriginal Health Worker Association

- Support the Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education Network to ensure that Indigenous health is expanded into the curriculum in medical, allied health and nursing schools.

"This partnership between the Australian Government, Indigenous and non-Indigenous health experts and the reconciliation movement, means we are well on the road to making health equality a reality for Indigenous Australians by 2030," said Mr Calma, who led last week's summit.

"Let us hope that an Indigenous baby born in 2030 has the same life expectancy, the same access to quality health services and the same life outcomes as non-Indigenous Australians.

"The importance of consultation with experts in the field and partnership between government and non-government is central to this statement and cannot be over-emphasised."

Reconciliation Australia applauded what it described as a 'new alliance to turn good intentions into measurable actions'.

"With both the major political leaders, as well as peak Indigenous and non-Indigenous health bodies signing the pledge and co-ordinating efforts, it sends a particularly strong message that getting positive health outcomes for Indigenous Australians is above politics," said RA CEO Barbara Livesey.

"The Statement of Intent complements Reconciliation Australia's Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) Program which encourages all parts of the community, corporate Australia, local communities, schools etc turn good intentions into measurable actions.

"We look forward to the Government setting targets in all areas that contribute to improving life expectancy, including housing, education and employment."

Good start

Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health CEO Mick Gooda said the Government's plan was a good start.

"We've got to get the conceptual stuff right. I think this is the first step on that," he told the ABC. "We now have to do a lot of work around building capacity and working out how to do it."

Mr Gooda said there were large gaps in the health sector's understanding of why successful campaigns to reduce non-Aboriginal smoking rates had not reduced Aboriginal smoking rates.

Executive Director of Oxfam Australia Andrew Hewett agreed that the Statement of Intent was an excellent first step.

"We're pleased the Rudd Government supports the declaration and encouraged by their willingness to work with Indigenous people as well as the wider community to

end a health crisis that's for too long cheated some Aboriginal people out of good health and well-being," he said.

NACCHO Chair Dr Mick Adams welcomed the commitment to ensuring that by 2018 there would be primary health-care services and health infrastructure for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples which were capable of bridging the gap in health standards.

"I am especially pleased on behalf of the Aboriginal community controlled health services by the statement in the declaration that 'crucial to ensuring equal access to health services is ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are actively involved in the design, delivery and control of these (health) services'," he said.

A notable exception to the positive response was NT president of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Peter Beaumont, who said the Commonwealth should talk less and act more.

"I think we've been dancing around in circles long enough – it's about time we got down and identified the burdens that we need to address," Dr Beaumont told the ABC.

"For heaven's sake, let's get down and start helping these people to live at least as long as the non-Indigenous people."

"In the NT, Indigenous people have access to exactly the same level of services with exactly the same priorities based on their need ... I don't understand where in Australia Indigenous people don't have access to the same services."

Dr Beaumont, in turn, was criticised by the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT (AMSANT), which described the medico's comments as 'pure fiction'.

"Aboriginal disadvantage in terms of our ability to access health services is pronounced and widely recognised," said AMSANT CEO John Paterson.

"That's why the AMA National President, Dr Rosanna Capolingua, has just signed the statement of intent to close the life-expectancy gap of Aboriginal and Islander peoples."

"Dr Beaumont is out of step with the national mood for change, with Aboriginal people generally and, most alarmingly, with the president of his own union."

"Given his entrenched attitudes and continual quest for making headlines – at any cost – we find it difficult to work with him productively."

Dr Beaumont also fell foul of Indigenous health services last August after it was revealed he'd written to the then Federal Health Minister saying Aboriginal people were culturally incapable of managing health services.

Dr Beaumont apologised for the letter, which he said he wrote in a private capacity, before he took on the AMA presidency in the Territory.

Indigenous doctors welcomed the new partnership with AIDA, saying the document opened up the way for Indigenous Australians to 'form a true and lasting partnership with the Australian Government, based on new-found respect, and the recognition of the need to address inequity in health and life outcomes for Indigenous people'.

"As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors, we welcome the opportunity to work closely with governments to address the health needs of our communities," said AIDA President Dr Tamara Mackean.

"We look forward to the day when all of our children can celebrate each and every birthday through to old age with their families."

Qld welfare trial is a world first

By DARREN COYNE



PARENTS neglecting their children in four troubled Cape York communities will soon be subject to a 'world first' trial of welfare quarantining under new legislation introduced by the Queensland Government.

For some Elders in Aurukun who recently said children should be sent away to boarding school for their own good, it can't come soon enough.

The Queensland Parliament unanimously passed legislation on 11 March linking parental responsibility with government assistance.

The Cape York trial is an initiative of the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership, and has been developed over a decade.

Unlike the Northern Territory intervention, it does not impose a blanket welfare quarantine, but quarantining can be introduced for people who are referred to a new Family Responsibilities Commission by community agencies for such things as child neglect.

The communities of Aurukun, Hope Vale, Coen and Mossman Gorge, have volunteered to be part of the \$100 million trial.

The four communities have long grappled with problems associated with alcohol and drug abuse, family and sexual violence, and general lawlessness.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said the trial aimed to restore social norms, community authority and individual responsibility.

"This is a radical trial unique in the world - and I know many people around Australia will be closely watching when it begins in July," she said.

Some 1800 people who currently receive welfare payments or receive CDEP program funding could be subject to the decisions of the Commission during the trial.

The commission will apply to people who have lived in the trial communities for three months and to both Aboriginal non-Aboriginal community members.

Cape York Institute Director Noel Pearson told ABC Radio the welfare plan would help turn around the problems of alcohol and drugs in the communities.

"We're starting really at ground zero here to rebuild families. And our view has long been that the way to do that is to make sure that we reinvest our community with a sense of obligation and responsibility to one's children, and to one's family, and to one's community," Mr Pearson said.



Cape York Institute Director Noel Pearson: 'We're starting really at ground zero here to rebuild families.' AAP Image

Those who could be subject to Family Responsibilities Commission decisions are people who are:

- Welfare recipients;
- Who reside (or resided at relevant times) in trial communities.

The four triggers to bring a person before the Commission will be:

- The person's child misses school for three days during a school term without reasonable excuse or a child is

not enrolled in school without lawful excuse.

- The person is the subject of a child safety notification or report; or
- A magistrate's court convicts the person of an offence; or
- The person breaches their State or Council-owned housing tenancy agreement (illegal purpose, nuisance, condition report, malicious damage, rent arrears).

Meanwhile, Premier Bligh announced last week that senior magistrate David Glasgow had been appointed as the Project leader to implement the trial.

"Mr Glasgow brings a wealth of experience to this vital job including senior positions in the Children's Court,

the Drug Court, the Murri Court and Youth Murri Court," Premier Bligh said.

She said a Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner would soon be appointed by the State Government in consultation with the leadership of the trial communities, the Commonwealth and the

Cape York Institute.

"Local commissioners will be appointed by the State Government on the nomination of local Community Justice Groups, where applicable, and in consultation of the local elected leadership.

The trial will be run until January 1, 2012 and will be independently evaluated by an organisation which will be chosen from tender.

The Act will also give new reporting responsibilities to school principals (state and private), child safety workers, magistrates' courts and Department of Housing officers.

Ms Bligh said the decision to manage someone's income would be made at the local level with the Family Responsibilities Commission sitting locally with local commissioners.

"People who come before the Commission will be interviewed and could face everything from a warning to agreements that force them to attend community support services.

"As a last resort, the Commission will have the power to order that people have their income be managed for up to 12 months.

"It will be difficult for people doing the wrong thing to avoid the consequences of their behaviour by moving out of a trial community as the Commission will be able to follow a person in co-operation with Commonwealth agencies.

Meanwhile, Dr Chris Sarra from the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute said basic education was essential to overcome the crippling disadvantage in the communities.

He was responding to calls from Elders in Aurukun for young children to be sent away to school 'for their own good'.

"What would make sense is to bus children out on Monday morning and have them boarding so that they can attend the Western Cape College which is making good progress, and bus them back Friday afternoon," he said.

"I am heartened by these calls coming from some Elders and community members in Aurukun. It is a positive sign that people in remote communities are standing-up and engaging in the discussion around education; it also goes towards dispelling the myth that Aboriginal people do not value education."

Dr Sarra said the question of getting students away from Aurukun for secondary schooling was not a reflection on the Aurukun community.

"Rather it serves to focus our minds on the realities of providing good quality secondary education for all Indigenous students," he said.

New code for journalists entering Aboriginal areas



THE Australian media's representative body has launched a code of conduct requiring journalists to outline their intentions before entering Aboriginal communities.

Indigenous Affairs Minister

Jenny Macklin had made it clear that a set of guidelines for journalists operating on Aboriginal lands was non-negotiable if they were to be exempted from the permit system.

The Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA) released the new code last week, requiring

reporters to contact 'police and council at the first opportunity and inform them what they intend doing in the community'. The Australian newspaper reported on Thursday.

Central Australian Labor politician and Aboriginal woman Alison Anderson has labelled the code of conduct a sham.

"Communities have to be opened up like every other town. And we have to be treated like equals," Ms Anderson told The Australian.

"Journalists don't ask police in country Victoria for permission to speak to someone in that town."

The Rudd government has reinstated the permit system so

communities will remain closed.

The only exception to the rule is that government workers and journalists would not need permits.

Some journalists have criticised the new MEAA code, saying it will uphold a sense of secrecy within Aboriginal communities. — AAP

Hostel women to lodge complaint

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



THE group of Aboriginal women who were asked to leave an Alice Springs hostel by its manager because they were 'scaring

the guests' say they will lodge a discrimination complaint this week.

The Yuendumu women, accompanied by children, were in Alice Springs to undertake lifesaving training by the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma and Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Tony Fitzgerald said the incident was not isolated and many others were likely to go unreported.

Mr Calma said the number of race complaints to HREOC since 2004/5 had almost doubled, although he could not say how many of those involved Indigenous Australians.

As *The Koori Mail* went to print, Mr Fitzgerald said he was yet to receive a complaint from the women. However, he encouraged other people who felt they had been discriminated against to follow suit and lodge a complaint.

Mr Fitzgerald said he believed such incidents were under-reported and more people needed to make complaints for change to happen.

"Only some Aboriginal people have the strength, or the esteem or whatever it is to push it through," he said.

"What we need to do is convince people that if they want things to change they are not going to be able to change things unless they make complaints. That way, we can get to the hotels and talk to them."

"We get a lot of Aboriginal issues stuff that doesn't get followed through, and that is a challenge for us."

Mr Fitzgerald told *The Koori Mail* that tourism generated considerable income for the NT and overseas visitors frequently expressed a desire to have an

'Indigenous experience'.

"Now if I was running a pub like that (as in the case of the lifesaving group), I would say 'as a matter of fact we have some kids from

Yuendumu staying here, why don't you come and meet them', rather than exclude them and keep them apart and make assumptions about how they are going to behave," he said.

Mr Fitzgerald said hotel and hostel operators should be more accommodating instead of excluding people.

"To me that is the way forward," he said.

"We are going to organise forums in Alice Springs, and talk to hotel proprietors and see if we can turn this attitude around."

The 19-year-old Yuendumu woman who spoke out against the incident, Bethany Langdon said



At Alice Springs, from left, youth worker Amelia Watson, Bethany Langdon carrying toddler Kiara Langdon, Sharelle Young (holding baby), Michaeline Wilson, Gina Spencer (white stripe on shorts) and Enid Gallagher at Yuendumu in the Northern Territory. The women, who were asked to leave an Alice Springs backpacker hotel because they had 'scared' Asian tourists, plan to file a racial discrimination complaint.

NewsPix Image/Photographer Liam Campbell

she had not encountered such racism before.

"It made me and the others feel upset and I wanted to cry," she said. "It was hard for us to speak out, but it was also about being strong for our Indigenous community and all Indigenous communities."

"If I hadn't done anything about it, then I would have felt that I wouldn't be accepted anywhere."

The incident provoked public outrage and many people expressed their support for the group.

"We have got support from Australians that are non-Indigenous and that is a good thing," Ms Langdon said. "In Yuendumu you are meant to communicate and work together with people who aren't Indigenous."

She said that people like the hostel operators should realise they

"Royal Life Saving supports the Yuendumu community and wishes to highlight that they have taken a long and proactive view to building their community's capacity in preparation for a swimming pool due to be completed in the coming months," Royal Life Saving CEO Rob Bradley said.

The Alice Springs incident occurred in the same week as a mayoral candidate for Paroo Council in Cunnamulla, Queensland, said if elected he would offer Aboriginal families \$50,000 to leave town. He said he'd replace those families with Vietnamese families who would turn around the town's economy. The candidate failed in his attempt at election.

Earlier this month, charges relating to a fight between black and white youths at Bermagui on

Late last month a *Koori Mail* staff member at an Anthony Mundine boxing fight in Sydney witnessed Aboriginal men and women being taunted and pelted by bottles from a group of non-Aboriginal people. The Aboriginal people were subsequently arrested.

Another incident last month saw Brisbane Indigenous leader Bob Weatherall, his daughter, and their friends allegedly assaulted and pepper sprayed by security at an inner-city nightclub and Brisbane police.

Mr Weatherall suffered a cut to the head while another person in his party was hospitalised from an injury allegedly sustained during the altercation.

Mr Weatherall and his daughter was charged as a result of the incident and the case has been adjourned until next month, but Mr

raising by the Commission.

"We have seen since 2004/5 almost a doubling of the number of race complaints that we've handled," Mr Calma said. "It has gone from 157 in 2004 to about 269, in 2006/7 and that is across the board, not just Indigenous people."

Mr Calma said the best way for Australia to tackle racism was for people to be 'willing to open their eyes and heart to other cultures and other people, and to respect individuality'.

"We are and should be able to exercise our individuality in society as long as it conforms to the laws and rules of a country," he said.

"We have got to try and educate the mainstream media to stop demonising Aboriginal and Islander people, because their demonisation creates the stereotypes that mainstream population have about Indigenous people, and that's a negative view."

"We need to be able to celebrate, and we celebrate by identifying the successes in Indigenous society and there are plenty of success."

Mr Calma has called for the Race Discrimination Act 1975 to be reinstated after it was suspended under the special measures taken under NT emergency intervention.

"That's not a society of fairness, and a society of all being treated equally; that's a discriminatory society and we don't want that in Australia," he said.

"If (Government) are really concerned, what they need to do is work around the suspension of a discrimination legislation, to still achieve the same ends."

"You can do it as a special measure but there is a process, it takes a bit longer, it means you have got to talk to people and to work through the issues for it to be considered for a special measure."

"I don't think any of us, any member of society, whether you are Indigenous or non-Indigenous, should have to be subjected to the suspension of one of the basic discrimination legislations that is out there to protect our rights."

Mr Fitzgerald agrees. "It is an interesting observation, that when (former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal) Brough and (former Prime Minister John) Howard brought in the intervention package, they knew darn well it was discriminatory, so they suspended the legislation that is designed to protect people from being discriminated against in order to go ahead and discriminate," he said. "It's a disgrace, it's disgraceful, it makes you want to weep."

● For more information or to discuss a complaint, contact the complaints hotline on 1300 656 419 (local call) or (02) 9284 9888, or email: complaintsinfo@humanrights.gov.au, or check your State or Territory's anti-discrimination commissions.



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— Yuendumu woman Bethany Langdon (shown doing lifesaving training)

are on Aboriginal land and that they should learn respect. However, she didn't believe that the tourists were scared.

"When we went to the hostel, they (the Japanese tourists) were there," she said. "They didn't look afraid, some were smiling at us."

The Royal Life Saving Society of Australia said it had been encouraged by messages of support received from the Australian and international community.

the NSW south coast in October 2006 were appealed. A lawyer for the Aboriginal youths, Peter King, said his clients were defending their families after carloads of white youths allegedly attacked two houses occupied by Aboriginal adults and children, and hurled racial abuse.

Mr King said a female Elder rang the police who arrived to break up the fight, allowed the white youths to leave and later charged the five Aborigines with affray and assault.

Weatherall said he planned make a complaint to the Criminal Misconduct Commission.

Tom Calma told *The Koori Mail* that race complaints lodged with HREOC had increased dramatically between 2004 and 2007.

He said this was most likely due to several reasons including fallout from the 11 September 2001 attacks in New York where Muslim people were targeted, the Howard Government's Work Choices laws, and because of awareness

Truckies accused of offering drugs for sex

Fears held for girls



The road to ruin for Indigenous girls? A semi-trailer drives into Boggabilla, on the NSW-Qld border.

By KIRSTIE PARKER

THE town of Boggabilla on the New South Wales/Queensland border is under a media and political spotlight following allegations that local Aboriginal girls as young as eight are having sex with truck drivers for cash and drugs.

The disturbing claims were aired on ABC TV's *Lateline* program earlier this month and prompted the Federal Opposition to call on the State Government to consider extending the radical Northern Territory emergency intervention into some communities in NSW.

At the centre of the claims is a truckstop on the Newell Highway just outside Boggabilla, where thousands of interstate truck drivers pull up every week for meal and sleep breaks en route between Brisbane and Melbourne and Sydney.

A minority of truckies are alleged to be actively seeking out underage girls, in some cases by promising money or drugs to older girls to supply them, stipulating 'nothing aged over 16 years'.

They are said to negotiate sexual favours for between \$25 and \$150, sometimes reneging on payment once the act has been carried out. Some are said to have spiked girls' drinks to avoid having to pay at all.

One of several young women who appeared on *Lateline* with their identities obscured spoke tearfully of rapes, including by more than one man at a time. Some girls are said to have had their drinks spiked and to have woken up in Brisbane, Sydney or even Melbourne showing signs of having been sexually assaulted.

It appears that many in the community have known about or suspected the practise for years but police and welfare authorities say there's little they can do because no-one is willing to report or sustain public complaints.

The *Koori Mail's* visit to Boggabilla and Toomelah last week coincided with one by Justice James Wood, who met with local Elders as part of the NSW Government inquiry he is overseeing into the troubled NSW child protection system.

Local Aboriginal community members told *The Koori Mail* that there were currently about five girls, including three aged 13-15 years, having sex with truckies in exchange for amphetamines, ice, marijuana, alcohol or cash on a semi-regular basis.

Goomerol Elder Madeline McGrady, who appeared on the program along with fellow Boggabilla resident Judy Knox, said the practice had been going on for years, although involving 'softer drugs' than occurs

About Boggabilla/Toomelah

BOGGABILLA is just inside NSW, near the Qld Border. It is on the traditional country of the Goomerol people.

The Newell Highway, a major arterial linking with other major highways, runs into the town which has about 750 residents, more than half of whom are Aboriginal.

The closest town is the considerably bigger Goondiwindi, followed by the Aboriginal settlement of Toomelah (population 280-300 depending on the time of year). Moree is about an hour's drive southwest.

In 1988 Justice Marcus Einfeld famously wept as he reported on the social and economic conditions and government services

at Toomelah, especially roads, housing, community and medical services.

The area is currently considered a 'hotspot' for child abuse. A five-member interagency Child Protection Team has been operating in Toomelah and Boggabilla since June 2006 with the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) playing a lead role.

That team is part of a whole-of-government strategy to address key community issues, with priority given to child sexual abuse. With a budget of \$750,000 in 2007-08, the team is working to address the problem of children being unable to confront

abusers at school, working with education in relation to non-attendance at school, widespread neglect, domestic violence and substance abuse.

Over the next year, the Team will implement a comprehensive community education program and further strengthen partnerships with the community and other service providers, including Queensland-based agencies.

Boggabilla is also home to the successful Euraba Paper Company, which was established in 1999 and is run by local Aboriginal women who make and sell hand-made papers, small artworks and Johnny cake cards.

in nearby Moree.

"The situation in Moree is different from the situation in Boggabilla in that the drugs are much heavier there but we don't know what the trucks are bringing in," Ms McGrady said.

"There are truckies that have been doing this on their runs for years. They can use their mobiles and ring ahead and bring the girls out from Moree and the girls might have a couple of nights here and they might catch a lift back.

"The Moree girls are saying that the trucks are bringing hard drugs like ice and speed and ecstasy and cocaine. The girls from Boggabilla and Toomelah are saying they have had yarndi (marijuana) and money in exchange for sex - such as one girl who is about 15 now and she started when she was nine."

Ms McGrady agreed that the girls were reluctant to speak up for fear of shutting down their illicit supplies.

"You have to understand that these kids would have been traumatised already by sexual abuse and drug and alcohol abuse so they have probably lived a lifetime of trauma," she said.

"You can pick the kids who have been

abused by the way they are acting now. It's the same old same old - there's drugs and alcohol, lack of parental supervision and sexual abuse.

"I have heard that one girl used to have sex for \$5 worth of petrol to sniff. The girls walk up there; sometimes they go in twos or threes but that one girl would go by herself." Judy Knox told *Lateline* that 'more often than not it's a survival thing. It's to put in the food in the house'.

Several other community members shared their concerns with *The Koori Mail* but asked not to be identified.

"I know there's girls going up there and getting money for dirty stuff. They are getting money to get drugs in town, they give them girls money or buy them alcohol at the clubs," said one young woman.

"I see the truckies up there and what they get up to. We were up there last night and there was a truck going to Moree way and another smaller truck came up and parked behind him and he passed him something."

"The girls knock on the truckies' windows. If the trucks are parked in the street, they go over and ask them for a deal or a smoke. But no-one is making them do it, it is their own decision."



Goomerol Elder Madeline McGrady ... "You have to understand that these kids would have been traumatised already by sexual abuse, and drug and alcohol abuse so they have probably lived a lifetime of trauma."

Barwon Local Area Command Police Superintendent Wayne Starling, who is based in Moree, said he had 'no evidence whatsoever' of anything improper or involving underage girls going on at the truckstop.

"At the moment, we are hearing third or fourth or even fifth-hand rumours, but our investigations are coming to nothing," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"We want to do something, to help the community but everything has come to a dead end; it is really frustrating."

"If I can charge one truckie and get headlines, that would stop it. That's all I need but at the moment I don't have anything."

Supt Starling said local police had also received phone calls from people insisting that child prostitution was not happening in the town.

"But we can't even contemplate or consider that until we have turned over every stone," he said.

The Australian Trucking Association defended the integrity of the industry and said any allegations must be investigated.

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Now or never

NSW inquiry promises action on tackling Indigenous disadvantage

By DARREN COYNE



OVERCROWDED houses, poor health and job prospects, racism and ignorance

were just some of the deep-rooted problems facing many Aboriginal people in New South Wales, an inquiry has heard.

In-fighting between tribal groups, a lack of national representation, uncertain Government funding and uncertain policy direction were other issues.

In just a few days touring the NSW regional centres of Nowra, Dubbo and Kempsey, a group of Upper House politicians from differing political backgrounds, heard story after story of how each of those factors continued to result in Aboriginal disadvantage.

But it was not all bad news; the politicians also heard about plenty of positive programs reaping results, and were given a wealth of advice from Indigenous people working to resolve the issues.

The inquiry terms of reference are to look at policies and programs operating in NSW and Australia that are aimed at closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The committee will produce an interim report by 30 June and a final report by 30 November.

The *Koori Mail* joined the committee in Dubbo and Nowra. A common theme of those hearings was a desire to move forward but a lack of coordination between government departments, and bureaucratic red-tape, often made it difficult for

Aboriginal people.

The committee also heard from representatives of TAFE, the Department of Education, the Nowra Police Department, and representatives of employment agencies, and business development groups.

There were simple, practical stories, like the determined Senior Constable Gina Wood, Youth Liaison Officer in the Shoalhaven Local Area Command, who would knock on the door of 20 Aboriginal youths each morning to ensure they got to school on time, through to elaborate health education 'pamper days' being organised by the Waminda South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation for Aboriginal women.

In Dubbo, Aboriginal leaders told of the struggle to be heard by

both State and Federal Governments, especially since the demise of ATSIC.

Yet viable representative structures such as the community councils and regional assembly in the Murdi Paaki region of Western NSW remained in limbo, with Federal Government funding having dried up.

Watchdog

Stephen Ryan, a councillor with the Central Region of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, was adamant there needed to be a replacement for ATSIC to act as an 'Aboriginal watchdog'.

"ATSIC had its faults but at a national level we had someone who could at least advise the Federal Government and down to local government on what we

need out here," Mr Ryan said.

"At the moment, without them, we are like a ship without a captain. Some individuals brought about its demise, but there has to be something.

"The problem with any community is that there are million dollars worth of resources everywhere, but we have overlaps here and there and many people are still falling through the gaps.

"In the end, ATSIC started developing some good policies. Violence prevention was a good national policy, but unfortunately it was never signed off.

"I am biased because I was a councillor for the region.

"But we had never had time to work up some of those policies.

"Let us learn from past mistakes to get it right."

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Inquiry members and support staff prepare to leave Dubbo for Nowra. The inquiry was made up of Labor's Ian West (Chair), Greg Donnelly of Labor, Marie Ficarra of the Liberal Party, Dr John Kaye of the Greens, Trevor Khan of the Nationals and Mick Veitch of Labor. Pictures Darren Coyne.



Stephen Ryan, a councillor with the Central Region of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.



Louise Bye of the NSW Department of Education and Training, Mark De Weerd, Department of Science Education and Training and Anjali Palmer, NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs.



Sam Jefferies, Chair of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, Ray Peckham of Dubbo and Russell Ryan, who gave the Welcome to Country at the Dubbo hearing.

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"The industry is horrified by these allegations," association CEO Stuart St Clair told AAP. "Child prostitution is a reprehensible crime, these allegations must be investigated by the police (and) the offenders should be charged."

When *The Koori Mail* visited the truckstop it saw no evidence of prostitution, but young Aboriginal people did frequent the area.

Child advocate Marcia Ella-Duncan and former Youth Centre employee Will Munroe both told *Lateline* they became aware of allegations of child prostitution at

Moree, about an hour's drive south of Boggabilla, 15 and ten years ago respectively.

Two years ago, Boggabilla residents raised their concerns with the Aboriginal Child Sexual Assault Taskforce which Ms Ella-Duncan chaired and which handed down its *Breaking the Silence: Creating the future report* at the end of 2006.

The report found that child sexual abuse was rife in many NSW Aboriginal communities. However, the NSW Government has come under fire from the State's Aboriginal community for failing to allocate any additional funding to addressing the report's

88 recommendations, instead insisting that relevant government agencies identify savings within their existing budgets to action an inter-agency implementation plan.

Following the *Lateline* program, some of those who spoke out appear to have suffered something of a backlash from the community.

"Black ones are calling us prostitutes; little kids - our own kids are calling us prostitutes," said the young woman who spoke to *The Koori Mail*. "It worries me because we are all getting talked about but we are not doing what they are saying. There's a couple of girls who used to but they aren't no

more. Some people have been ripping into Judy Knox and the old girl (Ms McGrady) for speaking out; they want to keep covering it up but it has to come out."

Ms McGrady said she was concerned to hear about the verbal abuse but was determined to keep speaking up. "Kids will be kids and they are picking up that kind of language from adults, they have got to be," she said. "I'm concerned for the girls but it does not faze me because I know what the real stories are. This has all been swept under the carpet for too long."

The NSW Police Force issued a statement saying it took the issue

of sexual assault in Aboriginal communities very seriously.

DoCS issued a similar statement, saying anyone with information regarding these or any other child protection concerns was strongly encouraged to contact the DoCS Helpline on 132 111.

Since the *Lateline* program, there have been claims truck drivers have been involved in child sex trade along other highways in NSW including at Walgett and Coffs Harbour.

There have also been claims that itinerant cotton-chippers are targeting Aboriginal children in similar ways.



Committee members Ian West, Trevor Khan and Dr John Kaye listen to a witness at Dubbo.



Darren Toomey, chair of the Dubbo Aboriginal Community Working Party.

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"I know the Rudd Government and the State Government truly want to work with us."

Tony Sutherland, director of the Western Zone of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council, outlined a possible framework.

"We know that the Rudd Government's policy platform clearly commits it to establishing a national representative body that will hold the Government accountable, not the other way around," he said.

"We would see it having a similar role to the Senate estimates process for Aboriginal people and representative organisations. They will be able to find out how and why money is being allocated for specific services and set benchmarks and ultimate outcomes."

"Clearly, the Rudd Government must consult Aboriginal people about what that body would look like and would have to take account of the fact that New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council and the land rights system in New South Wales already has a representative structure."

Coordination

Sam Jefferies, chairman of the Murdi Paaki region, the focus of a five-year COAG trial which ended last year, called for closer coordination and relationships between Commonwealth and State responsibilities in delivering citizen services.

"We are citizens in this country

and this is about accessing citizen services," he said.

"We must be responsive to issues. Rather than an application or a submission-based process, communities should be identified if they put up a planning process for the next five or 10 years that suggests their investment will require \$15 million."

"That may be easier said than done but we have never tried it. In a country as mature as Australia we should be able to overcome those legislative and

bipartisan complexities to ensure that those things happen."

The committee also heard from various witnesses that many Land Councils at both a local and State level were struggling to comply with ever-changing requirements of the Aboriginal Lands Rights Act.

Mr Sutherland said the NSW Aboriginal Land Council Western Zone provided support to 37 Local Land Councils, many of which were small.

"A significant number of our land councils are non-compliant

largely because of lack of capacity in the towns. About 50 per cent would probably fall into the unfunded category because of non-compliance."

"Sometimes the Act prescribes there are certain things we have to do in ceasing funding or taking other action with land councils that do not comply."

"Sometimes it is difficult. They have a certain date when things have to be done. If reports are not furnished by that date, there is an automatic generation of a breach that could lead to that land council being unfunded."

"However, sometimes the responsibility for providing those reports lies with a third party. The legislation does not take that into account."

In Nowra, Sonny Simms, Chief Executive Officer, Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council, and Shane Carriage, Chief Executive Officer, Ulladulla Local Aboriginal Land Council told of similar frustrations with bureaucracy.

Housing

On the vexed issue of housing, Stephen Ryan in Dubbo accused the NSW Department of Housing of having done a woeful job for Aboriginal people.

"The main housing provider for Aboriginal people in New South Wales is the Department of Housing, not land councils," he said.

"They have done a woeful job. They have totally inappropriately and woefully created ghettos," he said.

"The other issue we have got



Tony Sutherland, director of the Western Zone of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council.

is that a lot of our housing stock, if you like, was inherited.

"They were former Aboriginal reserves where the Government put us against our will. We were living in shoeboxes made of fibro, asbestos and God knows what," he said.

"We inherited them in 1983 under the land council system. But we inherited also the lack of facilities: water, power and sewerage. Some people would say it is an inherent basic right to have those. We are still catching up on that."

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Nola Roberts with her granddaughter Natalie Beckett, who works for the Aboriginal Medical Service.



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Footy finals fever



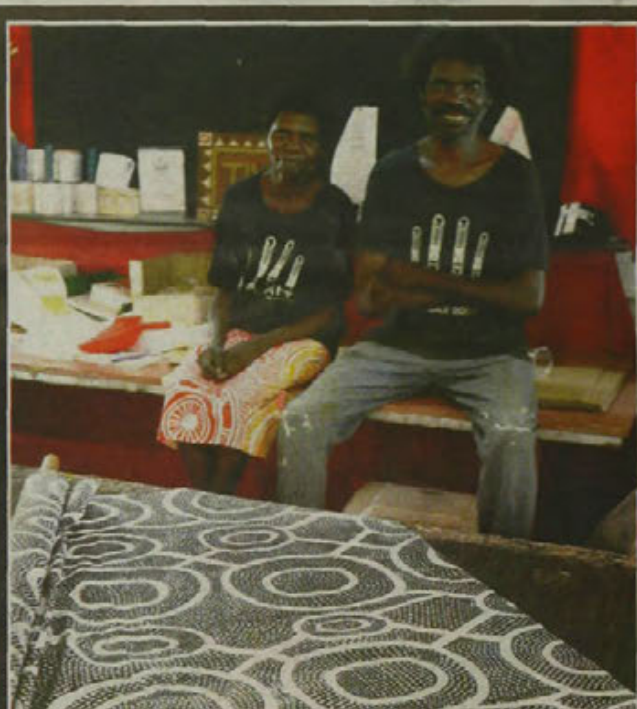
Jubilation for the football grand final winners the Imalu Tigers.



Tiwi Design artists Ita Tipungwuti (left) and Jean Baptiste Apuatimi.



This young Imalu fan had plenty to smile about after his team's victory.



Artist Ita Tipungwuti and master screen printer Osmond Kantilla.



Mark Bowling, the executive producer of a TV documentary being made about the Bombers football team titled *League of Their Own*.



ABC NT Executive Assistant Judith Stevenson bought a Tiwi carving by artist John Martin, right.



Imalu players are all ears as they get a tough talking-to during the half-time break.



The Tigers' flags fly high after their grand final win.

grips Tiwi Islands



Supporters follow their beloved Imalu Tigers on to the Stanley Tipiloura Oval at the start of the match.



Hundreds of people flew the short distance between Darwin and Nguui on Bathurst Island, to enjoy the Tiwi Islands' biggest event of the year. Early travellers, keen to catch the art sale, were greeted with a spectacular Top End sunrise.

Hundreds pack out Nguui for huge day

Photos by FRANCINE CHINN



HUNDREDS of diehard Aussie rules football and Indigenous art fans made their annual pilgrimage to the tiny Aboriginal community of Nguui, 80km north of Darwin, on 16

March to witness the Tiwi Islands competition grand final. Many visitors made the 20-minute plane journey or caught the ferry to join Melville and Bathurst Island locals around the Nguui oval for the event, which sums up the level of AFL fanaticism across the Top End. In the end, Melville Island's Tigers

triumphed over Bathurst's Tapalinga Super Stars, 12.9 (81) to 10.8 (68).

As is now customary, the Tiwi art centres of Jilamara Arts and Crafts and Munupi Arts and Crafts did a roaring trade in their annual Tiwi Island Art Sale – racking up an estimated \$40,000 in sales of paintings, carvings, prints, ceramics, weavings and screen-printed fabrics.

The Tiwi Art Network's Niru Perera told the ABC that about 500 people went to the sale.

"I'm happy with that turn-out, it's a number that we expect every year," she said. "Last year was exceptional, we had about 800, so we didn't get as many as that this year, but it's still a good result."



NT Government MLA Malarndirri McCarthy, left, and Minister Marion Scrymgour with some of the stunning Tiwi art.



David Tranter, Eric Murray Lui and Steven McGregor are shooting a documentary titled *League Of Their Own* about the magic of Tiwi football.

Sorry 'a good start'



THE Rudd Government has a unique opportunity to help improve the lives of Indigenous Australians, a leading professor says.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to Australia's Stolen Generations was a good start, but Professor Larissa Behrendt said many challenges lay ahead for the government if it truly wanted to make a difference.

Professor Behrendt, director of research at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, addressed a public lecture at the university last Wednesday evening.

"While the apology will be a hallmark of Rudd's prime ministership, there were already signs of some of the key challenges that lay ahead of him if he wants to leave a legacy that goes beyond the merely symbolic," said Professor Behrendt, author of *Achieving Social Justice: Indigenous Rights and Australia's Future*, said.

"For Kevin Rudd to make a real difference in bridging the gap between the life opportunities of black and white Australians he needs to rethink the failed policies of the past and make the most of the fact that he has a chance to do things differently.

"To do that effectively, he and his government need to reflect more carefully on why it is that past governments have, despite the money spent on Indigenous affairs and despite their rhetoric of 'best intentions', failed to bridge the gap."

She said most Australians wanted to know how the government can have spent so much money on indigenous issues without having made a substantial difference.

The Howard government's Northern Territory intervention plan was criticised by Professor Behrendt, who said "key



Professor Larissa Behrendt with, from left, UTS Council member and Chief Executive Officer NSW Aboriginal Housing Office, Russell Taylor, Director of the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, Professor Martin Nakata, and UTS Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Booth who MC'ed the lecture. Photo courtesy of UTS.

aspects of the intervention ignored what ... evidence showed worked".

She said there was no 'one size' approach to adequately address the problems faced by Aboriginal communities and that plans must be formulated 'community-by-community, region-by-region'.

"There is not enough money spent on Aboriginal housing, education and health. The pot is too small and no government will fix the problems while all they do is

engage in trying to redirect the scarce resources to one pressing need at the expense of others," Professor Behrendt said.

"Kevin Rudd has a unique opportunity to make a significant difference in the way that he approaches Indigenous policy and that opportunity does not rely on the concept of 'bipartisanship' as he proclaims.

"That unique opportunity lay in the fact that Rudd enjoys an historic arrangement

where there are Labor governments in power in all State and Territories.

"He is therefore in a unique position to move beyond the 'cost-shifting' between the two levels of government that has crippled the Indigenous Affairs portfolio since 1967."

As a starting point, Professor Behrendt said Mr Rudd should move to increase the number of Aboriginal people engaged with developing and delivering indigenous policies and programs. - AAP

Time is right to address disadvantage: Chair

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In Nowra, the committee heard of Aboriginal families living six to a room in some areas while the NSW Department of Housing was selling off much-needed housing stock.

Committee members also heard of ongoing battles with the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change, which was refusing approvals for housing developments which could ease the housing shortage.

Shane Carriage in Nowra said overcrowding in houses in Ulladulla and surrounding areas led to health problems.

"If you have too many Aboriginal people in one house and one person catches something, the whole household catches it. If you have 15 living there, straightaway you have a health problem."

That was confirmed by Faye Worner, head of the Waminda South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation.

"It is a huge issue and incredibly severe," she said.

"Most of the women that we support with housing and attempting to get houses have children and are living in homes that are overcrowded. The children have issues around where they are sleeping, how they are sleeping and the amount of sleep they are getting."

"We find that the mothers are



Nowra TAFE Institute Director Dianne Murray, Aboriginal Education manager Iris White, Uncle Lou Davis, Jack Hampton, councillor South Coast region of NSW Land Council and Sonny Simms, acting CEO of the Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council. Mr Simms gave the Welcome to Country.

severely stressed and depressed."

Aunty Nola Roberts, a participant in the Aunty Jean's Good Health Program operating in the Shoalhaven region, and an Elder in her 80s, had some good advice for the inquiry.

Good advice

"The main thing is to let the people know that you care about them," she said.

"Getting jobs and things like that and working for themselves means they are independent.

Many of our young people are not working. It is not that they do not want to work; do not think they are lazy. They want to work and to earn money, but they cannot get jobs. So they go out on the street and walk around, and sometimes they get drunk. There is nothing for them to do.

"There must be more jobs for our people. They are not lazy. They worked hard in the paddocks years ago, and so did I. And I mean hard.

"They worked in the rain, hail, wind and cold. They are not lazy;

they want to work and earn money. But it is not there for them."

Following the regional tour, inquiry chair Ian West told the Koori Mail that the inquiry members felt a huge responsibility.

"It never ceases to disgust you and shock you that it (disadvantage) persists and keeps going on. The really frightening thing is that there's been such little inroad and that's a worry," Mr West said.

Prior to travelling to the

regional centres, the committee held hearings in Sydney at which the heads of government departments were quizzed.

Mr West said further hearings in Sydney would allow the committee to question those same government witnesses about issues raised during the tour.

Mr West said the consensus from Aboriginal witnesses was that they were not after handouts, but wanted to move forward as equal partners.

"The last thing I want to be involved in is some sort of paternalistic document that doesn't connect," he said.

"It's easy to come up with a lot of words from a standing committee that have no real connection to community. But it is the community which must own the recommendations," he said.

Mr West said the committee had plenty of information to consider before making recommendations.

He said committee members felt a sense of urgency about the inquiry, especially since the apology to the Stolen Generations.

"The time is right, the time is now ... we need to come up with something that strikes a chord. There's a sense in the committee that we don't want to miss this opportunity because without being alarmist, it's now or never," he said.

Celebrations in Perth

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
in Perth



PERTH'S
Indigenous
Women's
Network
celebrated
International
Women's Day on

8 March with a barbecue, dancing, music and guest speakers in Kings Park.

WA community leader Colleen Hayward acknowledged the changes that have taken place in human rights for Indigenous people since the era of the Stolen Generations, but lamented the 'considerable work' left to create an equitable environment.

She said children who were part of the Stolen Generations were not provided with parental role models and that the effects of this were something Indigenous people were still being punished by.

"Today, Aboriginal people do not fare anywhere near as well as other Australians," she said. "We do not present favourably against any indicator we might care to use to measure the status and development of a society – in this case the broader Australian society."

Ms Hayward said poor standards in health, housing, education, employment and socio-economic status meant Aborigines were 'born less healthy, live more poorly, are more likely to spend time in incarceration and die younger, than members of the broader Australian population'.

She said quality research was needed to inform policy



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**– WA community leader
Colleen Hayward**



A message to the women

PERTH feminist Carol Dowling gave this message in Budimaya ...

Women, today, my heart holds good medicine to give you.

You and I walk and understand that very thing that mends our sorrow, that very thing which brings our laughter, that very thing which gives our babies life.

Your tomorrow and today arise from your sacred country it is covered by the footsteps of our grandmothers of our grandmothers' mothers.

You and I go back to dance and sing there like returned spirits. Today listen quietly to your heart, it does not lie – it sings that you and I are beautiful and abundant'.

making and to find ways forward that were not punitive in intent or application, but supportive and protective.

When Elaine Wallam was sent to Maribank Mission in 1954, she was issued with papers as if she was being made an inmate, she said, adding that at that time, Indigenous women were treated by the Government like they were 'flora and fauna'.

"The next step for the Stolen Gens is that the Government ought to compensate those families – some sort of compensation, I don't care what it is, but even a couple of dollars to give their kids a start in life," said Ms Wallam.

"I'm a survivor, I always call myself the horse – because nothing's going to knock me.

"You've got to build these walls around you to protect yourself and those around you, and that just sort of gives you substance to keep going and not give up."

Heritage

Feminist Carol Dowling said her mother and grandmother's Budimaya heritage from the central-west of Western Australia allowed her and her sister, Julie, to grow up listening to stories of their women ancestors. She said that their lives had been shaped her life through example.

Ms Dowling detailed her

family history that makes up the auto-ethnography she is compiling for her doctorate to illustrate how women were closely controlled by the Government and society so as to make Aboriginal women disappear.

"My aunty told me that should anyone question me about my Aboriginality, I was to tell them that I am the product of the breeding-out program," she said.

"The wealth in my family is not measured by money, but by our ability to tell our story of survival and I am a proud woman of these women's stories just as you should be proud of your own women's stories."

Happy vibe reigns at Wuchopperen

By CHRISTINE HOWES in Cairns



ROADS from Kuranda, Mossman, Innisfail and the Tablelands were cut and it poured rain on the day itself, but locals were still keen to get to the annual

Wuchopperen Health Services International Women's Day luncheon in Cairns earlier this month.

Sitting under an open verandah, close to the deluge outside, more than 20 women, mostly Elders, shared food, stories and music on 8 March while they discussed past, present and future under the Shaping the Future theme of this year's women's day event.

Wuchopperen Family Intervention Support Officer Vickie Cooney said a lot of the talk was about the inner strength of women.

"We have certainly come a long way and that's because we have had strong women in our past," she said.

"I just love hearing the old people tell their stories, it's quite emotional and we think we had it hard growing up, they had much harder times growing up but they can still laugh about it."

Ms Cooney said it was about the fourth time Wuchopperen had hosted the event.



Wuchopperen Family Intervention Support Officer Vickie Cooney.

"All the Elders groups around the area, Mossman, Kuranda, even Innisfail, have come up before, but this year the flood cut off a lot, so it was mainly local women," she said.

"We don't want anything too formal, and that's what it was. I noticed this time there was a lot of table-hopping and it was like everybody knew one another."

Ms Cooney said a banner was signed in

what was becoming a tradition for the event. "We always have a banner where they put their hands and their names on it, and the date, because it's a living thing," she said.

"I think it's important women get together, just what I've seen over the years by having this say, it's special, it's our day and they can talk about things."

"When they get together they act differently, I think, they're more relaxed and they'll sit and they'll talk, even people you know who are normally shy, they'll tell a story and it might only be something little but you can see their confidence grow over the day."

Ms Cooney also acknowledged the staff, including the men, at Wuchopperen who had supported the event.

"It's the staff of Wuchopperen who do the cooking, we try to stick with healthy food but there's always the damper and the syrup," she said.

"We have to be thankful for our men too, they're always there supporting, even on the day the men here at work were the ones who blew the balloons up, juggled the tables and even put the tablecloths on the tables and helped us set up."

"You had to feel the energy in the room with all the ladies, it was a good day, I thought it was a good day."

Qld councils: The results so far...

All figures are taken from the Queensland Electoral Commission website at www.ecq.qld.gov.au. Please note, final results for councils still undecided, including the 15 divisions of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, will appear in our next edition.

Aurukun Shire Council (706 enrolled voters)

Count as at 15 March with 80.45% of the roll counted. Mayoral Results (5 candidates): Leading was: POOTCHEMUNKA, Neville James (173 votes, or 30.51% of votes cast). Councillor summary (6 candidates for 4 positions). Leading was: KOONGOTEMA, Patrick (445 votes), KAWANGKA, Lyall Chad (421 votes), KERINDUN, Angus Cecil (361 votes), YUNKAPORTA, Phyllis Mikompa (332 votes).

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (484 enrolled voters)

Mayoral Results (3 candidates). Declared was: MURRAY, Sammy Joe (191 votes). Councillor summary (12 candidates for 4 positions). Declared was: WRAGGE, Gordon (178 votes), COBBO, Duncan Thomas (157 votes), BUTTON, Bert Claude (141 votes), BONEY, Rory (141 votes).

Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council (584 enrolled voters)

Mayoral Results (4 candidates). Declared was: O'KEEFE, Fredrick (175 votes). Councillor summary (6 candidates for 4 positions). Declared was: PETER, Mervyn (261 votes), LOGAN, Christopher John (256 votes), LOGAN, Eleanor Ruth (233 votes), EVANS, Martin (196 votes).

Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council (474 enrolled voters)

Mayoral Results (4 candidates). Declared was: McLEAN, Gregory Raymond (125 votes). Councillor summary (19 candidates for 4 positions). Declared was: BOWEN, Neville Ian (112 votes), PEARSON, Deborah Jane (100 votes), BOWEN, Graham Lex (95 votes), PEARSON, June Emily (91 votes).

Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council (634 enrolled voters)

Count as at 17 March with 81.39% of the roll counted. Mayoral Results (3 candidates). Leading was: HUDSON, Thomas Farlane (208 votes). Councillor summary (9 candidates for 4 positions). Leading was: YAM, Michael (347 votes), PATRICK, Griffith (297 votes), DICK, James Richard (277 votes), MURRAY, James Edward (206 votes), PARRY, Walter (206 votes).

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council (376 enrolled voters)

Mayoral Results (5 candidates). Declared was: ACCOOM, Rodney Daniel (82 votes). Councillor summary (5 candidates). Declared was: PIVA, Paul (199 votes), HUDSON, Danielle Dianne (175 votes), DOCTOR, Albert (165 votes), ACCOOM, Daniel Lancaster (159 votes).

Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council (151 enrolled voters)

Count as at 15 March with 68.87% of the roll counted. Mayoral Results (3 candidates). Leading was: GUIVARRA, Peter Donald (56 votes). Councillor summary (8 candidates for 4 positions). Leading was: GUIVARRA, Ricky (73 votes), WOODLEY, Beryl Estelle (60 votes), MAMOOSSE, Addie Peter Greg (58 votes), COOKTOWN, Christina (51 votes).

Mornington Shire Council (590 enrolled voters)

Mayoral Results (3 candidates). Declared was: GOODMAN, Cecil (214 votes). Councillor summary (6 candidates): Declared was: LINDEN, Sean James (307 votes), ROUGHSEY, Richard (236 votes), THOMPSON, Avril Jean (224 votes), SECKINGTON, Allan Joseph (182 votes).

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council (513 enrolled voters)

Count as at 18 March with 71.35% of the roll counted. Mayoral Results (7 candidates). Leading was: CHEVATHEN, Roy Kevin (122 votes). Councillor summary (8 candidates for 4 positions). Leading was: WALLIS, Gloria (185 votes), COCONUT, Mary Ann (171 votes), BOSUEN, Bow (163 votes), BOSEN, Molra (149 votes).

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (1006 enrolled voters)

Mayoral Results (3 candidates). Declared was: LACEY, Alfred (315 votes). Councillor summary (13 candidates for 4 positions). Declared was: PRIOR, Zina (347 votes), GORRINGE, Ruth (305 votes), SIBLEY, Raymond (282 votes), THAIDAY, Mick (270 votes).

Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council (427 enrolled voters)

Count as at 15 March with 78.69% of the roll counted. Mayoral Results (6 candidates). Leading was: TARPENCHA, Richard (123 votes). Councillor summary (10 candidates for 4 positions). Leading was: MICHAEL, Dennis (183 votes), BARNEY, Toby (146 votes), TYORE, Freddy (146 votes), BALLY, Denise (13 votes).

Torres Shire Council (1643 enrolled voters)

Mayoral Results (5 candidates). Declared was: STEPHEN, Napau Pedro (581 votes). Councillor summary (10 candidates). Declared was: BIN TAHAL, Napcia Jayne (662 votes), KETCHELL, Allan (622 votes), SHIBASAKI, Bill (617 votes), ABEDNEGO, John Stephen (530 votes).

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council (390 enrolled voters)

Count as at 18 March with 73.59% of the roll counted. Mayoral Results (4 candidates). Leading was: TOBANE, Roderick William (95 votes). Councillor summary (15 candidates for 4 positions). Leading was: KEMP, Steven Raymond (135 votes), WATSON, D J (113 votes), HENRY, Anthony Mark (111 votes), SULLIVAN, Archie Ralph (108 votes).

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council (236 enrolled voters)

Count as at 15 March with 58.90% of the roll counted. Mayoral Results (7 candidates). Leading was: TAYLEY, Desmond Alan (37 votes). Councillor summary (7 candidates for 4 positions). Leading was: GIBSON, Allister Shannon (99 votes), FRIDAY, Cedric (95 votes), NANDY, Talita (92 votes), GORDON, Zeila Joan (76 votes).

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (1013 enrolled voters)

Count as at 17 March with 96.45% of the roll counted. Mayoral Results (6 candidates). Leading was: NEAL, Percy Conrad (252 votes). Councillor summary (17 candidates for 4 positions). Leading was: WALSH, Bevan Patterson (367 votes), HOUGHTON, Sandra (361 votes), SANDS, Michael Theodore (248 votes), FOURMILE, Anthony Clifton (246 votes).



A Palm Island voter is processed by Electoral Commission Queensland workers Deneice Geia, Daphne Lawrence and Bernadaine Castors.

Voters turn out for Qld council polls

By KIRSTIE PARKER



RESULTS have been declared for seven of Queensland's Aboriginal shire councils, following the State's Local Government elections on Saturday 15 March.

Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) said that in some elections where voting was particularly tight, the outcome may not be clear for some time, since a 10-day period had to be allowed for postal votes to be returned and preferences needed to be distributed where applicable.

At the time *The Koori Mail* went to print on Saturday, counting was continuing in the remaining Aboriginal shire councils, and also in the 15 divisions under the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

Mayors and councillors are elected for a four-year term. Local governments are either whole of council areas or divided into individual divisions, as with the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

Aboriginal woman Trish Williams stood for the Labor Party in the Brisbane City Council ward of Wishart. While the results had yet to be declared as *The Koori Mail* went to print, Ms Williams was not expected to be successful - having polled 6585 votes or 33.41 per cent at that time compared with Liberal candidate for the same ward Krista

Adams' 11,600 votes or 58.86 per cent.

However, Ms Williams outpolled the local Greens candidate by around six votes to one.

In the quest for a seat on Townsville City Council, Community Voices candidate Sam Reuben had polled 6961 votes at the time of printing, compared with the highest polling candidate David Crisafulli, who scored 25,678 votes. However, only 20 of 45 booths were in by that time.

Electoral Commissioner David Kerslake last week corrected what he said were misleading statements made to the media that suggested the participation rate in the compulsory elections was as low as 70 per cent across the State.

Eligible

"As of now, we have counted votes from approximately 77 per cent of eligible Queensland electors," Mr Kerslake said last Tuesday.

"The Commission also issued in the vicinity of 350,000 pre-poll and postal votes.

"As these come in and are added to the count, the turn out rate will steadily rise and will compare more than favourably with elector turn outs for similar events in other parts of Australia."

These were the first council elections since the amalgamations forced by the State Government, with 157 councils becoming 73 after polling day. Voters across the State

chose 450 councillors, less than half the number elected to previous councils.

The reform process followed financial sustainability reviews of 105 Queensland councils which found that 40 per cent were in a 'financially weak', 'financially very weak' or 'financially distressed' position.

The Qld Government insists the boundary changes will deliver a 'stronger, more efficient and more modern local government system that has a greater ability to deliver services and infrastructure for all Queenslanders'.

The boundary changes prompted much community debate, with protests right up until polling day.

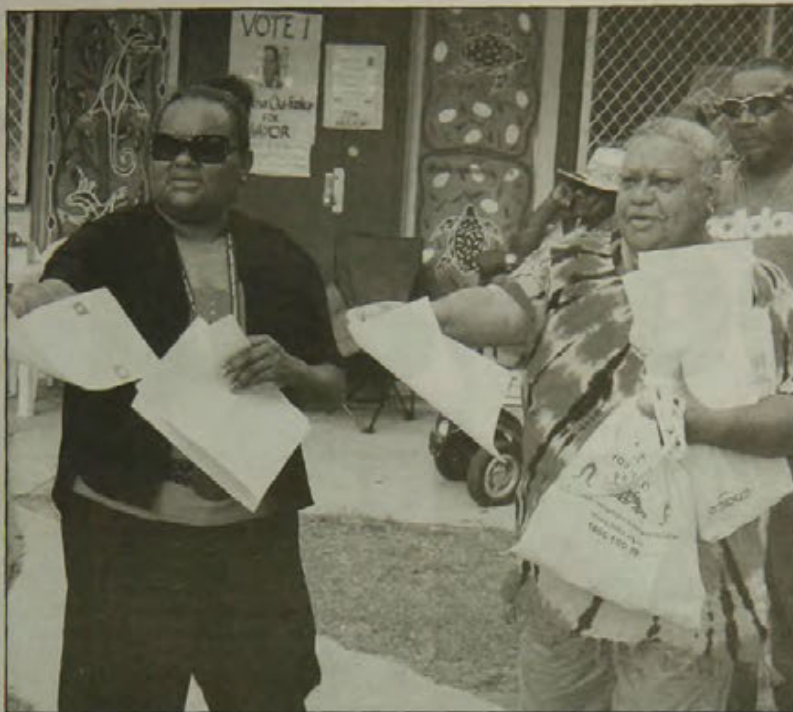
Some members of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council Local Transition Committee (TSIRC LTC), which met for the last time on 14-15 February, remained unconvinced that there would be enough funding for the new regional council, formed by amalgamating 16 councils into one.

The TSIRC LTC said late last month that a \$6.9 million shortfall in council wages had been identified, once the CDEP wages component was removed, and a \$800,000 shortfall in the funds needed to conduct committee meetings and general meetings of the new council.

● Facing page, *The Koori Mail's* Townsville correspondent ALF WILSON travels to Palm Island to cover the elections there.



Winners are grinners ... new Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey.



Defeated Mayor Delena Ovi-Foster, left, and councillor candidate Rosina Norman hands out how-to-vote cards during the election.



Selena Morton and Randall Parker after voting.



Former Mayors and rivals Erykah Kyle and Jacob Baira were mates at the voting.



Council candidates Zina Prior, left, and Lyn Freckleton.



Councillor candidate Robert Blackley.

Old hand is new mayor

The Koori Mail's Townsville correspondent ALF WILSON travelled to Palm Island for the 15 March Queensland local government elections, and found plenty of atmosphere as voters turned out for a tight contest.



THE Palm Island Council has a new mayor who is an old hand at politics in the north Queensland community.

Alfred Lacey, who ousted former mayor Delena Ovi-Foster at the Local Government elections held on 15 March, is a former community chairman, executive member of the Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council and ATSIC regional councillor.

Mr Lacey ran on a platform championing job growth and housing funding to win the top job with a 45 per cent majority. He is also heavily involved in the campaign for stolen wages and the local men's group.

Mrs Ovi-Foster claimed 39.71 per cent of the votes, while the other mayoral candidate, Josephine Geia, gained 14.31 per cent.

A total of 13 candidates stood for four councillor positions on the new Council. Those elected were Zina Prior taking 13.18 per cent (347 votes), Ruth Gorrige 11.59 per cent (305 votes), Raymond Sibley 10.71 per cent (282 votes) and Mick Thaiday 10.26 per cent (270 votes).

Others candidates included Merle Robertson, Robert Blackley, Cindy Clumpoint, Tiny Bonner, Magdalena Blackley, Zac Sam, Lyn Freckleton, Raymond Roberts and Rosina Norman.

Mrs Ovi-Foster, 47, a mother of seven and a grandmother of ten, later told the ABC she was disappointed not to be re-elected but at the same time relieved.

Palm Island voters make their choice

"I actually led the council through a really difficult and tough time with the amalgamation hanging over our heads and ... getting to actually sign-off on an agreement with the Government on how we would work towards developing a community," she said.

The polling booth for voters was the local Bwgcolman State School, where residents chatted with candidates and each other.

Richard Kidd loved returning to Palm Island in his role as the voting Returning Officer for Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ).

"I look after all elections at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland and there are 32 in all, with 17 shires and 15 divisions," said Brisbane-based Mr Kidd at the Bwgcolman State School.

"I have been here for three by-elections and love coming here because the people are so friendly."

There were 1006 registered voters on the North Queensland Aboriginal community, with many other residents not on the electoral roll.

Palm Islanders Daphne Lawrence, Bernadine Castors and Deneice Geia ticked voters off for the ECQ as they entered the polling booth in one of the school classrooms.

"It was hot and steamy outside and we had plenty of cold water," Mrs Geia said.

Mrs Ovi-Foster and her main rival Mr

Lacey were handing out how-to-vote cards, as did most of the council candidates.

Many residents chatted to each other and yarned about subjects such as the windy conditions and the fishing.

Roy Prior arrived with his two-year-old son Corey and handed out some tips on the best fishing spot.

"I went off the point out there yesterday with a few mates and we landed four coral trout, a 3kg trevally and a snapper. But these bronze whaler sharks about 2m long kept taking the bait and attacking fish we hooked," he said.

Many of the people voted in the morning and went down to Barracuda Park from 1pm to watch rugby league trials matches on the island.

Former Mayors Jacob Baira and Erykah Kyle had once been bitter rivals, but they added some humour to the day when they met outside the school and posed for a photo together.

"When we were in opposition to each other she kept me on my toes, but that is all in the past," Mr Baira said.

Ms Kyle said she was a writer these days and enjoyed the chance to come down to the school to catch up with other locals.

Brad Foster was there with Georgina Geia and Roy Simpson and they also yarned to many friends.

Handing out how-to-vote cards, Magdalena Geia told *The Koori Mail* that more than four councillors were needed for Palm Island.

"This is not enough representation and I fear the Government will amalgamate Palm Island with Townsville. There are heaps of social issues here," she said.

Randall Parker and Selena Morton voted and asked to have their picture taken for *The Koori Mail*.

"It is good to vote and see the candidates and the people here," Mr Parker said.

Apology reaction - good and bad

Story and photos by Perth
Correspondent KEN BOASE



UNTIL 13 February, 11-year-old Jeffrey Jones did not feel proud to be Aboriginal, and nor did his family. His teachers at the

Palmyra Primary School, near Fremantle, say the Nyoongar youngster was a quiet, almost sullen, boy who kept to himself and rarely smiled, preferring the safety of a passive face in a world which often criticised his people for no apparent reason.

He was the visible product of oppression, the latest in a long line of Indigenous children who would have to almost deny their own heritage to earn a place in the world.

And then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said sorry to Australia's Stolen Generations. The apology was the catalyst and the inspiration that the students and staff at the Palmyra Primary School needed to organise an event they had been considering for a long time - an official recognition of country and a celebration of Aboriginal culture.

The effect on Jeffrey Jones and his family was profound.

In four weeks he learned to play the didgeridoo. He said that he and his family had started to feel proud of their Nyoongar heritage and he wanted to continue other pursuits to articulate his feelings.

"I couldn't play the didg properly, with the circular breathing, so I learned it especially and when I learned it I got used to it more, and now I can play the didg," Jeffrey said.

"My uncles are going to teach me how to do corroboree and I'll join a dance group and then probably play the didg and corroboree at the same time."

Jeffrey's teachers say they cannot believe the change in him. He is now interacting with the other children and smiles easily at those around him. On the day of the school celebrations he was leading the music for the occasion and regularly beamed his pleasure at the events unfolding around him.

Palmyra Primary School Principal Hugh McCracken said the celebration was the idea of the students themselves, but the event took on a life of its own when Sorry Song composer Kerry Fletcher agreed to be one of the organisers.

"The kids actually raised the whole idea of it because once they got going, they had a whole band of community members who said, well, we can come and help you out which is really fantastic," Mr McCracken said.

"And then Kerry Fletcher, who wrote the Sorry Song, came on board. It really meant a lot to them that the community saw it as such a vital thing and they could actually do something."

The students even wrote some extra lines, which Ms Fletcher said



Palmyra Public School student Jeffrey Jones.



Sorry Song composer Kerry Fletcher with Palmyra Primary School students Craig Matella and Leteisha Mason.

The Sorry Song - composed by Kerry Fletcher

*If we can now say that we're
sorry
To the people from this land
They cry they cry
Their children were stolen
They still wonder why*

*Sing sing loud
Break through the silence
Sing sorry across this land*

*We cry we cry
Their children were stolen
Now no one knows why*

*(The following is the new
verse):
We sing with our hearts
Respect for each and everyone
Together with hope burning
strong*

*Sing sing loud
Break through the silence
Let sorry start healing this our
land*

The music and lyrics for
the Sorry Song can be
downloaded from the Internet
at the site: <http://www.sgalliance.org.au/ssng.htm>

she would try and incorporate into the song she wrote for the first Sorry Day on 26 May 1998.

"I'm still getting into my head, so it's 'sing sing loud, break through the silence, let sorry start healing this land'," Ms Fletcher said.

"So that will be part of the new verse and there's also another line which goes 'we sing with our hearts, respect for each and everyone, together with hope burning strong'."

The Palmyra students also planted a 'garden' of hands and a banner created at the Apology event in Perth on 13 February, and Ms Fletcher and other guests, as

"It was very good of him to say sorry and ... he must have a lot of guts to get up there but, yes, he made a change about the future and he's made a lot of people proud and a lot of people respect everyone."

"I think he's made the first step and now everyone else should start following and doing the right thing."

Negative reaction

There has also some negative reaction to Mr Rudd's apology, and the negative was demonstrated within the same school system that the Palmyra students had used to celebrate Indigenous culture.

said 'get that nigger band off,' Mr Morrison said.

"I mean there's three that's been brought to my notice, but to me that's a reflection of society."

"If you look at politicians and/or police, they actually represent the society in that there are people there who are ill-informed and are not aware of the issues."

"There's a huge population of school teachers in this State and nationally who are ill-informed and do not understand the issues."

Mr Morrison said another relative was removed from class because her teacher thought she looked 'smug' on the day the

The girl's grandmother also said the teacher had announced to the class that Aboriginal people did not deserve an apology, and had generally acted in a bigoted way towards the girl as well as an Iranian girl and an African boy in the same classroom.

None of the students wanted to be named and they did not want their schools named for fear of reprisals.

WA Education Department spokeswoman Norma Jeffrey said in a statement to *The Koori Mail* that the 'department values and welcomes cultural diversity and is committed to eliminating all forms of racial discrimination and harassment'.

"Racism of any form will not be tolerated and allegations of such behaviour are treated seriously and are investigated fully," Ms Jeffrey said.

"Any parent or guardian who believes their child has been a victim of racial discrimination or harassment at a WA school should report their allegation to the principal."

"If they are unhappy with the response they receive, they should take the matter up with their local district education office."

Mr Morrison said that the only way to beat racism against Aboriginal people in the education system and society in general was to have a massive public-awareness campaign.

"I've been involved in the sexual health area and you could think of the Grim Reaper education process of the 1980s," he said.

"That was quite dramatic and to me that paid real dividends and I think that did marvellously well in slowing down the spread of HIV in the Australian community."

"I think maybe we need to buy adequate commercial time and space and put in an adequate piece that will have people thinking about what the whole issue is so that all Australians understand where we're coming from."

Commemorating sorry - what do you think?

The *Koori Mail* would like to know what its readers think about suggestions that 13 February, the date of the Federal Parliament's formal apology to Australia's Stolen Generations, should be commemorated in some way.

We asked the question in our last edition but we'd like to receive more views so we can report back in our next edition.

The 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report recommended that a 'Sorry Day' be held

to commemorate the tens 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.

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 should be called?
 2. Do you think the anniversary should be made a national public holiday?
 3. Should there be any change to National Sorry Day on 26 May?
- Send your response to these questions to us at PO Box 117, Lismore NSW 2480, email us at apology@koorimail.com, or visit the *Koori Mail* Forum at www.koorimail.com to log your choices on our poll.

well as teachers, told the students that their celebrations and acceptance was a beacon for the nation.

Jeffrey Jones told *The Koori Mail*: "I felt really proud because (the Prime Minister) has made a big statement and he's made a lot of us realise what we're doing."

WA Bringing Them Home Committee Convenor Jim Morrison said there were three incidents involving school-age members of his extended family who said they were racially abused by their teachers.

"One was around the Aboriginal coloured wrist band and the teacher

apology speech was delivered.

"The girl was very happy about the apology and the teacher eventually had her removed from the classroom," he said.

"It was about her being happy in class and wanting to talk about it, but the teacher just wasn't prepared to and had her removed."

Kids 'just naturals'

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



BUDDING acrobats and trapeze artists have been spotted in the remote Aboriginal communities visited recently by touring circus group Circus Oz.

The Circus Oz show is a rock 'n' roll, animal-free circus and this year marks the company's 30th birthday and three successful decades of national and international touring. The show features stunts, acrobatic performances, comedy and a live band.

Circus Oz Tour Manager Madge Fletcher told *The Koori Mail* that they saw the future in every child they met.

"From our experiences we do see that Aboriginal children are incredibly athletic and agile and suit the physicality of circus," she said.

Ms Fletcher the circus chose to visit remote Aboriginal communities because they wanted to share the circus with as many people as possible.

"We know that the people in these communities may not be able to travel to the bigger cities to see the show, so we come to them," she said.

"The important thing for us is that we are offering opportunities and possibilities that these kids may not necessarily get. The thing about circus is that it crosses languages and crosses cultural difference."

Ms Fletcher said visiting the communities was rewarding.

"One of the great things about going to one of these communities was being able to give a gift to the community in terms of the show and the workshops and in return we are able to learn from and experience remote Aboriginal Australia," she said.

"I think the joy on the kids' faces tells it all."

"Not only do the kids come to the show and the workshops but also they hang around afterwards, tell us stories, laugh with us, and also talk about their dreams of becoming circus performers themselves."

● The website for Circus Oz is www.circusoz.com



● **LEFT:** Children from Wujal Wujal and Hopevale take part in a circus workshop climbing the pole.

● **RIGHT:** Children from Wujal Wujal, in the Bloomfield River region of far north Queensland, waiting for their turn on the pole during a circus workshop.

— Photos by MATT HUGHES



May deadline for death findings

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE coronial hearings into the death in custody of a 35-year-old Perth male nurse concluded last week and findings will be handed down in May.

Karl Jason Nightingale, died from respiratory and heart failure following his roadside arrest in Rockingham on 15 April 2006.

During the inquest, Aiden Sloan, one of two arresting officers who were first on the scene, told how he had fallen on top of Mr Nightingale on the road while trying to restrain him.

However, Sloan's partner, Annette Mitchell (formerly Revell), said while trying to handcuff Karl Nightingale, she and her partner had both fallen on him on the road, after failing to pin him against the back of the squad car.

Sloan had attended another call only four days prior, during which a 35-year-old Nyooongar father of three, Karl John Woods, died of heart failure after struggling with police.

The Woods family and friends and the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee of Western Australia took the unusual step of marching on the Department of Premier and Cabinet, with placards showing the cuts, bruising and injuries evident on the body of Karl Woods.

The coroner found that although baton

Black death in custody officer appears in another inquest

use was evident via the bruising on Mr Woods' lower body, he had died as a result of heart failure as a result of ischemic heart disease after violent exertion and drug use.

The Acting Inspector of Rockingham Police Station at the time of Karl Nightingale's arrest, Russell August, faced a grilling before the coroner over failing to call forensics to inspect the scene.

In one phone transcript shortly after the incident, August said he was concerned about 'support for the boy,' because it was Sloan's second brush with a death in custody in four days.

Sole purpose

A forensics officer, Detective Senior Constable Marsh, said he did later go to the hospital to inspect Nightingale's clothes solely 'to search for drugs and drug paraphernalia'.

The coroner was read a transcript of another phone call between August and attending officer David Blockley, during which he instructed the junior officer to not to tell the family too much detail.

"Don't mention the handcuffs and

coppers, or the old man will go, you know, shit for brains," August said in the phone call to the officer at the hospital.

August, who has completed almost 33 years of service, 25 of them in the Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CIB), alleged that an original statement to internal affairs was done under off-camera threats from the Internal Affairs investigators.

He later signed an amended statement that had a paragraph removed which had blamed the head of the WAPOL Deaths in Custody Co-ordination Unit, Fred Zagami, for the Forensics Unit not attending.

Mr Zagami, a WAPOL officer for almost three decades — also mostly in the CIB — said August been mistaken in paragraph 11 of his original statement, and that he had reprimanded him, re-written it and that August had then signed it.

Although both men have spent over two decades serving in the CIB, Zagami said they had only met a few times during cadets, and August said he had never met Zagami before his Internal Affairs interview.

The former Detective Senior Constable David Blockley said when he arrived at the

scene, Revell and Sloan had blood on their shirts, and Nightingale's face looked like 'one giant scab,' which he concluded was blood covered in sand from construction work on the roadside.

Blockley added that the three times Karl had been placed lying in a face down position, he had exhibited laboured breathing, with him administering CPR the third time, after the man gasped and his body went limp.

Sloan said Nightingale's inability to walk to the police van was just a refusal, adding, 'it didn't occur to me that he couldn't walk, I didn't hear any bones crack and he didn't say I can't walk'.

Blockley, who entered the WA police by the DEAT program, with many years of experience as a detective in the UK, said he had concerns for the man who was rendered brain dead from a lack of oxygen.

He described how, during Nightingale's arrest, 'his eyes were dead ahead,' and when they tried to walk him to the van, he was a 'dead weight'.

Mr Blockley also said that when the two arresting officers and a further six attending officers restrained him, Mr Nightingale had shouted, 'I'm a nurse, why are you doing this to me?'

Questions were raised during both inquests over the training of WA police officers in relation to positional asphyxia and post-arrest care for prisoners who fall into a high-risk health category.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Quote



'At the moment, without them (ATSIC), we are like a ship without a captain. Some individuals brought about its demise, but there has to be something.'

— NSWALC Councillor Stephen Ryan addressing the Dubbo hearing of a NSW Government inquiry into Indigenous disadvantage

Unquote

Shoulders to the wheel

THE thought that Indigenous children might, within just a few decades, be able to take long healthy lives for granted is one that few of us have dared to entertain in the past.

So while last week's pledge by the Federal Government and key Indigenous people and organisations to work together to close the health and life expectancy gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians by the year 2030 is heartening, it still feels a little unreal.

Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson did sign up to the pledge but his Indigenous affairs spokesman Tony Abbott insisted that he'd not been given enough information or advance warning about it.

It would be easy but unfair to dismiss this as just more Opposition wrong-footedness on Indigenous matters. If we're lucky, closing the gap will take a generation and this is likely to mean that both Labor and Liberal/National governments will assume responsibility for it at some stage. So true bipartisanship and proper communication between all parties will be paramount.

The Government's announcement of \$33.5 million in new initiatives, specifically around reducing the level of smoking in our communities and training more Indigenous people to work in the health field, is commendable.

Too few Indigenous households are smoke-free. Our bodies and hip-pockets



OUR SAY

can't afford smoking and its effects. It is ironic then that smoking is especially prevalent in our health workers. Put simply, smoking stinks.

Involvement of Indigenous health organisations and professionals will also be crucial to the process. Their voices have been ignored for years but they know the real issues better than anyone. We have more Indigenous doctors, nurses, dentists and other health workers than ever before but we need a whole lot more if we're to get anywhere.

Don't forget that an estimated ten times the amount of funding announced last week – around \$460 million – needs to be spent (and spent well) annually for the foreseeable future to tackle the health crisis. On this basis, we can reasonably expect a sizeable increase in the sum allocated toward Indigenous health in the 2008 Federal Budget due to be handed down in May.

The Indigenous health crisis has built up over more than 200 years and has defeated government after government, but last week's development are promising. So come on then, minds on the job and all shoulders to the wheel.

A Yarn With...



Craig Greene, 37
Gurindji (NT), now
living in Sydney (NSW)

Your position/job/role?
Event manager

Your favourite bush tucker?
Barramundi from the Top End

Your favourite other food?
Thai food, especially beef massaman, and Red Rooster by the bucketload

Your favourite drink?
Vodka, lime and soda

Your favourite music artist?
Tina Turner

Your favourite past time?
I love walking and my favourite sport to watch is AFL. Go the Power!

Your favourite holiday destination?
Wherever my family and friends are. I'm visiting Lismore at the moment.

What are you reading?
Short Story by Paolo Coelho and *Confessions of an Art Addict* by Peggy Guggenheim.

What are you watching?
Supernatural because they are spunks.

What do you like in life?
Good friends, food and wine

My greatest achievement?
I have not made it yet but am hoping to.

What do you dislike?
Ignorance and paternalism

Who would you most like to meet and why?
Bill Gates because he could give me a few handy tips

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My friends Kirstie and Carol, Nelson Mandela and our queen Lowitja O'Donoghue

If there was one thing you would like to see happen, what would it be?
I would like people to appreciate the true beauty, kindness and generosity of Aboriginal people.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Plain prejudice

"Prejudice, which sees what it pleases, cannot see what is plain."
— Aubrey T De Vere (1814-1902),
Irish poet and critic.

ARE Indigenous Australians so economically useless and menacingly unattractive that they need to be relocated away from their birth place or removed from public view?

Just when you think the tide of public opinion in support of Indigenous Australians is turning after Prime Minister Rudd's heartfelt national apology on 13 February, along comes two unsavoury incidents that snap us out of our complacency.

An incident in my home town of Cunnamulla involving a mayoral candidate's offer to pay 25 Aboriginal families \$50,000 each to leave town, and a backpacker hostel owner in Alice Springs evicting Aboriginal guests because he feared they scared his Japanese visitors are sobering reminders that we still live in a country steeped in racism.

Many Indigenous leaders around the nation may even view these offensive acts as trivial compared with more serious examples of racism that their community members can cite but fail to gain national media attention that these two issues have in recent weeks.

These communities, in Queensland and the Northern Territory, may be separated by 1000km of parched landscapes, but the bigoted perpetrators' contemptible acts against their local Indigenous population is a mirror image in intent.

If you were watching a television soap drama being played out on the small screen, you would accuse the offenders of copycat race-hate transgressions. But, sadly, these incidents are not a coincidence or something that has been thought up in a script writer's imagination. This is Australia 2008 and can be viewed on any given day in any community with a significant Indigenous population.

The only positive to come out of both disgraceful events is the savagery of attack by national media outlets that exposed the offenders' high level of racial intolerance to their detriment. The publicity beamed nationally may well be a result of the media adopting a more objective stance on these occurrences post-Stolen Generations apology in Federal Parliament.

Let's hope that this is not a media one-off and that they will continue to be inclusive in their dealings on topics with a racial slant.

When I was first approached by family and friends from Cunnamulla via an email with the offensive flyers attached, my initial thought was to do nothing that would give the mayoral candidate any publicity that might enhance his campaign.

After all, it is publicity these types of people crave the most that motivates them to put pen to paper to vent their spleen. Although we are all too familiar with the disdain



Racist graffiti painted on the premises of a Canberra Aboriginal youth organisation in the lead-up to the national apology to the Stolen Generations.

in which we are held by racist elements within our communities, very few of them publicly take their message of racial hatred to the next level through the publication of their troubling thoughts.

A week passed and I still hadn't bothered to do anything about the flyer until I had a visit to my office from concerned relatives who wanted to brief me further on what they were hearing from their mob back home of the damage this flyer was doing to their morale.

When I was told that this fellow had deliberately placed the racist flyers in letter boxes of local Indigenous families, I then felt the need to become more proactive. I am well aware of the anxiety such mail can cause Indigenous families from personal experience over my long-running dispute in the E S 'Nigger' Brown Stand controversy from people purporting to represent the Ku Klux Klan in the Toowoomba district.

It was at this stage that I felt that to do nothing — as was my intention — was in fact an exercise in condoning what had taken place.

On posting a media release the afternoon of my visit from concerned relatives, the story was initially picked up by my local ABC Radio station the following day and it snowballed from there.

Most newspapers did a story on the controversy or ran the Australian Associated Press (AAP) coverage of it during the next couple of days before the Nine TV Network's *A Current Affair* (ACA) decided they wanted a piece of the action.

Although apprehensive initially about the angle the commercially geared ACA was going to take on the story, I did agree, after some assurances were made, to assist



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*
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them in their presentation. I was somewhat relieved that the finished product shown nationally not only subjected the flyer's author to ridicule from Indigenous people, but also provided a platform for

Cunnamulla's non-Indigenous population to vilify him for attracting such bad publicity to their small community.

Mayoral-aspirant Kevin Wise's suggestion: *I will petition the Federal Government to offer 25 'Indigenous' families \$50,000 each to relocate anywhere away from the Paroo Shire and for their places to be allocated to 25 non-English-speaking Vietnamese peasant families with upwards of 100 sub-teen children of a five-year contract to remain in the Cunnamulla area. I guarantee that within that five years these families will have advanced this shire's wealth and future prosperity out of all proportion to that achieved to date with the integration on totally racial grounds of this 'dead in the water' last one leaving 'turn out the lights' community was also dismissed by a representative of the Vietnamese community in Brisbane for being divisive and offensive.*

In Alice Springs, the Haven Backpacker Hostel joint-owner, Greg Zammit, issued a statement of apology for the alleged racism of the 16 Aboriginal people evicted from his hostel because other tourists were allegedly scared of them.

The resort manager told Bethany Langdon from the Yuendumu Young Leaders program the group would have to leave.

"The manager came out and told me that we weren't suitable to stay there," she told ABC's *Lateline* program.

"They said, because you're Aboriginal, other tourists were making complaints that they were scared of us."

"I felt like I wanted to cry,

because it made me feel like I wasn't an Australian."

Message Stick Online reported Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin saying racism of any sort in Australia was unacceptable.

Ms Macklin says she is concerned about the allegations.

"We don't support any form of racism, it is just abominable in Australia today to imagine that this sort of racism is taking place," she said.

It really does make you wonder how someone could be so alarmist about the physical appearance of 16 young Indigenous ladies who were in town to undergo training as life-savers. These fine, fit young ladies travelled 300km to Alice Springs to gain extra life-saving skills to better equip themselves should members of their community seek their assistance in times of trouble in the pool, river or in any other health-related facet of their lives.

Several years ago, I read an article that disturbed me immensely when the author quoted hotel guests in an eastern European city as saying the group of visiting central Australian Indigenous female artists and entertainers were 'the ugliest people they have ever seen'.

I couldn't believe the journalist in the first instance would give weight to such disparaging remarks from one human being of another. Secondly, what merit does a subjective view give to the question of the aesthetic beauty of one person over another?

I'm not naive in ignoring the fact that bullying occurs at all levels of outward physical appearance: weight, height, hair colour, physical impairment etc, but try as I may the notion of factoring in specific racial/ethnic characteristics as a generalisation to me is way over the top.

The Cunnamulla mayoral aspirant said in one of his many interviews that the Aboriginal population had contributed little to the wealth of the township and he thought the Vietnamese families could magically create prosperity by engaging in market garden-type enterprises.

The patronising notion that Vietnamese people make good market gardeners only is an omission of the varied professional skills they currently contribute to communities in which they live.

Perhaps Kevin Wise's thoughts, when writing his pamphlet, were still in the 1950s when Chinese people, not Vietnamese, performed those menial tasks back in that era.

Kevin Wise and Alice Spring's backpacker hotel proprietor Greg Zammit are the ones who ought to rethink their roles in their respective communities as I'm sure many Australians are of the opinion that they are the ones who should be moved on and kept out of public view.

Maybe those incredulous characters are plainly not seeing what others see, or as Aubrey T. De Vere once said: *Prejudice, which sees what it pleases, cannot see what is plain.*

There's a lot to like about us



**MS KOORI
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I really like black people. I know the name 'Ms Koori Love' kinda gives it away, but even if I wasn't Koori, I think I'd still like black people. After all, there is a lot to admire about us.

Just think about trees for a minute. You could say they are all over the planet. People have used trees for heaps of things for millions of years, yet we have used trees to make two of the most craziest wood things in the world: The didge and the boomerang. I mean, honestly, who'da thought wood could do that? Black fullas knew that!

And we aren't just mad at making wood do very unwood-like

things, we are really cool, kind-hearted, welcoming people.

Take a look at how we treat family and friends. They can turn up any time of the day and they're welcome. Need beds for your whole family? C'mon in!

Need a holiday? Stay as long as you need!

Everyone is welcome and you can stay as long as you want with black fullas.

You don't need to give notice before you rock up, either. Forget the phone calls, email, telegram or message stick. Why let them know you are coming when they are also welcome at your place any time too? That's just rude.

If there's one thing that black fullas are good at, it is making people feel welcome. It begins early in life back when we are kids. I remember back in the day when I was at school, all the library dwellers, teachers pets and social outcasts hung out with us Koori kids. It didn't matter if you were rich or poor, black or white. That's because everyone was welcome in our crew.

And at workplaces all around Australia, there are black fullas in the tea room making tea right now. I bet they're havin a big ole yarn too.

Some people may see this and think that they are just

gossiping. But the tea and gossip are helping to make the people relax and therefore feel more welcome at work. Why do you think so many black fullas like to have a yarn and a cuppa?

There is a lot to admire about black fullas. From school days to nine-to five days, we know how to have a good yarn and make a good cuppa, true.

But making people feel welcome must surely rank up there as one of our best traits. Well, that and making music from trees.

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

More than symbolic

Native Title and You



By National
Native Title
Tribunal
President
GRAEME
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At a Negotiating Native Title Forum a few weeks ago, Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland spoke of the symbolic and practical potential native title has for Indigenous Australians.

In recent years, the National Native Title Tribunal has seen social, psychological, cultural and economic benefits to Indigenous communities as a result of having their native title recognised.

Although the native title process is often long and difficult, and is sometimes disruptive to Indigenous communities (eg, because of disputed overlapping claims), the social and psychological benefits for Indigenous groups of being recognised as the people for a particular area by the Australian legal system can be significant.

Last November, the Ngurrara people of the southern Kimberley region had their native title recognised over 76,000 sq km of land.

Ngurrara native title holder Annette Kogolo said: "It meant so much after many years to prove to the Government we belong to the land and the land belongs to us."

Native title has also helped Indigenous groups renew relationships with each other by strengthening their cultural ties to areas of traditional land.

Ms Kogolo said recognition of the Ngurrara people's land in the Great Sandy Desert was so important because it protected what today's generation must pass on to their children and grandchildren in accordance with traditional laws and customs.

Although native title itself is not a 'title' and may not be an economically valuable commodity, significant economic benefits are being secured by some groups because of the native title system.

Where native title has been shown to exist, or people have a registered native title claim, the relevant Indigenous group acquires various procedural rights under the Native Title Act.



National Parks and Wildlife Rangers, John Hausia and Nigel Stewart at Cape Byron – Australia's most easterly point.

One benefit from these procedural rights can be the capacity to negotiate training, employment and business opportunities in relation to enterprises on particular areas of land, engagement in cultural heritage programs, and employment in national parks and other conservation areas.

The Bundjalung people of northern New South Wales were party to an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) signed with the State Government in November 2001. The ILUA led to the creation of the Arakwal National Park at Byron Bay.

Bundjalung man Nigel Stewart has been employed as park ranger to protect places of cultural significance on his country.

"To have a job representing your people and looking after your country – who could ask for anything more?" he said.

The Federal Attorney-General also said in his speech that we must no longer expect our courts to resolve issues which should

be dealt with by negotiation rather than litigation in order to achieve these symbolic and practical native title benefits.

The Ngurrara consent determination

and the ILUA signed by the Bundjalung people are examples of what can be achieved when people sit down together to negotiate native title agreements.



On the western side of the continent, Justice John Gilmour presents determination papers to Ngurrara native title holders in the Kimberley.

YOUR SAY



Joy Davison-Lee, of Yeppoon, Qld, says saying sorry should be a starting point to creating a restorative vision for all Australians. Her letter is on Page 24.

NIITF is not a police force

I REFER to the article ('Action a 'costly bandaid' - health official' in the 12 March 2008 edition of *The Koori Mail* which mentions the activities of the Australian Crime Commission's (ACC) National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Task Force (NIITF).

The ACC's NIITF is responsible for collecting, collating, analysing and sharing intelligence on Indigenous violence and child abuse. It is not a police force and in relation to the NIITF, is not authorised to conduct investigations. Rather, it collects information about violence and child abuse issues to improve the national understanding of significant crime affecting Indigenous Australians and provides this information to law enforcement and/or government agencies to inform strategy, policy and responses.

Experienced personnel from the ACC, Commonwealth, State and Territory police services and advisers with expertise across Indigenous issues make up the task force. There are also a number of Indigenous staff members who are part of the NIITF.

Central to the NIITF's efforts is engaging with community members and talking to them about the issues of violence and child abuse.

Task force members are also liaising with agencies that work closely with remote, rural and urban Indigenous communities to discuss how incidents and issues of child abuse and violence impact on the community, and the types



Protesters at the Canberra Convergence in February, where people aired their grievances against Government intervention in Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.

of programs that are working well to help address these issues.

To date, the NIITF has had more than 1200 meetings with government, non-government and academic institutions to gain insights into violence and child abuse in Indigenous communities and to identify information sharing opportunities.

On 5 February 2008, the ACC Board approved the formation of a special intelligence operation focussing on national Indigenous violence and child abuse.

The approval of these coercive powers was considered essential to overcoming impediments in accessing information collection related to Indigenous violence and child abuse.

The exercise of these powers provides a clear legal basis and protection for non-government organisations, State and Territory

authorities, service providers and individuals to provide confidential information, as well as create an environment that is more conducive to gathering oral testimony.

These powers enable the task force to issue notices to obtain documents considered relevant to the special intelligence operation and may summons witnesses to attend an examination in private hearings conducted by an independent examiner.

I wish to stress that examinations are not intended to target victims of crime.

Witnesses summonsed to appear are not necessarily suspected of any criminal involvement.

Any examinations conducted shall be undertaken with full consideration of the safety and security needs of witnesses.

Information provided in examinations is protected by the secrecy provisions of the ACC Act (2002). These provisions include providing witnesses with confidentiality and legal protections against self-incrimination.

The use of information collected from the ACC's special intelligence operation will be invaluable in building a National, State and Territory picture of violence and child abuse issues affecting Indigenous communities, as well as forming government responses and strategies to make these communities safer and stronger.

ALASTAIR MILROY
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Crime
Commission
Canberra ACT

YOUR POETRY

Untitled

Little sisters
How I miss them
Deadly they are
Now they live away
Some are far far away
Interstate my long lost little mates
Six little sisters
They all grew up but I
Still try and stay in touch
Their love keeps me strong
When I go wrong
Their love is tight deadly alright
Six deadly little sisters.

To see the stars
Through iron bars
To look at the sky
Big boys don't cry
Clouds floating wrong
I know I did wrong
For heavens above
I am in a cell my love
Stars shining bright
In jail alright
To see in full moon
From a square room.

I loved a girl
She was a deadly black pearl
Number one under the sun
Her hair was soft like silk
To touch, to love a girl
The best feeling in the world
Should have stayed straight
now
I lost my mate, told me to go
Where I don't know
Now I am alone
Myself to blame not no-one else
I loved a girl.

Way back when Nan and Pop
was alive
Just trying to survive, white man
told them lies
Took her kids away
Taught them how to pray
Learn the white man way
Uncle was where Kinchela boys
homes
I swear Catholic took my mum
I wish I had a bomb
1967 they had their referendum
but still they keep
The land our dreaming forever
Stand until the end of time
Way back when Nan and Pop
was alive.

Black boy's life had a deadly
Koori wife Sophia was her name
Now I lost her it's a bloody
shame
She brought love in my life
Wish I could turn back time and
make it right.
Black girl she was my world
Now I live without my deadly
Koori girl
One lovely girl
Her love shines so bright
Wish I treated her more nice
She was the love of my life
Black boy had a deadly girl
Love at first sight
Sophia was my love
Deadly alright.

They tried to force me to take
my methadone
Why don't they leave me alone
I can be stronger without the
zone

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Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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Happy faces in Canberra on Sorry Day.



Starting point

THE attempt of the past governments to take away culture, language and family from the people who have been the custodians of this land for thousands of years has been tragic in the extreme for the First People of the land.

The real harm and ongoing consequences of past policies and practices have been well documented. To all of us who now call Australia home, saying sorry should not be just a gesture, but an understanding and a starting point to creating a restorative

vision for all Australians. I offer my personal and heartfelt 'sorry' to the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

JOY DAVISON-LEE
Yeppoon, Qld

Filled with shame over treatment

I WANT to pass on my deepest condolences to the Ward family and the Warburton Aboriginal community. It is an appalling situation for this country to have such standards of care.

Even to use the word 'care' is incongruent, for there's no sign of it in this tragedy.

As a whitefella, it fills me with shame that such inhumanity prevails knowing full well it is the common practice towards the Indigenous peoples.

I cannot understand why it has to be this way when there is a public notice that we are a decent and fair society.

This lie that is maintained through the prism of a Eurocentric script ignores and inevitably abuses the Indigenous peoples.

Humankind is so diverse and rich that we can never contain it in a narrow construct the need for the white community to open their hearts and minds is imperative.

I will do my best. I never give in to the racism and other debilitating prejudices that exist. For I believe that every person has rights and responsibilities and all of us who know that must follow through in their words and actions.

FAY HANNAH
Willetton, WA

Extra staff for jail welcomed

MY name is David Wright and I am the immediate past Chairperson for the Port Augusta Prison Ministry Team. The chairperson co-ordinates the Christian chaplaincy to the prison.

I welcome the announcement of extra staff to the Port Augusta prison and endorse the comments made by Ms Dalla Santa on this morning's (17/3/08) ABC North and West news.

The optimum responsibility of a prison service is for safety and delivery of service to the prison population.

Without adequate staffing levels this is impossible.

The Port Augusta Prison has been operating at inadequate staffing levels for over 12 months.

As Ms Dalla Santa intimated, this depletes the quality of all levels of service and with impact on elements such as the provision of health care, education, and other service provision.

One of the service provisions that is depleted is that of chaplaincy. During the past 12 months, about 70 per cent of chapel services have been cancelled.

Since January this year, there have been only two chapel services (out of a possible eight) held. Often chaplains have been turned away and prevented

from routine visitation because of 'lockdowns'.

I feel that the cancellation of such services as chapel services acts as a barometer of the prison's ability to provide the services that it is required.

Chapel services are cancelled when the prison is in 'lockdown' due to staff shortages. Previously 'lockdowns' only occurred due to the occurrence of an incident within the prison that required the moving of staff from one area to another. They were rare. Now they are almost a daily event.

Health, education, and religious services are considered rights and essential to the good governance of any community. They are not privileges or rewards for good behaviour.

Many of the now regular occurrences at the Port Augusta Prison contravene the recommendations and regulations as they pertain to Aboriginal prisoners arising from 'Deaths in Custody' Commission and fail to meet the agreed to level of service provision under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Corrections and the

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YOUR POETRY

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Nurse ain't right, some meds not so nice
Mess you up alright
Tell me methadone is good that I am
misunderstood
I can go without
Be stronger without a doubt
Don't want no more methadone
I can go straight
Bloody right mate
Don't force me to take your miracle zone
Please leave me alone
Don't want your methadone.

Insane in the membrane
Love what a shame
How can I explain
Love you more than pain
Wish I used my so-called brain
For to take you in my arms
You was my lucky charm
Didn't mean you harm
How I am dammed without you girl
A beautiful black pearl
A deadly golden Koori girl
Insane in the membrane
Lost my true love
What a shame.

TREVOR JARRETT
Grafton Jail NSW

Sorrow Fills the Moonlit Air

She cowers in the corner; body beaten, mind frail,
He storms around the kitchen with the same old stench of a/e.

The kids are with their nana under a doona slightly beige,
Shielded from the horror of their father's drunken rage.

He's spent the welfare money on ciggies, beer and rum,
Once again there's nothing left to feed his precious young.

His wife's still in that corner trembling in the kitchen light,
Heart laden with hatred, fearing for her life.

He catches his reflection in the broken window pane,
Feels a sharp stab of regret then bows his head in shame.

He moves towards his partner, contrition in his eyes,
She stops him with a scream - an almighty mournful cry.

She points towards the door "get out now or else!
I'll contact the police or I'll murder you myself!"

He takes his marching orders and hops into his car,
Perhaps a late night drive will heal the inner scars.

The car's jumping to and fro on the rough ungraded track,
He glances out the window, everything is black.

Suddenly stray cattle appear up ahead,
Instinctively he turns then sharply brakes instead.

The wheels skid and screech; he's no longer in control,
The Troopie loses balance before it starts to roll.

He dies upon impact, his neck snapped in half,
The car's wrapped around a tree with a trail of shattered glass.

The spirits of the night survey this scene of despair,
Then bow their heads in sadness as sorrow fills the moonlit air.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW



Fantastic support for Suri Bin Saad

ON behalf of all the family and friends of Sermah (Suri) Bin Saad, we would like to show our appreciation and thank all you deadly people out there for your overwhelming support, encouragement and best wishes during Suri's time in the *So You Think You Can Dance* competition.

Without the support and efforts of each and every one of you, Suri would not have gone as far as he did, so again thank you.

We would especially like to acknowledge and thank *The Koori Mail* for the on-going support, exposure and encouragement given to Suri over the last couple of months.

CHERIE SIBOSADO
Broome, WA

● LEFT: Suri is pictured with his dancing partner, Camilla Jakimowicz.

An insult to our people

WITH so much talk about a blanket system of quarantining baby bonuses and welfare money in Aboriginal communities, it does ring of the days of the Aboriginal Protection Board.

How would I know? I know because I am an 82-year-old Aboriginal man who lived through those years.

I have four great-grandchildren under two years of age, and to offer a voucher to the four sets of parents of those children would be the ultimate insult, and there are many more like them.

How dare people like Dr Brendan Nelson and Tony Abbott publicly attack the credibility and integrity and respectability of those people.

There are people who neglect their children and not spend their money wisely, but does that justify punishing the whole community?

Would it not be better to offer assistance to people who are not good money managers instead of increasing the pain of poverty they are already suffering?



TONY ABBOTT

HAROLD J HUNT
St Mary's, NSW

Extra staff for jail welcomed

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South Australian Heads of Christian Churches Chaplaincy Committee.

Staff at Port Augusta Prison have been working under immense pressure for too long.

Continual lobbying of the Premier, Minister and DCS by the chaplains for the rights of prisoners at Port Augusta Prison has led to one having his accreditation arbitrarily removed.

The prison chaplains will continue to support Ms Dalla Santa and her staff and call for the Premier, the Minister of Corrections and the Department of Corrections to immediately improve the situation in the cells of Port Augusta.

DAVID WRIGHT
Community Minister, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress
Port Augusta, SA

Sorry: Sorry about what?

THIS poem was written in response to the Sorry Day farce. Australia still has not ratified the United Nations Rights of the Indigenous Peoples.

The timing of the Northern Territory intervention last year was purely designed to get a hold on land prior to the introduction of this Declaration.

On 11 March in the Senate Question Time, the Labor Government would not commit to ratifying the declaration and is seeking advice on where it stands legally. All total hypocrisy.

GREGORY JOHN O'FLAHERTY
Maryborough, Vic

Sorry Sorry

We are feeling a bit contrite today
And know that we should say sorry
We even made it a special day
It is going to put an end to it so don't worry

We're sorry about the genocide and slaughter
Sorry about hunting you and herding you into the desert
Sorry about slaving your son and whoring your daughter
Sorry about the disease and pain
Just tell us where it hurt

We're sorry about destroying your language too

Stealing your art, culture and children
Herding you into the arms of the missions zoo
For slandering your fathers for the acts of a few men

Sorry about stealing your land and its mineral wealth
It has brought us hundreds of billions
Sorry we never spent it on your education and health
It was at the orders of HRH and the Devils' minions

Sorry we never said sorry before mate
But no-one really was or cared
We were all full of bigotry and hate
That the booze and drugs was all we ever shared

Sorry about the intervention and bringing in the Army parson
We had to get in quick and get a hold of your land
Before they passed the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Indigenous Person
Our predecessors wouldn't sign it
And we will not be out of hand

But we are all glad we said sorry now
And made it such a big spectacle
You will be able to tell your grandchildren how
Nothing changed and was just more of the hypocritical.



● LEFT: An Aboriginal dancer in the United Nations General Assembly Hall in New York during the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People last 13 September. The declaration was not supported by the Australian Government.

Support for partners of service personnel

THE Partners of Veterans Association of Australia (PVA), a unique and progressive Australia-wide organisation, offers membership to all current and former partners of those who have served in a theatre of war; campaign; as peacekeepers/peacemakers or other service deemed hazardous, as a member of the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force or one of the Australian Allied Forces.

Members are offered support, friendship, information and understanding by those who share similar problems and issues relating to the impact of the veterans' service on their families.

The Far North Coast Support Group meets at Lismore VAN Office and alternately the Ballina RSL Club on the first Tuesday or each month. Members extend an invitation to partners or visitors to come along and join the PVA.

By joining, you will be adding your voice to the nationwide network of current and former partners who have united to achieve their aims or improving the health, wellbeing and entitlements of themselves and their families.

Your local PVA NSW contact is Lorraine Fox (02) 6687 4350 Far North Coast Support Group.

NOELEN BRYANT
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Grafton, NSW
www.pva.org.au

YOUR POETRY

Australia Day

The 26th of January is the day that people say
Let us have a party – for this is Australia Day.

But us who are 'black' – we say you whites are slack
You do not realise why – we hold back the tears from cry.

On this day you did not say – 'can we share the land' instead
What was done? Don't you know son? We took their mum away!

We took their mum away – but we did not understand
We came here to establish – a prison upon your land.

But further on in life – you caused more turmoil and strife
The Stolen Generations – to wipe out the Aboriginal nation.

The land we did call mother – we cared for one another
Now can you realise why – we really want to cry?

Now have a look around – what's happened to the ground
Even the people hey – they're not white OK!

Australia Day, Australia Day
Is known to us as – Invasion Day.

We need to stop and look
In the Bible – the book.

What does it say about this?
What the Aborigines call bliss!

Red and yellow, black and white
All are precious, in God's sight

We need to change the name – all people are not the same
We need to learn to say – it's Multi-National Day.

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

JEFF SMITH
Via email

Protests in Perth

Anger over intervention sparks WA campaign

Story by KEN BOASE
Photos by ALITA BOASE

WA COMMUNITY leaders in Perth have started a series of protests against the Federal Government's Northern Territory intervention laws, with particular attention on the quarantining of welfare payments.

The latest protest, organised by the Aboriginal Rights Coalition (ARC), was held outside the Centrelink office at Curtin University to raise concerns that the intervention strategy introduced by the Howard Government would be extended to other parts of Australia.

ARC spokesperson Natasha Moore said it was feared that the quarantining of welfare payments could be extended to the Kimberley region with the aid of the WA Government and with no consultation with local communities.

"Our people are more disadvantaged than ever and the Rudd Government is extending these intervention laws which are



Nyoongar health professional Professor Ted Wilkes speaking at the Perth rally as Nyoongar leader Natasha Moore looks on.

no good and we need to put a stop to them right now," she said.

"These laws are racist in nature because they target only Indigenous communities. I've spoken to some of the camps around Alice Springs and over the Christmas period Centrelink ran out of vouchers and they couldn't even buy food for their families.

"How are people meant to pay their rent and other bills when their welfare payments are cut in half?"

Nyoongar leader and Institute of Child Health spokesman Professor Ted Wilkes, said remote communities in particular were at a disadvantage because of their geographical position, and they needed assistance to

cope with the problems rather than having benefits simply taken away.

"You go up to Northern parts of Australia and you have to purchase fruit at exorbitant costs, proper food sources you have to purchase at exorbitant costs," he said.

"Somehow that needs to become equitable so that people

living in those communities, who through no fault of their own live in those communities, are able to exist within the constraints of what is a reasonable amount of money.

"At the moment I don't believe they get a reasonable amount of money to live on."

Professor Wilkes backed calls by other leaders for a significant boost in spending on community infrastructure, particularly housing and basic services.

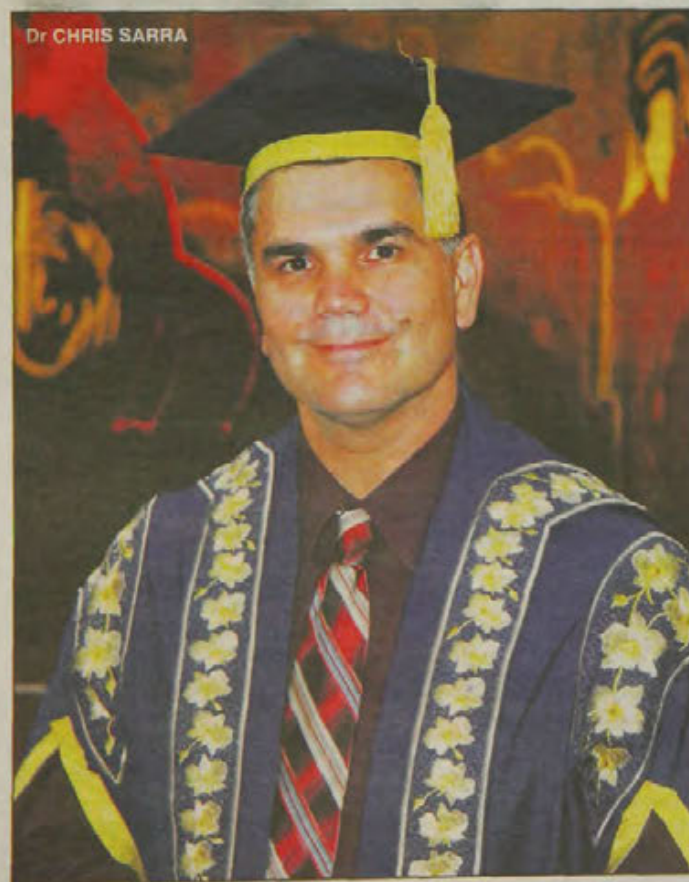
"The fact of the matter is unless you've got a good injection of resourcing and funding going into Aboriginal communities to fix up the poverty, taking and subtracting and messing around with the system you've got in place at the moment is not going to work," he said.

"You go on to most Aboriginal communities and you see the lack of maintenance of housing and the lack of proper housing infrastructure, the air-conditioning that's supposed to be supplied to make life a little bit easier for people on these communities; it's not there."

Ms Moore said the protests would continue in Perth until governments at all levels agreed to a new approach outside the Northern Territory intervention policy.

"We'll be holding these protests outside Centrelink offices on the 13th of each month to mark the date of Mr Rudd's apology, and we'll keep holding these protests until the Government gets the message that the intervention needs to stop," she said.

Sarra urges Qld mob to nominate



Dr CHRIS SARRA

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



FORMER Queenslanders of the Year Chris Sarra is urging the public to nominate their Indigenous leaders for the

2008 Suncorp Queenslanders and Suncorp Young Queenslanders of the Year.

Dr Chris is now the Executive Director of the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute, but in the late 1990s he took on the challenges of Indigenous education as the Principal of Cherbourg State School and introduced the successful Strong and Smart philosophy.

He has helped shape and strengthen the future of Indigenous education and continues to play a leading role in having principals from throughout Australia come to Cherbourg State School to experience the direction and philosophy of the school.

Dr Sarra said winning his award in 2004 had projected him into a whole difference space in which he could seriously challenge others about Indigenous education issues.

"What I was pleased most about was that the very hard-working efforts of the team and

the children at Cherbourg school were recognised," he said.

"In a way it provided a good platform upon which I could get other educators to take notice of what needs to be improved with our children in schools.

To some degree, such recognition, along with the efforts of the children and community influenced educators across the country to make a bigger effort in schools. This is something I will always acknowledge and honour."

Important

Dr Sarra said it was important that Indigenous people be considered for nomination of the award.

"It's very important, although not essential," he said. "In many cases we fight the longest and hardest in our society. We don't do it to win awards, we do it to improve the lives of our people."

"Sometimes the only time we get recognition is when someone tries to pick us off as leaders and drag us down to a level that they think Aboriginal people should be."

"Against this background, it is nice to get positive recognition for our efforts."

Premier Anna Bligh said the Suncorp Queenslanders of the Year awards were the State's highest citizenship honour and

offered Queenslanders an opportunity to give inspirational people the recognition they deserved.

"If you know someone who has made a significant and worthwhile contribution to our State, now is your chance to reward that person by nominating them for one of Queensland's most prestigious awards," Ms Bligh said.

"If you know someone who has gone the extra mile and is deserving of recognition, through any field of endeavour such as business, education, the arts or community work, I strongly encourage you to nominate them for an award."

The 2008 Suncorp Queenslanders and Suncorp Young Queenslanders of the Year will each receive a grant to the value of \$1000.

● Nominations for the 2008 Suncorp Queenslanders and Suncorp Young Queenslanders of the Year can be submitted online at www.suncorp.com.au or through nomination forms available at Suncorp branches. Nominations close this Friday 28 March 2008. Winners will be announced during Queensland Week, 1 to 8 June 2008. For further information on the awards visit www.queenslandweek.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 3405 5215.

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JOE GEIA



The Black Arm Band performs its *Murundak* performance on the opening night of the 2008 WOMADelaide Festival.



Didgeridoo aficionado Mark Atkins



Members of Pwanga Women's Enterprises, from the Tiwi Islands, demonstrated screenprinting on site.



PETER ROTUMAH



Soul sisters Ursula Yovich, Emma Donovan and Shellie Morris performed with The Black Arm Band.



Brook Lester, Josh Bond and Cat Kid had a good time.

Performing during the Kurna Welcome to Country to open WOMADelaide 2008 were, from left, Kevin Agius, Dennis Johnson, Karl Telfer, Desmond Williams and Dylan Clarke. The Kurna people are the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains area.



Kurna Elder Uncle Lewis O'Brien (left) during the Welcome to Country ceremony.

Hot time in Adelaide

Photos by JACK GRIEVE and NATHAN PARKER

SA

A RECORD heat-wave did not deter huge crowds from attending the WOMADelaide 2008 festival in Adelaide's Botanic Park earlier this month.

And Indigenous performers proved some of the hottest acts soaked up by the 75,000 people who poured through the event gates from 7-9 March.

As has become customary, the festival began with a ceremony conducted by the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains area, the Kurna people.

This year, a group of young people from Palya from the Four Directions and Kurruru Youth Performing Arts formally welcomed artists and audience.

The first evening of the festival saw Indigenous 'super-group' The Black Arm Band bring the house down with the South Australian premiere of its *Murundak* show. The show was for one-night only, which made it even more popular with festival patrons interested in Indigenous Australian culture and performance.

One of the Black Arm Band's number, Kutcha Edwards, also performed solo during the festival. The popular singer/songwriter infused his WOMADelaide performance with aspects of his personal Stolen Generations story, making for a moving and memorable show.

Crowds pack out major festival

Edwards' openness about his transformation to mentor and role model has made him an inspiration to many people in the Indigenous and broader communities.

The Pwanga Women's Enterprise based at Nguu on Bathurst Island, one of the Tiwi Islands north of Darwin, were the only Australian guest visual artists invited to WOMADelaide 2008.

Formerly known as Bima Wear, Pwanga is an Indigenous-run screenprinting and clothing workshop creating fabric prints and sewn garments in brilliant bold, timeless designs, and featuring traditional symbols, structures, family and environmental representations central to Tiwi culture. The enterprise brings a significant income into the 1500-strong community of Nguu.

Nearly 20 Pwanga women aged 27-56 travelled by air to Darwin then by bus to Adelaide over six days, stopping to visit Indigenous art centres along the way. A documentary will be made of their spirit-raising road trip.

"All us Pwanga ladies are excited to be going to WOMADelaide - our first trip to Adelaide. We've been working here a long time," said Pwanga seamstress and artist Noreen Kerinaia before setting off.

"I'm looking forward to visiting other Aboriginal communities on our way down to Adelaide. And to see different people's cultures - and doing some Tiwi dancing and singing," said Pwanga supervisor Noella Babui.

As well as working hard every day creating new Tiwi designs, printing and sewing clothing, the Pwanga women held games nights, barbecues and discos to fundraise for their trip. They also received financial support from Tiwi organisations the Nguu Ullintjinni Association and the Nguu Club Association, as well as Vincent Aviation.

Once they arrived at the festival, the Pwanga women were kept busy, doing screenprinting demonstrations, mounting a vibrant fabric display and photo gallery, and teaching festival goers Tiwi dances and songs.

British musician Peter Gabriel founded WOMAD in 1980 out of 'pure enthusiasm for music from around the world'.

WOMADelaide 2009 will be held from 6-8 March. The full line-up is expected to be released by the end of November.



Singer Ursula Yovich in full flight.



RACHAEL MAZA-LONG

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WOMADelaide 2008



DAN SULTAN



SHANE HOWARD



STEVE PIGRAM



ARCHIE ROACH



RUBY HUNTER



Jocelyn Black, Genevieve Portaminni, Clara Apuatimi and Mona Lisa Kantilla from Pwanga Women's Enterprises.



From left, Jessica Gray, Naomi Hicks, Vanessa Bendessa and Raquel Kerdel.



Kutcha Edwards, Dave Arden, Bart Willoughby and Joe Geia performed with The Black Arm Band.



Shellie Morris and Lou Bennett gave a spirited performance during *Murundak*.



From left, Tony, Christine Brown, Sonya Rankine, Karl Telfer, Jason Tamiru, Diat Alferink and Martin Sawtell took a relaxed approach to the festival.



Relaxing in the sunshine were, from left, mates Mark Atkins, Mark Eason, Steve Goldsmith, Karl Telfer and Jamie Goldsmith.



Friends of Australian Rock Art hold a 'Stand Up' protest outside the Federal Community Cabinet meeting in Perth during January.

Burru faces more danger

Garrett urged to visit area for briefing

Story by KEN BOASE
Photos by ALITA BOASE



TRADITIONAL owners on the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia are urging Federal Heritage Minister Peter Garrett to visit the region to get a first-hand briefing of their

concerns over future industrial development and the protection of ancient rock art.

New concerns have been raised by the Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation over plans by gas giant Chevron to develop an onshore gas processing plant to service the Wheatfield gas deposit in the Indian Ocean, north-west of Karratha.

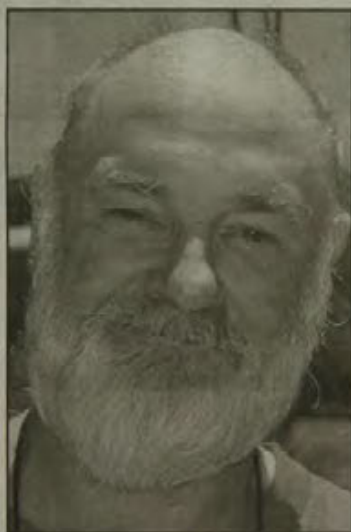
Former Federal Heritage Minister Malcolm Turnbull agreed last year to include the Dampier Archipelago on the National Heritage Register, but the WA Government wants the Federal Government to hand back heritage responsibilities to the State.

Ngarluma Chairwoman Jill Churnside said a management plan for the region was 'clearly a plan to legitimise the practise of rock art removal in a National Heritage-listed area at the whim of industry'.

The WA Government has prepared a Draft Management Arrangement for the Dampier Archipelago, with plans to release the document for public comment at the end of this month. According to critics, it could be used as a benchmark for heritage protection in all States.

Friends of Australian Rock Art (FARA) spokesman Robin Chapple said he was invited to look at the draft agreement, which included an area larger than that covered by the National Heritage listing.

Mr Chapple said the wording of the agreement gave too much emphasis to



Friends of Australian Rock Art spokesman Robin Chapple

the environment as a whole rather than concentrating on Aboriginal heritage protection and the protection of rock art in particular.

"Repeated focus on 'matters of environmental significance' etc highlights the fact the authors are more comfortable with an environmental/scientific model than one which addresses questions of cultural heritage," Mr Chapple said.

"There is disproportionate space and emphasis given to material on environmental values, which are insignificant compared with the area's heritage values.

"There are vague and nebulous references to 'joint management arrangements' with traditional owners, but no evidence whatsoever to demonstrate that the authors have engaged with or have any familiarity with the best models for Indigenous joint management.

"An important issue would be whether traditional owners have a majority on the Park management board (as at Uluru and Kakadu). There's no detail as to what role or powers traditional owners might have apart from purely tokenistic and symbolic ones.

"There are some reference to 'honorary Indigenous park wardens', but no details on how many there would be.

"There is no evidence of any Indigenous input into the document, and no specific detail on methodology for consultations with Aboriginal stakeholders."

Mr Chapple said the draft plan also attempted to minimise the importance of the Burrup rock art by stating that the 'engravings are representative of the styles found throughout the Pilbara'.

And he said there were no serious attempts by the document authors to demonstrate any meaningful consultations with local traditional owners and other Aboriginal stakeholders.

"The largest cultural inaccuracy in the whole document is repeated references to 'the Ngarla-ngarli', apparently on the completely false assumption that this is a generic term used by local Aboriginal people to refer to themselves," Mr Chapple said.

"Ngarla-ngarli is a Yindjibarndi word meaning 'black men', and, unlike terms like anangu, is gender specific.

"This name was chosen by the Port Hedland Aboriginal men as the name for the local ATSIC region, and it was objected to it on the grounds that it excluded women.

"There is no basis for the term being used as a generic term to refer to local Aboriginal people. This gives a fair idea of the level of cultural expertise of the people involved in working on the document."

Mr Chapple said the Draft Management Plan was also in conflict with several pieces of legislation already in force, for example the Conservation and Land Management (CALM) Act, which did not allow for joint management arrangements.

He said that the references to an Aboriginal heritage management plan being planned for a 'later date' also demonstrated a lack of diligence on that issue, with practically no detail given on what the plan would involve.

FARA and other groups lobbying for the protection of the Burrup rock art want an Indigenous heritage regime that provides the same level of protection as that applied to non-Indigenous heritage.

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Jubulum Flat Camp Aboriginal Area Draft Plan of Management

A draft plan of management for Jubulum Flat Camp has been prepared and is available free of charge from the NPWS offices at 136 Summerland Way, Kyogle (ph 6632 0000) and 75 Main Street, Alstonville (ph 6627 0200). The plan is also on the NPWS website: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au. Written submissions on the plan must be received by The Ranger, Jubulum Flat Camp Aboriginal Area, NPWS, PO Box 174, Kyogle NSW 2474 by 23 June 2008.

All submissions received by NPWS are a matter of public record and are available for public inspection upon request to NPWS. Your comments on this draft plan may contain information that is defined as "personal information" under the NSW Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The submission of personal information with your comments is voluntary.

REGISTRATION OF STAKEHOLDER INTEREST BOWRAL

Kayandel Archaeological Services has been engaged to undertake an Aboriginal Heritage Assessment in the Bowral area. It is possible that applications will be made to the Department of Environment and Climate Change under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. Aboriginal groups with a cultural attachment to the Bowral area are invited to register their interest in the project.

To register your interest, please contact:

Alie Youman
Kayandel Archaeological Services
Suite 2.15, 4 Hyde Parade, Park Central,
Campbelltown 2560

The closing date for registration is Tuesday 8 April 2008.

Phone enquiries are welcome during office hours on
02 4627 8622.

Grants for Community Sport and Recreation Groups

If your organisation delivers sport and recreation activities in regional Victoria, it could be eligible for support under the Country Action Grant Scheme and Victorian.

Up to \$5000 per project is available from the Country Action Grant Scheme to:

- Improve your organisation or club;
- Enhance the skills of coaches, officials or administrators; or
- Help to provide better access for all members of the community.

Eligible organisations may also apply for up to two \$500 Victorian grants to assist with travel related to competition or training for officials, coaches, athletes and teams.

Applications for both programs are now open. The closing date for applications for projects starting in the second half of 2008 has been extended until 18 April 2008.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with a DPCD regional representative before lodging a submission. To obtain copies of the guidelines and application forms or contact details for assistance with your application, please call our Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356 (for the cost of a local call) on any weekday between 8.30am and 10.00pm (except public holidays).

For further information and to lodge your application online, please visit: www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au.

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2008 YOUTH INTERACT GRANTS ARE NOW OPEN

Youth InterACT Grants are specifically for young people aged 12 - 25 years old, who would like to organise events, projects, programs or activities for other young people in the ACT region. Up to \$1500 is available for each project.

The Grants are based on participation - young people making decisions and taking action on issues that affect them, individually and collectively.

For more information on Youth InterACT Grants please contact Youth InterACT on 6205 0632 or via email youthinteract@act.gov.au, alternatively applications can be downloaded through the ACT Government Youth website www.youth.act.gov.au or faxed to 62076364.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
3 May 2008



HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Hawkesbury Nepean Aboriginal Community Meeting - 10th April 2008

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Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Paul Houston on (02) 4587 0061.

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Metro West Aboriginal Services Capacity Building Project Meeting: Wednesday, 2 April, 2008.

How can we support and build our Aboriginal organisations in Western Sydney?

Aboriginal Elders and community members from Western Sydney who have an interest in building strong Aboriginal organisations are invited to come to one of the meetings being held for the Metro West Aboriginal Services Capacity Building Project.

Aboriginal organisations and government in Western Sydney are interested in your ideas for how best to support local organisations, help them to run smoothly and to do their work well.

PENRITH: MORNING TEA PROVIDED

When: 10 am-12 noon

Where: TRI Community Exchange, 688 High St, PENRITH

OR

MT DRUITT: AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

When: 2pm-4pm

Where: Wundunarr Koo, 108 Ellsworth Drive, TREGEAR

Please RSVP for catering by: Friday 28th March, 2008.

For more information or to let us know you're coming:
ph: 02 9569 1704; e: bng@bngroup.com.au

Public exhibition

Draft Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources Water Sharing Plan

The NSW Government has been working closely with the community to develop a fair and effective water sharing plan for water sources in the Hunter Valley. Every effort has been made to address the needs of current water users and future growth requirements, while safeguarding the local environment. The exhibition period will run from 17 March to 2 May 2008. To help the community understand the draft plan and make informed comments, information sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Scene (CWA Hall) - 2 April 2008: 10.00 - 11.30am
- Sandy Hollow (Comm. Hall) - 2 April 2008: 6.00 - 7.30pm
- Merriwa (RSL Club) - 3 April 2008: 10.00 - 11.30am
- Maitland (Town Hall) - 8 April 2008: 10.00 - 11.30am
- Singleton (Civic Centre) - 8 April 2008: 6.00 - 7.30pm
- Morisset (Memorial Hall) - 9 April 2008: 10.00 - 11.30am
- Clarence Town (School of Arts) - 9 April 2008: 6.00 - 7.30pm

These briefings will provide information on how and why the draft plan was developed, proposed management rules, input from targeted consultation, as well as making a submission. For catering purposes please register with the Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority on (02) 4930 1030.

Copies of the draft plan are available for viewing at:

- Dept. of Water and Energy - 26 Honeysuckle Drive NEWCASTLE
- Dept. of Water and Energy - 2A Alliance St EAST MAITLAND
- Hunter-Central Rivers CMA - 816 Focal Rd PATTERSON
- Hunter-Central Rivers CMA (Muswellbrook office) - Level 2, 160 Bridge St MUSWELLBROOK
- Hunter-Central Rivers CMA (Gosford office) - Level 1, 40 Mann St GOSFORD
- Upper Hunter Shire Council - 130 Liverpool St SCONE
- (Murrumbidgee and Merriwa council offices also)
- Cessnock City Council - 67-78 Vincent St CESSNOCK
- Dungog Shire Council - 198 Dowling St DUNGOG
- Mid-Western Regional Council - 86 Market St MILDURIE
- Muswellbrook Shire Council - Maitland St MUSWELLBROOK
- Liverpool Plains Shire Council - 69 Station St CUBBERLEY
- Lake Macquarie City Council - 126-138 Main Rd SPEERS POINT
- Port Stephens Council - 116 Adelaide St RAYMOND TERRACE
- Singleton Shire Council - Queen St SINGLETON

The draft plan is also available at www.dwe.nsw.gov.au

Submissions on the draft plan must be in writing and can be:

Mailed - Lyndal Betheridge DW, PO Box 2213, DANGAR NSW 2309

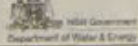
Emailed - HunterWSP@dnr.nsw.gov.au

Faxed - All: Lyndal Betheridge on (02) 4904 2503

Submissions close Friday 2 May 2008.

Further information on the draft plan can be obtained by telephoning

Lyndal Betheridge on (02) 4904 2535.



GAZ 445042

Guilty Orkopoulos faces sentencing



SENTENCING
proceedings
for disgraced
former NSW
Government

minister Milton Orkopoulos
will begin in May.

Orkopoulos, 50, was
convicted on 14 March of
28 child sex and drugs
charges, dating back to
1995.

A jury took just over a
day to find the disgraced

former Aboriginal Affairs
Minister guilty of plying
three teenage boys with
drugs in exchange for
sexual favours in the
decade to 2006.

Orkopoulos pleaded
guilty to one count of
possessing child
pornography and one
count of supplying
cannabis at the outset of
his month-long trial in the
Newcastle District Court.

He did not appear during
a brief mention of his case
before sentencing Judge
Ralph Coolahan last
Thursday.

Submissions on
sentence were set down for
8 May.

Orkopoulos faces a
maximum 14 years in
prison for the worst of the
30 charges, sexual
intercourse without
consent. - AAP



MILTON ORKOPOULOS



Kuku Yalanji women Aunty Francis Walker (left) and Leah Talbot at the 'A Taste of Slow' Food Festival in Melbourne.

Elder provides a taste of country



KUKU YALANJI Elder
Aunty Francis Walker
will go to great lengths
to spread the word
about the importance of
country in the healthy lives of her people.

Aunty Francis travelled from the
Aboriginal community of Wujal Wujal,
180km north of Cairns, to Melbourne last
month to be a special guest speaker at
the 'A Taste of Slow' Food Festival.

Speaking during the 'Slow Rivers,
Healthy Communities' session at the
Federation Square event, Aunty
Francis spoke about the important
role that water played in the lives of
her Kuku Yalanji people at Wujal
Wujal.

"Our river - the Bloomfield River - is
a source of traditional food for people not
just in Wujal Wujal, but for Kuku Yalanji
people further up the river and
downstream as well," she said.

"Our river not only provides us with
fish, but the many trees and bushes that
only grow along the banks of the river

and nowhere else are used to flavour the
food."

She also spoke about the importance
of caring for country and the connection
water played in linking Kuku Yalanji
people in the upper and lower reaches of
the Bloomfield River.

Accompanying Aunty Francis was
another Kuku Yalanji woman, Leah
Talbot, who works with the Australian

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about native foods'**

Conservation Foundation (ACF).

The foundation supported Aunty
Francis and a participant from Papua
New Guinea to provide an Indigenous
perspective on traditional food
production and the importance of healthy
rivers and environment to local food
security.

Ms Talbot said the festival organisers
made a big effort this year to include
Indigenous culture as a main component
of the festival by including a welcome
to country ceremony and traditional
dancers and starting the event at
Melbourne's only Indigenous-themed
restaurant, in Federation Square.

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Indigenous people should contribute to
events such as this because we have
a lot to contribute in terms of
knowledge about native foods," Ms
Talbot said.

The 'A Taste of Slow' Food
Festival in Melbourne is an annual
event that showcases 'slow food' (as
opposed to fast food), a concept that
originated in Italy in the late 1980s that
tries to highlight the demise in local food
production and the growing gap between
the food we eat and where it comes
from.

Melbourne community radio station
3CR recorded Aunty Francis' talk and
played it on air the following weekend.

Commercial media jobs are the goal



A PUSH to get more Indigenous people employed in the commercial media is taking the next step thanks to funding from the Queensland Government.

Employment and Industrial Relations Minister John Mickel said the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative was providing \$17,250 to the Centre for Aboriginal Independence and Enterprise (CAIE) to develop an employment strategy with the media.

"Getting more Indigenous people working in television, radio and the Press will help break down the barriers in recruiting Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders and raise the standard of

reporting on Indigenous issues," Mr Mickel said.

"While unemployment is at a 30-year low of 3.5 per cent in Queensland, Indigenous people are still much more likely to be looking for work than the rest of the population.

"Convincing commercial media outlets to employ more Indigenous people in the variety of technical and creative careers they offer will lead to a better understanding between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the wider community.

"I hope it will also serve as an example, to other industries to review their recruitment process to check that Indigenous people know about the vacancies in their area and have a fair

go through the application process."

CAIE Chairman Wayne Coolwell said the group was aiming to build on the success of the Indigenous Representation in the Commercial Media Conference it organised in August last year.

Genuine interest

"Some commercial media organisations have shown a genuine interest in employing Indigenous people in their organisation," Mr Coolwell said.

"This is a great sign of practical reconciliation at work and a great way to build a better relationship with the Indigenous community."

During 2007/08, the Queensland Government will invest \$80 million in the

Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative to give an estimated 17,000 long-term unemployed and underemployed people job-related assistance and skills training to maximise labour force participation and increase Queensland's prosperity.

Twelve months after receiving employment and training assistance, 67 per cent of participants are in employment.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work is part of the State Government's \$1-billion Queensland Skills Plan which aims to provide individuals and industry with the skills and workforce for the 21st Century.

For more information on the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, visit www.employment.qld.gov.au or call 1300 369 925.

Stolen 'must have a say'



THE National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) has welcomed the referral of the 2008 Stolen Generation Compensation Bill to the Senate's Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

But the advocacy group says resources also need to be committed to ensure that members of the Stolen Generations can participate in the inquiry.

Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett re-introduced his Private Senator's Bill into the Senate earlier this year and succeeded in getting the Bill referred to the committee for an inquiry, due to report in June.

The Bill sets up one way of addressing some of the recommendations from the *Bringing Them Home* report on providing compensation for the Stolen Generations.

"I should emphasise that it is rare for Private Senator's Bills such as this to pass into law," Senator Bartlett said. "Their usual purpose is to build public and political awareness and support for a particular issue or principle, which may then be acted on in a range of different ways.

"My intention in referring this matter to a Senate committee is to enable those who, like I, support proper compensation for the Stolen Generations, to make their case and build wider community and political support for such a move.

"It is important to act now to build on the greater public awareness and support for the Stolen Generations which occurred as a result of the national Apology, so I strongly urge any interested individuals, organisations and communities to put submissions into this Inquiry."

NSDC Indigenous Co-Chair Helen Moran said the inquiry into the Bill in conjunction with the Parliamentary apology and a



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— NSDC Co-Chair Helen Moran



Labor pre-election promise to carry out a comprehensive response to the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report gave the Stolen Generations hope there would be compensation in the future.

"Monetary compensation for the Stolen Generations is inevitable and essential to the fair and just resolution of the trauma and damage resulting from the forced removal of children from their families," Ms Moran said.

The NSDC says that 34 of the 54 recommendations contained in the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's *Bringing Them Home* report addressed reparations, 11 of them specific to the issue of monetary compensation.

"The NSDC emphasises the

need for a thorough examination of the complex issues involved in the establishment of a compensation scheme and endorses the consideration of schemes already in practice in other countries such as Canada, as a means of establishing best practice," Ms Moran said.

Submission

She said the NSDC would make its own submission to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee and called for the allocation of resources to ensure broad participation by members of the Stolen Generations in the inquiry.

NSDC non-Indigenous Co-Chair Sally Fitzpatrick said the resources should also include measures to ensure the safety of Stolen Generations survivors who may not want to

disclose their experiences in public, such as hearings in camera.

"We also need local hearings in regional centres and communities, in addition to capital cities," Ms Fitzpatrick said.

"With the report due in June 2008, we have a very tight time frame. We need to work together to ensure a fair hearing for all concerned."

The deadline for written submissions to the Inquiry is 9 April and can be emailed to legcon.sen@aph.gov.au.

"It is an opportunity to again remind politicians and the community that while an apology is an important first step, that it is vital real reform begins with providing much needed compensation," Senator Bartlett said.

Gathering time for Eel Fest



THE fourth Lake Bolac Eel Festival will be held in the western districts of Victoria this weekend, beginning

with an art exhibition opening on Friday evening followed by an environmental forum on Saturday.

The Eel Festival is a gathering place for people who care for the environment and respect Aboriginal cultural heritage.

It features dancing, an environmental forum, Indigenous and historical displays, and a 'Healing Walk' from the headwaters of the Hopkins River to Wickliffe.

The walk will complete the tracing of the major waterways linked with Lake Bolac and reflects the environmental and historical importance of the waterways, and will provide an opportunity for walkers and landholders to share some of their stories, knowledge and wisdom.

This year the community will work with Artist in Residence Ian Cumming to make some large puppets, which together with music and pyrotechnics will create a 'twilight puppet spectacular'.

Speaker

Keynote speaker for Saturday's forum, from 11am-1pm, will be Christine Jones, of the Carbon Coalition. Following on from the 2007 Forum on climate change and energy, the 2008 Forum will focus on environmental issues important to the catchment, including soil health and carbon sequestration.

The forum will be followed by live music by the likes of Neil Murray, Andy Alberts and the Walkabouts, Liz Stringer, Carus and the True Believers.

At 8pm, the Festival will join the global 'Earth Hour' initiative by turning down the lights for a showcase of acoustic music.

There will also be workshops, displays, handcraft and produce stalls, children's activities, and a climbing wall throughout the weekend. New this year will be the 'Green Trade Fair' featuring environmentally friendly goods and services.

Sunday will feature the opening in conjunction with the Eel Festival of the 'Colours of the Country: Celebrating 10 years of the Alice Springs Beanie Festival' exhibition at Ararat Gallery (27 March-4 May).

Tickets to the Eel Festival will be available at the gate: \$20 for a family of four, \$10 adult, \$5 under 13, younger free. For more information, call (0428) 995 448 or (0419) 891 920.

Taxing times ahead for trio

Story and photos by
ALF WILSON



THREE young Indigenous North Queenslanders can look forward to taxing careers, thanks to an Indigenous

school to work program.

Supported by family and friends, Desmond Hart, Joshua Watson and Jarryd Gertz were last Thursday formally welcomed to the Australian Tax Office's Townsville office.

The program involves a three-year sponsorship of Year Ten Indigenous students. The sponsorship ends on completion of Year 12 and each student has a mentor in the Tax Office and is given work experience in Years 11 and 12.

"The aim of this program is to promote career development and further education amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth," said ATO Acting First Assistant Commissioner David Diment.

"It's also an example of how we are seeking to increase employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians, as part of our reconciliation action plan."

Elder Virginia Wyles gave a Welcome to Country on behalf of the Wulgurukaba people.



Program students, from left, Jarryd Gertz, Joshua Watson and Desmond Hart with Australian Tax Office representative Jason Orchard.

"This is a great initiative for our young people," she said.

In 2006, the ATO became the first Commonwealth agency to start providing sponsorships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students through this program, offering placements to five Year 10 Indigenous

students in the Townsville area who joined 17 students already under sponsorship with the department.

Joshua, aged 14, is from Palm Island and his mother Dorothy Watson was there for the presentation.

"I am so proud of Joshua and this is a good opportunity

for him," Mrs Watson said.

Three Indigenous students who were initiated into the program last year, Toni Daisy, Codie Close and Adrian Gertz, were also there.

With Toni were her parents Vern and Jeanelle Daisy. Vern is a rugby league legend in North Queensland.



Joshua Watson with his mother Dorothy.



2007 recipient Toni Daisy with her parents Vern and Jeanelle.

No bonus for our mums – Nelson

Opposition Leader's call under attack



THE baby bonus should not be given to mothers in remote Aboriginal communities but

paid instead into an education trust fund, Federal Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson said.

The bonus of several thousand dollars could have a devastating effect on an impoverished Aboriginal community, Dr Nelson said last week.

Introduced by the former Howard Government in 2004 as a means of boosting birth rates, the bonus will increase to \$5000 from \$4187 on July 1.

Dr Nelson said that it was irresponsible for the Rudd Government to be dumping so much money on Aboriginal mothers living in remote areas. "One of the changes that has



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– Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson

to be considered in terms of the baby bonus is the way that money is delivered like a human tornado into remote Aboriginal communities with all of the devastation that it has," he said during a speech to the National Press Club last Wednesday.

Dr Nelson said he did not care if he was criticised for taking a stance on the issue.

"I don't care if I'm accused of being patronising," he said.

"When you have four or five thousand dollars turn up into an impoverished community which is dysfunctional in every way, shape and form, it has a devastating impact."

Instead, the money should be paid into a system which would help educate the children.

"I argue that most of that baby bonus should be invested, instead, in a trust for that Aboriginal child to support his or her education when they reach school age."

Changes

Dr Nelson would not say whether he had argued for the changes in Cabinet meetings of the former Howard Coalition Government.

North Queensland Indigenous activist Gracelyn Smallwood told ABC Radio that

the Federal Opposition's plan to scrap the baby bonus in remote Aboriginal communities was discriminatory.

She says abuse of the baby bonus is not just an Indigenous issue and any plan to curb unwanted pregnancies should be extended to the wider community.

"I don't know who's advising Brendan Nelson, but it's very discriminatory. If they're going to do it for Indigenous people, put the money into an educational fund, then put it right across the board to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous," she said. – with AAP

Lights out in support of Earth Hour



ON 29 March at 8pm, the lights will go out at SBS's Sydney and Melbourne headquarters as a sign of the organisation's support

for Earth Hour and other efforts to reduce the impact of global warming. Earth Hour uses the simple action of turning off the lights for one hour to deliver a powerful message about the need for action on global warming.

This simple act has created a groundswell of global support and in 2008, millions of people in some of the world's major cities, including Copenhagen, Toronto, Chicago and Tel Aviv, will unite with Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to switch off for Earth Hour.

SBS will support Earth Hour by turning out the lights of its Sydney (Artarmon) and Melbourne headquarters (Federation Square).

SBS presenters, including George Negus, Amrita Cheema, Karla Grant, Les Murray, Craig Foster and David Basheer, will also feature in 15-second television spots promoting Earth Hour.

A Razor-produced on-air spot *Just for One Hour* has been featured on SBS Television in the weeks leading up to Earth Hour.

Following Earth Hour, SBS will screen two environmentally themed programs which highlight the challenges facing Earth – *The Planet* at 9.40pm, and *Saved by the Sun* at 11.10pm.

While SBS has donated air time, media and creative agency Razor has donated its creative and production services in support of Earth Hour 2008.

Former minister wins first Sir Ronald award



FORMER Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Fred Chaney has won the inaugural Sir Ronald Wilson Leadership Award for his 30 years' work advancing the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people.



FRED CHANEY

children from their parents. Mr Chaney, Indigenous Affairs Minister between 1978 and 1980, said he was very proud to have received the award.

He said he believed Sir Ronald would have been

'cheering in Heaven' at the Federal Government's apology to the Stolen Generations.

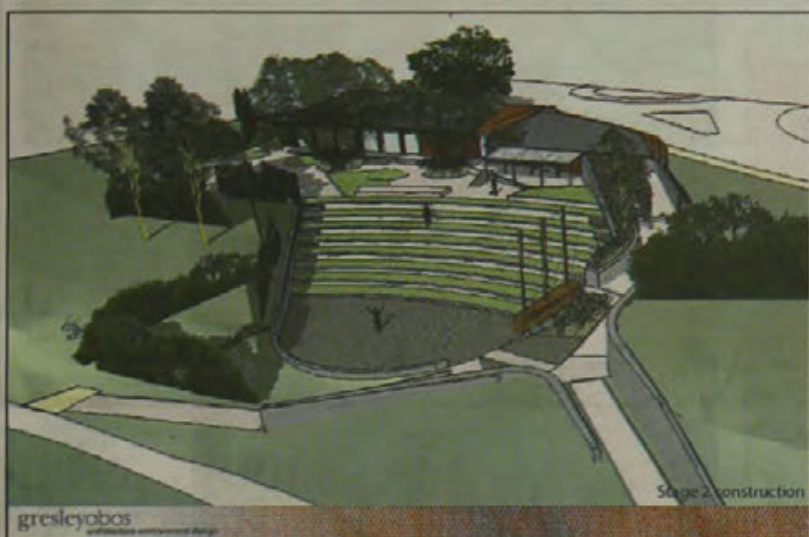
"He would have been over the moon," Mr Chaney said.

"He, of course, was a strong advocate for it ... Lady Wilson said to me that Ron would have been cheering in Heaven."

WA Multicultural Interests Minister Lijijanna Ravlich said Mr Chaney's efforts to promote Indigenous reconciliation and native title were particularly noted.

"The value of this work cannot be underestimated," Ms Ravlich said.

"At a time when we have made a national apology to the Stolen Generation, it's pleasing to see that a local advocate of Indigenous rights has been recognised." - AAP



This architect's drawing gives an idea of what the interpretive centre will look like.

Perth centre gets all-clear



A DISTINCTIVE Aboriginal interpretive centre will be built in the Perth suburb of Armadale, providing a facility for cultural events and traditional performances for the local Nyoongar community.

The centre's location in the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre and adjacent to an international standard rowing and canoeing course is expected to increase tourist interest in it.

Stage One of the project will cost \$1.8 million and will provide a public outdoor amphitheatre and change rooms, interpretive trails including bush tucker and medicine plantings and a canopy of punched metal depicting Nyoongar artworks.

An Aboriginal reference group will work with architects to guide the interpretive centre's development.

State Planning and Infrastructure Minister and local MP Alannah MacTiernan said Aboriginal people had a valuable presence in the rich history of the Armadale-Kelmscott area.

Presence

"This new centre will celebrate the strong traditional presence which local people have in the Armadale-Kelmscott region," Ms MacTiernan said.

"The centre honours a State Government commitment to local Aboriginal people when Aboriginal heritage clearances were given to

allow Champion Lakes development to proceed.

"The interpretive centre will facilitate opportunities for intergenerational cultural exchange within Indigenous communities. Furthermore, it will further promote an understanding of Aboriginal culture amongst non-Aboriginal communities."

A panel chaired by former WA Museum CEO Dawn Casey chose a design by Gresley Abas for the centre.

The panel believed the Gresley Abas design best met the Aboriginal community's needs and expectations in terms of the uses and activities envisaged for the centre and the site. The Armadale Redevelopment Authority will manage the overall funding and development of the project.



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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Warmly received

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YOUNG Adelaide choreographer Damien Ralphs' debut production *Of the Future* proved popular during the 2008 Adelaide Fringe Festival earlier this month, especially with the local Indigenous arts crowd.

Family and friends were amongst the dance and theatre buffs who packed out the show at Tandanya –

National Aboriginal Cultural Institute over a four-night season.

The production, featuring five young Indigenous dancers, was billed as providing 'an insight into the push and pull of families and culture and one individual's desire to inspire and be inspired'.

Ralphs is Associate Artistic Director at Kurruru Indigenous Youth Performing Arts in Port Adelaide.



Choreographer Damien Ralphs (centre) with his cousin Katrina Mullett and his sister Tiffany Tregonning.



● **ABOVE:** Damien Ralphs (centre) with performers Taree Sansbury, Derek Lynch, Rikki Wilson, Tara Robertson and Tjimarri Sanderson Milera.

● **LEFT:** Emma Webb, Daisy Brown and Sasha Zahra.



Dancer Rikki Wilson, Lele Sanderson, Lele's son dancer Tjimarri Sanderson Milera and Hayden Bromley.



From left, Deon Hastie, of Leigh Warren and Dancers, Nikki Ashby, of the Hip Hop Movement Crew, Damien Ralphs and choreographic mentor Aden Kane Munn.



● **TOP:** Director of Tandanya Phillip Watkins, Damien Ralphs and Kurruru's Diat Alferink.



● **ABOVE:** From left, Pat Waria Read, Auntie Josie Agius, stage manager Janine Peacock and Narissa Clarke.



● **LEFT:** Grace Corey, Derek Lynch and Jacob Hoosan were all smiles at the showing of *Of the Future*.

Distance no barrier for Tocal graduates



SEVERAL Indigenous Australians travelled from as far afield as Broome, Darwin and Port Hedland to receive their qualifications at the annual Tocal College graduation day earlier this month at Paterson, in the NSW Hunter Valley.

Kevin Walley came from Port Hedland, in Western Australia, to receive his Diploma in Conservation and Land Management, specialising in community co-ordination and facilitation.

Mr Walley received the Diploma as part of 'AgCredited', a program for professional recognition offered by the Australian Institute of Agricultural

Science and Technology in association with Tocal College.

He chose to exceed the AgCredited requirements and to obtain his diploma at the same time.

Patricia Rigby-Christophersen, from Woodroffe, near Darwin, and Erica Spry, from Broome, also received their Diplomas in Conservation and Land Management, specialising in community co-ordination and facilitation. Their awards were achieved under a Tocal College program funded by the Federal Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

Under this program, Calvin Deveraux, from Batchelor, in Northern Territory, travelled to

Tocal to receive his Certificate IV, specialising in Indigenous Land Management.

Similarly, Anne and Robert Bright, from Palmerston, just south of Darwin, were awarded their Certificate IIIs, specialising in Indigenous Land Management. They have been inspired by the experience and will now undertake diploma studies externally through Tocal.

College Principal Cameron Archer said: "The college is very proud of the magnificent achievements of these people and we are privileged to be part of this process. No doubt their qualifications will assist them in their careers and their work in their communities and in land management, and we wish them well for the future."



Left to right: Calvin Deveraux, Patricia Rigby-Christophersen, Robert Bright, Anne Bright, Kevin Walley and Erica Spry with their awards at Tocal College.

'Can-do' key to staff woes



REMOTE communities with a 'can-do' attitude are more likely to attract and retain skilled staff, a new report has found.

The report, from the Desert Knowledge CRC, said remote communities that acknowledged and dealt with skilled labour shortages were more likely to thrive.

The report, *Attracting and retaining skilled and professional staff in remote locations*, which was launched at Desert Knowledge Australia's regular inter-regional video network on 20 March, also said communities that did not deal with labour issues were likely to wither on the vine.

Report author Professor Fiona Haslam McKenzie, who is Director of the Housing and Urban Research Institute at Curtin University, said that remote area towns had less difficulty attracting and retaining skilled staff where there was pride in the community, the residents supported each other and the people had a 'can-do' attitude.

"Isolation, a harsh climate, poor utility services, lack of health and education facilities and second-rate housing exaggerate the impacts of economic rationalism. Investing in a community on the basis of efficiency rather than equity can put people off working in remote communities," Prof Haslam McKenzie said.

"Realistically, financial incentives, housing and rent relief, family vacation fares and allowances and education allowances for the children play an important role.

Real costs

"Governments need to recognise that zone allowances are an important factor and they need to be upgraded to take into account the real costs of remote living.

"Introducing people to remote communities is important. This can be done, in some instances, during training. Getting to know people and the uniqueness of remote conditions may change their views about living and working in remote locations. There is also a big need to train

people in the survival strategies for living in remote locations.

"Mentoring young people from remote communities, and the offer of scholarships and cadetships, could bring them back to apply their new skills to their home community.

"All of these strategies are important for creating and supporting the sense of commitment that skilled workers need if these towns are to be vibrant and sustainable.

"Of course, there needs to be co-ordinated action across the public and private sectors: Governments have a role to play in improving housing, offering incentives for apprenticeships and relief for graduates' HECS payments, and the private sector needs to encourage businesses to support, train and provide opportunities for their employees in remote conditions."

Download the report from: DKCRC Report 21 Staff Attraction and Retention.pdf or at: <http://www.desertknowledgecrc.com.au/publications/downloads/DKCRC-Report-21-Staff-Attraction-and-Retention.pdf>

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Premier's Council on Preventing Violence Against Women

Expressions of interest are invited for membership to the Premier's Council on Preventing Violence Against Women, an expert committee that advises the NSW Premier on issues that relate to the prevention of violence against women and, in particular, domestic and family violence issues.

Applicants should have a demonstrated expertise in matters relating to violence against women and/or domestic and family violence; capacity and willingness to work within the Council's work plan including research, community consultation, facilitation of workshops, critical analysis and report writing; strong communication networks with stakeholder groups; ability to work within a team environment and undertake allocated tasks between meetings; and be available to attend approximately four meetings a year in Sydney CBD and attend selected events as representatives of the Council.

Members will be appointed for a term of two years and as individuals, not as representatives of existing organisations or peak bodies. Sitting fees will be paid and out of pocket expenses are reimbursed.

An appropriate range of candidates is being sought to reflect the diversity of the community. Women of culturally diverse background, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, younger and older women, women with a disability and those from rural and regional areas in NSW are encouraged to apply.

For further information and an application form please contact:
Christine Uncomb, Office for Women, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet
02 9228 3141 christine.uncomb@dpc.nsw.gov.au
Applications close: Friday 2 May 2008

Queensland NAIDOC Week Community Funding Program

"Advance Australia Fair?" - 6 to 13 July 2008

Community organisations and groups are invited to apply for funding to celebrate National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week from 6 to 13 July 2008.

Up to \$1000 is available for events and projects that encourage community participation in NAIDOC Week activities, raise awareness and understanding of the significance of the week and advance reconciliation.

Applications close 5pm Monday 7 April 2008.

For more information and funding guidelines contact your nearest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships office in the Department of Communities.

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To find out more about the NAIDOC Week Community Funding Program, visit www.communities.qld.gov.au



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Warmun artist a winner

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WARMUN artist Shirley Purdie is on a roll, having taken out her second major religious art prize in seven months. She was announced the winner of the Needham Religious Art Prize for her painting *Ngabuny Ngarrangkarni (Jesus Dreaming)* in

Mt Gambier, South Australia, last Saturday.

Purdie was the first Indigenous artist to win the Blake Prize for Religious Art, awarded last August, for her *Twelve Stations of the Cross*.

Shirley Purdie, 60, lives in Warmun (Turkey Creek), 200km south-west of Kununurra, in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

Prominent in her community as the Chairwoman of its Council, she is also a senior artist at the Aboriginal-owned Warmun Art Centre.

Ms Purdie, who is also an adept sculptor, is noted for her use of richly textured natural earth pigments on canvas. These ochres are collected from her own country.

'Normal sorta idea'

"I feel sorta happy! But (when I'm painting), I don't think I must do this, I must do that; I don't wish to win. I just do it with my normal sorta idea," Purdie said after winning.

Named for Mount Gambier's first rector, R W Needham, the Needham Religious Art Prize is a competition and exhibition that invites entries that interpret or portray an event, character or story from the Bible that is inspirational and life-affirming.

Previous winners include Mark Pearse, Clair Souter and Franz Kempf. The prize is an initiative of the Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier.

The Needham Religious Art Prize shows from 15 March-27 April 2008 at the Riddoch Art Gallery in Mount Gambier.



Warmun artist and community leader Shirley Purdie at work ... "I feel sorta happy."

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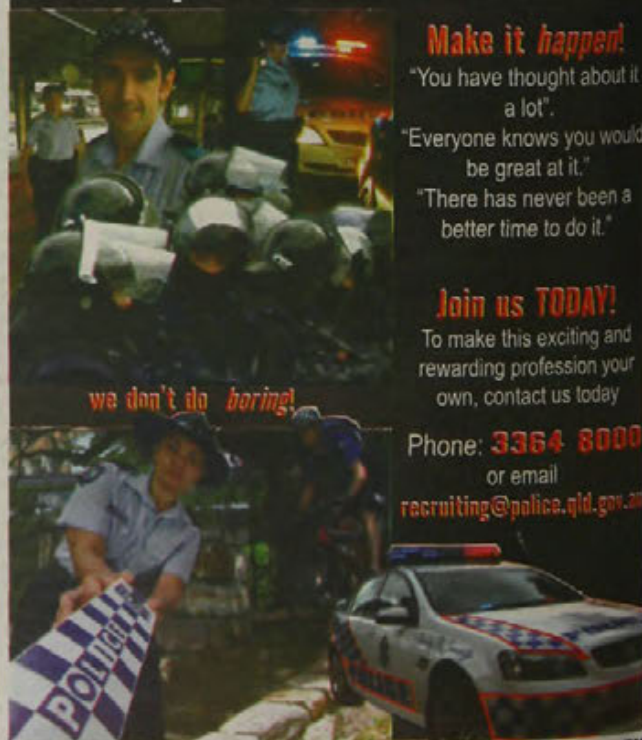
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Photographer zooms off on world trip



AUSTRALIAN Indigenous photographer Wayne Quilliam is travelling the world to promote Australian Indigenous media and the arts.

He left for Mexico on 16 March to be a guest and photographer of the Cumbre Tajin Festival (<http://www.cumbretajin.com>).

In Mexico, Tasmanian-born Quilliam is working with the Indigenous people of the area to develop cross-cultural relations and deliver a series of talks relating to Australian Indigenous media and arts.

After the festival, Quilliam will travel back to Mexico City to launch his latest exhibition at the Australian Embassy.

Lowanna will be opened by the Australian ambassador in front of Mexico's leading business and art people to celebrate International Women's Week and become the first country to view the latest incarnation of the Art Nude Series.

Leaving Mexico for Florida in the US, Quilliam will meet with Miami galleries with a vision to introduce the area to contemporary Indigenous art. He will then travel to Chile and on to Bolivia where he will develop a series of photo-documentaries on the lives of people in the Andes Mountains and the Amazon basin.

The last leg of his trip will involve travel to Washington DC, Chicago and Los Angeles to negotiate with art space and galleries to host his latest series of exhibitions.

Upon his return to Australia next month, Quilliam plans to travel to remote Aboriginal communities in far north Queensland teaching photography and multi-media.

Language work leads to awards



THIRTEEN Aboriginal language consultants won special awards for their contribution to Aboriginal Language work in the Katherine region of the Northern Territory last month. Katherine's regional Aboriginal language centre, Diwurruwurru-jaru Aboriginal Corporation (DAC), gave out the awards at its Annual General Meeting in Katherine for work in Aboriginal language revitalisation and representation.

The awards are a way of more formally acknowledging the work and expertise of Aboriginal language consultants working for the Language Centre.

The initial impetus for the awards came from a meeting with linguistics students from Batchelor Institute who spoke about the historical lack of recognition of Aboriginal research consultants for their work.

Aboriginal research consultants are required time and time again to educate newcomers to the Aboriginal sphere. Researchers come and go and Aboriginal research consultants are continually called on to share traditional and cross-cultural knowledge with tolerance and generosity.

The awards were given in various categories:

- Helen Morris won Language Worker of the Year for her work learning about and helping with documentation and preservation of Gurindji language.

- Jessie Brown won Interpreter of the Year for her expertise as an interpreter of Kriol, Ngarinyman and Gurindji, and her initiative doing back-to-back bush trips



Helen Morris making her acceptance speech after receiving the award for Language Worker of the Year.

Picture Tegan Forder, courtesy Katherine Times

screening for new interpreters throughout the Katherine Region.

- Queenie and Marie Brennan won Translators of the Year for their Kriol translation of the Guides to Court Procedure for Respondents to and Applicants for Restraining Orders in the Northern Territory Magistrates Court, a 6000 word translation commissioned by the Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service.

- Turtle and Porcupine Stories won Language Resource of the Year. These

comprise a Ngarinyman story told by Eileen Roberts and illustrated by Noeline Nemit, and a Ngaliwurru story told and illustrated by Doris Roberts. The books were transcribed and made by Josie Roberts and Colleen McQuay.

- Josie Roberts also won Student of the Year for participation in the Ngarinyman Own Language Work course, run through Batchelor Institute and DAC, her extra study outside of the course, and her skills contributed to transcribing many Ngarinyman recordings.

- Language Team of the Year was awarded to the Marra Language Team of Ngukurr for their dedication and quality teaching of Marra Language to children at Ngukurr School, and their language documentation. The Marra Team comprises Freda and Betty Roberts, John and Aaron Joshua.

- Ngarinyman man Peter Waterloo was awarded Story Teller of the Year for his captivating stories about his life

- Ivy Hector Nambijina-Nangari, who passed away in 2007, was recognised for her Lifetime Achievement in Language revitalisation and maintenance of Bilinarra language.

The work of language consultants is of great importance in the Katherine Region where more than 30 languages are now endangered.

There are many more language consultants working on Katherine Region languages than were recognised this year with awards.

The language centre hopes that this is just a start to Aboriginal research consultants receiving proper recognition. The awards will be an annual event.

— By Salome Harris

Miners, Govt focus on Indigenous jobs



OFFICIALS from mining companies and the Queensland Government have met in Mount Isa to discuss

proposals to increase Indigenous employment in the north-west of the State.

Government and Queensland Resources Council (QRC) representatives held a two-day workshop in Mount Isa on 12-13 March to help the Government and industry tailor new and existing programs to meet the needs of Indigenous communities, mining companies and supporting industries.

The workshop was a direct result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between then-Premier Peter Beattie and the QRC in July last year.

The MoU aims to improve education and training for Indigenous people to open up opportunities for Indigenous economic growth through direct employment and related enterprise development.

Employment and Industrial Relations Minister John Mickel said the resources boom and

mining industry had been driving Queensland's economic growth, but labour and skill shortages would limit the industry's development.

"The demand for resources and workers presents an opportunity for government to improve economic opportunities for Indigenous communities within the region by working with local companies to increase workforce numbers and also on social issues like housing, education and health," said Mr Mickel.

First step

"Lifting Indigenous employment in the industry is an important first step, and through this workshop we hope to get a better idea of the skills and qualifications a person needs to get an entry-level job in the mines.

"With funding from such initiatives as Skilling Queenslanders for Work, community organisations and training providers can develop the skills of Indigenous people so they can access on-the-job training to improve their knowledge and experience further.

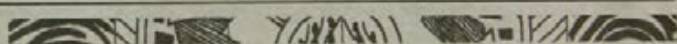
"Building a relationship between mining companies and Indigenous communities will also help develop other businesses, social services and a better understanding of caring for country in and around these mines."

QRC Chief Executive Michael Roche said it was important that Indigenous people, particularly those who live near mine sites, were equipped to share in the prosperity of the mining industry.

"It doesn't make sense, particularly in a time of skills shortages, to fly people in rather than pull out all stops to engage the people living on your doorstep," he said.

"It is vital that this be done in partnership with government, particularly as there is a broad range of existing government and industry programs in the region that can be tapped in to."

Representatives from Insitec Pivot, CopperCo, BHP Cannington, Xstrata Copper and Zinc, Zinifex Century Mine and BIS Industries Limited attended the workshop, along with a range of Queensland and Commonwealth Government departments.



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Saltwater Band's Gurrumul releases debut solo album

Review
Gurrumul by Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu
Skinnyfish Music
2008

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

MANY people have been waiting for the debut solo album from Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu.

Geoffrey, or Gudjuk as he is also called, is from the Gumatj nation, his mother from the Galpu nation – both peoples from north-east

Arnhem Land. He is a former member of Yothu Yindi. Now with Saltwater Band, Gurrumul's solo excursions highlight his amazing talent as a singer/songwriter/musician.

What I love about this CD is that it's an anywhere album – for dinner, driving, beach or bush.

Gurrumul's beautiful voice is perfectly complimented with gently-plucked guitar strings. At times, it is as if his voice is another string of the guitar.

The album has 12 songs, and

each track blends into each other seamlessly. You feel as though you are almost being serenaded for over an hour.

The other wonderfully unique thing about this album is that, of course, most of the songs are entirely in language.

The words are listed in both in his Aboriginal language and English, so you don't miss on the stories.

My favourites from the album are track two *Djarimirri*, track four, *Gurrumul History (I was born blind)*, and track six *Manwurrumburr*.



Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing on stage.

TAFE offers first steps towards police career



AN initiative to help people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent from western NSW to join the NSW Police Force is being undertaken by the TAFE NSW – Western Institute in conjunction with NSW Police.

An 18-week TAFE course, Vocational and Study Pathways (VASP), will enable candidates to obtain the learning skills required for enrolment into the Charles Sturt University Associate Diploma of Police Practice (Police Recruiting) course at the NSW Police College.

Assessment interviews began on 25 March and the TAFE training comprising workshops, tutorials, videoconferences

and orientation trips to the NSW Police College and local police stations will start in April.

Adrian Mitchell, Director TAFE NSW Western Institute, said: "I am pleased the Institute is able to assist the Aboriginal community in western NSW by providing more vocational opportunities."

Flexible format

"This is the first time a bridging course for Aboriginal people interested in entering the police force has been run in this area although similar programs have been operating in a number of metropolitan TAFE colleges since 1996 and it has also been held at Moree."

"It's also the first time this course has been offered in a flexible delivery format that will allow students to do sections of study in their home towns."

"This is a unique opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from our area to potentially become New South Wales police officers."

People interested in this course should contact Cathy Jones, TAFE at Dubbo on (02) 6883 3623. The Western Region Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Liaison Officers can assist people to apply for the course and will provide ongoing field support. Mentors from TAFE NSW will also be available to help students complete their studies.

MP warns of cuts to Landcare



LANDCARE projects could be at risk of funding cuts, according to Federal MP Luke Hartsuyker. The Nationals Member for Cowper has called on the Government to guarantee funding for Landcare groups would not be cut.

Mr Hartsuyker said there were serious concerns funding for environment projects such as Landcare would be cut after the Rudd Government announced its Caring for our Country program.

"Caring for our Country is the Labor Government's answer to the Howard Government's highly successful Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) and National Action Plan on Salinity and Water Quality (NAP)," Mr Hartsuyker said.

"The Howard Government committed \$4.5 billion towards these programs and last year announced funding would be extended for a further five years. The Coalition also announced that Landcare would be separately-funded to the tune of \$151 million over four years."

"The Rudd Government has only committed \$2.2 billion towards Caring for our Country and there is no specific funding for Landcare."

"Catchment Management bodies, which were set up specifically to deliver the NHT programs, have now only been guaranteed 60 per cent of their average historical funding. The other 40 per cent may be delivered on a competitive basis."

"This is effectively a 40 per cent cut in front funding for the local Catchment Management Authority. This means community environment programmes such as Landcare could have their funding slashed."

"Landcare is one of the real success stories in Australian environmental sustainability. Thousands of local volunteers freely give their time and have delivered some outstanding outcomes on the NSW North Coast."

"Diverting funds away from our local community's needs will not help us address the significant effects of climate change floods, droughts, weeds and feral animals if Australia is to continue to have a sustainable future."

Volunteer groups to share resources



TWO leading volunteering bodies have signed a new partnership agreement enabling them to share their volunteers with each other.

Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) is a national not-for-profit organisation that specialises in linking skilled volunteers with Indigenous communities and businesses within Australia for the purposes of skills-transfer while Australian Business Volunteers (ABV) is an international development agency whose volunteers engage in skills-transfer within the developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region.

"We're extremely excited to enter into this new partnership with ABV," said ICV's Acting CEO Tina McDonald of the agreement signed last week.

"For many Australians who've volunteered overseas, we provide an opportunity for them to share their skills in Indigenous communities."

"This agreement provides ICV with an added capacity to source skilled volunteers and help Indigenous communities and businesses achieve their goals."

ABV's CEO Michael Lynch said his organisation's work was increasing overseas and more Australians were needed to assist the delivery of skills needed within those communities.

"The association with ICV is beneficial for both organisations as it allows Australians to share their expertise where it's needed, both in Indigenous Australia and overseas," he said.

A volunteer with both ABV and ICV David Bailey said his experience as an ICV and ABV volunteer had been "so positive on so many different levels".

"Communities get access to skills and experiences that generally leave them with a brighter future," he said.

"Ongoing friendships are respectfully forged, which helps foster understanding and cooperation between people and communities from widely different backgrounds."

National Calendar of Events

To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Living Black on SBS Television. Shown every Wednesday at 6pm. For details call (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email news@sbs.simplicitycm.com

Until 27 March: Aboriginal Heritage – Alstonville Bypass. The NSW RTA seeks the registration of Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people who want to be consulted on cultural heritage matters relating to the Alstonville (northern NSW) bypass.

Registrations must be received in writing or by phone. For details call Lindsay Nash on 131 782 or email Lindsay_Nash@rta.nsw.gov.au or visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Until 28 March: Call for applications. The Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) offering nationally recognised training. This gives students the necessary knowledge, skills and confidence to enable them to start in pivotal roles in Indigenous leadership. Applicants should be active in Indigenous affairs in community organisations, Indigenous centres at tertiary institutions, government departments or the private sector. For details call (02) 6251 5770 or email ailc@indigenousleadership.org.au or visit www.indigenousleadership.org.au

Until 28 March: 25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award call for entries. They can be in any theme or media including paintings on bark, canvas and paper, prints, sculpture, fibre art, ceramics, glass, photography and digital media. For details call (08) 8999 8203 or (08) 8999 8264 or email natsiaa@nt.gov.au

Until 28 March: Gold Coast Indigenous Art and Design Award. This year's theme is Dhagun ya Borogura (Land and Sea of the Gold Coast). All are encouraged to apply. For details call Bianca Svantesson on (07) 5581 6075 or email bsvantesson@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

Until 28 March: Sydney Region NAIDOC funding submissions close. The Sydney Indigenous Co-ordination Centre (ICC) is inviting Indigenous organisations within the Sydney ICC boundaries to lodge submissions for NAIDOC 2008 activities. Funding applications can be completed electronically. For details call Jo Kerr on (0417) 214 811 or (02) 8255 7613 or Rochelle on 1800 079 098 or visit www.indigenous.gov.au

Until 28 March: 2009 Community Development Grants Program expression of interest. Applicants must be a non-profit sharing legal entity with the proposed project conducted in NSW Expressions of interest can be emailed to cdg.grants@crc.nsw.gov.au.

For details on criteria call (02) 8255 6779 for Sydney or (02) 4224 9922 for Wollongong or (02) 4929 4191 for Newcastle.

Until 29 March: Meen'thama; Coming Out for Ceremony Exhibition. This is the first exhibition of men's work to be held in Australia. Featuring artists Lawrence Omeeny, Silas Hobson, Adrian King, Sammy Clamont and many more. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery from 11am. For details call (07) 3891 5551 or email wag@harryscollins.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: 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.org.au

Until 29 March: Wantamarr Art Exhibition. It will display works from Hughie Bent (1930-2006). Held at Brigitte Braun Gallery, 4 White Street, Windsor 3181. All welcome. For details call Brigitte Braun on (03) 9521 2324 or (0417) 184 260 or email artplace@inet.net.au or visit www.artplace.com.au

Until 29 March: 'Old Girls from Lockhart River' and 'Girru' Queensland Art Exhibition. Featuring Denise Fruit, Elizabeth 'Queenie' Giblet, Alice Guinness and more. Held at Hogarth Galleries, Walker St, Paddington from 6-8pm. Details call (02) 9360 6839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

Until 31 March: Grant McLennan Memorial Fellowship – scholarship. This is an opportunity for Queensland contemporary musicians. There is a \$20,000 annual award for a mid-career songwriter. For details call (07) 3224 4896 or 1800 175 531 or visit www.arts.qld.gov.au

Until 4 April: Botany Bay and Ryde Community Hub Projects expression of interest. 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 are invited from local government and non-profit community organisations. Funding allocated

Michael Riley's outstanding series, Flyblown, to coincide with a retrospective of his work. Held at Stills Gallery, 36 Gosbell St, Paddington. For details call (02) 9331 7775 or (02) 9331 3975 or visit www.stillsgallery.com.au

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 11 April: Northern Mythology art exhibition of Brian Robinson. Northern Mythology takes people on a journey throughout Far North Queensland focusing on the Torres Strait. For details call (07) 3224 4896 or 1800 175 531 or email reception@arts.qld.gov.au or visit www.arts.qld.gov.au

14-16 April: The First National Indigenous Family and Community Strengths Conference. This will focus on the strengths of Indigenous families and communities. For details call (02) 4984 2554 or email family@pco.com.au or visit www.pco.com.au/family

Until 25 April: Grants for sports 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.ardevelopment.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.com.au

Until 27 April: Michael Riley Sight Unseen art exhibition. Stills Gallery is exhibiting one of Michael Riley's outstanding series, Sight Unseen, to coincide with a retrospective of his work. Held at Stills Gallery, 36 Gosbell St, Paddington. For details call (02) 9331 7775 or (02) 9331 3975 or visit www.stillsgallery.com.au

Until 30 April: Expressions of Interest. We are looking for Aboriginal people in Victoria who can share their knowledge of traditional Victorian Aboriginal languages as part of the Indigenous Language Culture Program to work with youth at the Malmesbury 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 30 April: Billy Thorpe Scholarship. This is an opportunity for Queensland contemporary musicians. There is a \$10,000 annual award to an outstanding emerging musician. For details call (07) 3224 4896 or 1800 175 531 or visit www.arts.qld.gov.au

Until 30 April: Land Acquisition Assistance – call for applications. The Indigenous Land Corporation is seeking applications that deliver training and sustainable employment outcomes for Indigenous people and bring in other partners who can provide money and support to the project. For details call 1800 818 490 or visit www.ila.gov.au

Until 9 May: 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 1 September to 28 November. For details call Dennis Stokes on (02) 9215 9173 or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au/albersresidency

Until 11 May: Mark-making. This display juxtaposes a 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 expressions of interest. Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreational Co-op would like to start the planning and development of the carnival as early as possible to ensure that all communities are given adequate time to prepare their teams to participate. 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 offering a limited number of free places to aspiring Indigenous filmmakers on its 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 15 July: The Australia Council for the Arts – grants. These grants are offered to Indigenous artists, arts organisations and community groups to help keep culture strong. For details call (02) 9215 9065 or 1800 226 912 or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants



'Mary' in a scene from the film *Crocodile Dreaming*, which will feature at the World of Women – WOW Film Festival Tour (4-5 April) at the Byron Community and Cultural Centre, Byron Bay, northern NSW. For more details, call 0402 246 601 or go to www.bbff.com.au/wow

for each project is \$350,000. For details call (02) 9815 0722 or email Glenda.Beattie@community.nsw.gov.au or visit www.community.nsw.gov.au

Until 4 April: Indigenous Visual Art Awards – call 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 4 April: Inner Eastern Sydney Child and Family Interagency Project expression of interest. 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 are invited from non-profit community organisations. Funding allocated for the project is \$195,000. For details call Deb on (02) 8303 8515 or email Deborah.McEvoy-Herbert@community.nsw.gov.au or visit www.community.nsw.gov.au

Until 5 April: Lineal in Linear art exhibition. Glen Namundja is a practitioner of the narrative/figurative style. For details call (03) 9417 6694 or email collingwood@mossensongalleries.com.au

Until 5 April: Michael Riley's Flyblown art exhibition. Stills Gallery is exhibiting one of

15-19 April: Reflections – Referendum 40 Years and to the Future. This is an original theatre piece devised by the students of the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) and directed by Resident Artistic Director Leah Purcell.

For ticket details call 136 246 or visit www.qtx.com.au

Until 19 April: Group Group Show – art exhibition. DAMP has invited 12 colleague artist duos, groups and collectives from Australia and beyond to participate in a group exhibition that presents a look at the dynamism and diversity of group activity. Held at Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Southbank.

For details call (03) 9685 9400 or email vmcinnos@unimelb.edu.au or visit www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/gallabout

Until 21 April: Forging Partnerships Grants. The Forging Partnership program encourages community, business and other organisations to work in partnership to better support and manage our natural resources. For details call (02) 9228 6223 or visit www.nrao.nsw.gov.au

Until 24 April: Painting Workshops. Pole Depot Community Centre invites the Aboriginal community to join in these 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.

National Calendar of Events

From previous page

20 July – 2 August: Festival of Pacific Arts. FOPA is the biggest world gathering of Pacific people, held every four years since it began in 1972. In 2008, the festival will be hosted by American Samoa and will continue in the tradition of celebrating the art and cultures of the region, keeping them strong. For details call (02) 9215 9000 or 1800 226 912 or email mail@australiacouncil.gov.au or visit www.festivalofpacificarts.com.au

Until 22 July: Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting. The prize is open to anyone who lives in 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. Divisions available: A grade men and women, under 18s, under 16s and under 14s boys and girls. For details call Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirl@mail.com or visit 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@tranby.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 kaig08@yahoo.com.au

26-28 March: The Menzies School of Health Research is offering a three-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 or visit www.menzies.edu.au/shortcourses

26-28 March: Inaugural World Indigenous Television Broadcasting Conference. 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 self-determination in education. Held at 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe from 6pm onwards. For details call Thomas Newman on (0419) 535 782 or (02) 9660 3444.

27 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. For details call Jason Tamiru on (03) 9417 7711 or visit www.deadlyfunny.com.au

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) 051226.

29 March: Field Trip. Bonalbo Aboriginal Corporation is hosting a trip to the Tabulam Flat Camp Aboriginal Area to inspect how recent plantings survived floods, and to add more local bush tucker. Also a trip to Ewingar to survey for tucker plants along the Clarence River. Lunch provided. Transport is available to Tabulam and Ewingar. Departs the Bunawlu Centre from 10am onwards.

For details call (02) 6665 1230 or email bonalbo2@msn.com or visit www.bonalboabcorp.org

30 March: 'Healthy Active Murri Kids' project launch. Featuring Mary G. Poetic Murriz, Indigenous Intrudaz, Hip Hop Competitions, sport activities, bush tucker, information stalls and more. Held at The Murri School, 1277 Beaudesert Rd, Acacia Ridge from 10am-4pm. For details call Tamara on (07) 3892 0100 or (0439) 400 446 or Karen Dorante on (07) 3892 0100.

1-4 April: Mentor Training Program. Indigenous Success Australia works with companies using the ISA mentor checklist to tailor a mentor program to the specific needs of the company and its Indigenous employees. Morning tea and lunch provided. Held at ACE, 59 Magellan St, Lismore, from 9am-4.30pm. For details call Flic Ryan on (0431) 444 705 or email rhinose@optusnet.com.au or visit www.indigenoussuccessaustralia.com.au

1 April-31 June: Dance for Life Project expression of interest for musicians and dancers. This is a multi art-form rhythm, vocal and dance workshop project that will be delivered to Indigenous young people in six Central Australian remote Indigenous communities. The targeted groups for the workshops are Indigenous young people between the ages of 10-18. The artists will work with the young people to produce a short performance that can be done for the community at the end of the workshop period.

For details call Patrick McCloskey on (08) 8951 9731 or email p.mccloskey@caama.com.au

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 from 10am-1pm. For details call (0404) 278 198 or (03) 9600 4277 or email vacl@vaclang.org.au or visit www.vaclang.org.au

2 April: Indigenous Community Organisations Workshop. This community workshop is specifically for Indigenous organisations wanting to learn how to develop a grants template; what to do prior to making your submission; how to win and access grants; and more. Cost involved. Held at the Pacific International Hotel, Parramatta from 9.30am-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. All 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 De La Cruz, Nova Peris and many more. Starring the Aboriginal students of Dubbo, from preschool to year 12. Held at the Senior Campus, Dubbo College, from 9.30am-12.30pm including a barbecue lunch. For details call (0419) 815 013 or email tom.simpson3@lafensw.net.au

4 April: Indigenous Visual Art Awards. This is a great opportunity to promote the Indigenous Visual Art Category for The Cancer Council Victoria's Arts Awards. There is prizemoney for the outstanding entrant of \$1000. Entries are open to all artists across Australia. For details call Peta Reynolds on (03) 9635 5316 or visit www.cancervic.org.au/artsawards or call (03) 9496 1060.

5-13 April: Youth Week in NSW. This provides young people throughout the State 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 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.deadlyfunny.com.au

5 April: National Day of Action. This day of action is to support Lex Wotton who has been charged in regards to the first riot of Murunji Doormagee death on Palm Island. For details call (0413) 188 907.

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 on (03) 9393 5133 or (0413) 812 222 or email wqphotography@optusnet.com.au

12 April: Social Justice in Early Childhood Group 5th Annual Conference. The program this year focuses on State and Federal issues in anticipation of changes imminent for the field in 2008 and beyond. Cost \$20 per person.

For details call Miriam Giugni on (0404) 852 151 or Lorraine Madden on (0406) 768 426 or email conference@socialjusticenearychildhood.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 telephone (02) 4984 2554 or email Family@pco.com.au or visit www.pco.com.au/family

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- Fostering the relationships between Charles Darwin University and the United Nations University IAS Centre of Excellence in Traditional Knowledge launched at CDU last December and the linkage of this centre to other relevant Australian groups, to mutual benefit
- Oversight of the Indigenous Academic Support Unit which operates from the Gurinbey Centre at the Casuarina campus, the Duwun Centre at Palmerston, the Akaltje Centre at Alice Springs and a fourth centre in Katherine, providing support to the many students undertaking research, higher education programs and vocational education programs. Over 5 percent of CDU's higher education students and almost 40 percent of the vocational students are Indigenous.
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Yule Brook winners, from left, Norm Anderson, Marie Adams, Minister Julia Gillard and Paul Billing. All photos courtesy of Dare to Lead



Aranmore winners, from left, Denise Conway, Margaret Papertalk, Jim Elliott and Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Julia Gillard.

They dare to lead



FIVE exemplary schools and programs – three from metropolitan Perth, one from Adelaide and one from outback New South Wales – are the major winners of the national Dare to Lead Excellence in Leadership in Indigenous Education Awards.

The awards were made in Parliament House, Canberra, on 14 March by Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Julia Gillard.

The awards, now in their fourth year, acknowledge schools and school leaders who are working in a focused and strategic way to achieve excellence in improving Indigenous student outcomes, with outstanding leadership, engagement with the local Indigenous community, and demonstrated improvements in targeted outcomes for their Indigenous students.

Dare to Lead is a collegial project driven by the profession, designed to achieve data-evidenced improvements in the key indicators of Year 5 literacy and Year 12 completion for Indigenous students.

It also aims to foster reconciliation in all schools and is



Midland Indigenous Youth Project winners, from left, Rob Nairn, Tania Cavanagh, Geri Hardy, Anne Robinson, Eleanor Hughes and Minister Julia Gillard.

funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and managed by the Australian Principals Associations Professional Development Council.

"The success that these schools and programs are having is based on strong leadership, astute use of data, innovation, and genuine connection with their local Indigenous communities," said Dare to Lead Manager Susan Boucher.

"These High Achievement Award-winners are great examples of the excellent work being performed by many school leaders in addressing the most pressing issue in Australian education today – hastening the closing of the gap in outcomes between non-Indigenous and Indigenous students."

The High Achievement Award winners:

● Aranmore Catholic College is

a Year 8-12 Catholic secondary school in Perth. Enrolment of Indigenous students at Aranmore CC has increased four-fold since 2000 when the school began its Aboriginal Support Program. All Indigenous Year 12 students have graduated every year since 2004.

● Menindee Central School is a government school in a remote NSW town 111km from Broken Hill. The school had 100 per cent retention of Indigenous students

from Year 10, 2006 to Year 11, 2007, with all on track to complete Year 12 in 2008. All 13 of these students are on traineeships.

● Midland Indigenous Youth Program in Perth's Swan district assists Indigenous young people to make a successful transition from school to work or further study. The percentage of participants at risk of not working, seeking work or studying is less than one-third of the average for other Indigenous youths in Perth.

● Wiltja is an Aboriginal education program based at Woodville High School, in Adelaide. All students are Anangu from remote and isolated communities across the Tri-State Western Desert area. Five Wiltja students graduated with their SA Certificate of Education in 2007 and each was the first member of their family to complete Year 12.

● Yule Brook College is a government middle school in an outer suburb of Perth which has a formal Aboriginal Community Agreement. There is strong growth in the enrolment of Indigenous students. All Indigenous students in Year 10 graduated in 2007, while suspensions of Indigenous students have plummeted over the past two years.



Deputy PM Julia Gillard with Menindee award-winners, from left, Pansy Williams, Daniel Fusi and Brian Debus.



Minister Julia Gillard, right, with Wiltja winners, from left, Steve Rawson, Bob Lines and Katrina Tjitayi.

Rich scholarship a golden opportunity



WHAT is being hailed as a 'once in a lifetime opportunity' of a lucrative scholarship to

study for two years at a prestigious college in the United Kingdom is being offered to one talented Indigenous Australian. United World College (UWC) Australian Indigenous Scholarships are worth more than \$65,000 and cover all tuition and board for a two-year study program.

Offered to Year 11 and 12 students, they could be equated to a Junior Rhodes Scholarship at a high school level.

The winner of the last UWC Indigenous scholarship was Nakkiah Lui, a Torres Strait Islander student from St Mary's

Indigenous student has chance to study in the United Kingdom

High School in New South Wales.

Nakkiah has been attending the Canadian United World College near Victoria, British Columbia, where her peers have included 100 students representing about 80 different nations from across Asia, Latin America and Europe.

This year, one of four Australian scholarships will result in one Indigenous student living in any State or Territory studying at the United World College of the Atlantic in Wales, Britain.

Applications for the full

scholarship covering all tuition and board will close on 9 April.

Parents of the recipient pay travel expenses and pocket money only, and students who attend a UWC study for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, a pre-university qualification that is highly regarded around the world.

Extensive community service and a wide range of cultural and outdoor activities are also features of a UWC education. Examples of these activities at the Canadian college include TV

production, coastwatch and theatre for the deaf programs.

UWC is a global educational movement that brings together students from all over the world to live and study together in an environment designed to foster international understanding, peace and justice.

Queen Noor of Jordan is the President of the movement, and former South African President Nelson Mandela serves as an Honorary President.

When selected for her scholarship in 2003, Nakkiah said

it was 'vitaly important that we share throughout the world an Aboriginal perspective on Australia's Indigenous history and culture'. "I want to experience and gain all the knowledge I possibly can from my peers, mentors, Elders, and the College, so that when I come back I can share it with my community, and help make a difference for the future," she said.

All UWC scholarships are funded by donations, and the Australian committee is always seeking support from the community.

Further information and application forms are available on the UWC website at www.uwc.org.au. For more details contact Michael Janda by email on michael.a.janda@gmail.com or by phone on (0425) 251 140.

Perth school gets it right



WHILE not all of the students in Year 3 at East Kenwick Primary School in Perth achieved the

literacy benchmark for reading in 2007, all of the Aboriginal students in the class did - and with flying colours.

The fact that the Aboriginal students achieved a better result than the year level overall is believed to be due to a number of factors.

"Our school is accepting Aboriginal education as a whole-school issue," said local Elder Raelee Cook.

"Aboriginal parents are encouraged to participate in the day-to-day aspects of our children's education. In my day, not many parents attended the school and now parents are taking ownership of their children's education and are becoming pro-active in the school community."

East Kenwick Principal Jan Hepburn believes that another important element in improving outcomes is the work performed by Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer and Noongar LOTE teacher Stephanie Eades.

"Steph is a brilliant role model for these kids," Ms Hepburn says.

"She is working in classes while she does her own teacher training, taking small groups under directions, and the kids and community see her in a positive way."

"She is in a leadership role as well, and gives out the Noongar language and Aboriginal Studies merit certificates at assembly."



East Kenwick School Principal Jan Hepburn reading with Lindsay Martin and Troy Mead.

The school uses the Jolly Phonics program from pre-primary to Year 2. It is a tactile, visual and auditory learning program. "If a student likes to hear, touch or see, it covers all learning styles," Ms Hepburn says.

"We do small-group work with Indigenous tutors, homing-in on specific students and their needs. We establish their needs by LiteracyNet and national testing, and this is making a difference."

"We also use the Getting It Right literacy strategy and access the Commonwealth Literacy Program for students who need extra assistance."

"There are a number of strategies and

a number of funding sources, but it is all targeted on one thing: Boosting the literacy levels for these students."

"The great thing is, we are seeing results. The community is also noticing because our Aboriginal enrolments have increased. 62 per cent of the school's Aboriginal students are in the early childhood and junior sections, so we should see the proportion of Aboriginal students at our school keep growing for coming years, and that is very satisfying."

East Kenwick PS is an Achievement Award winner in the Dare to Lead Excellence in Leadership in Indigenous Education Awards.



One of the successful Kalkaringi students is congratulated on his achievement.

Kalkaringi students finish course



FIFTEEN students from the Kalkaringi community in the Northern Territory have completed specialised computer training.

The students completed Certificate 1 in Information Communication Technology, a course run by the Innovative Training Group (ITG), based in Gungahlin, in the Australian Capital Territory.

ITG Director Donna Cox-Smith said the 15 students achieved the qualification in addition to their regular school commitments.

The students all attend Daguragu, which is the Kalkaringi Community Education Centre.

"The students have come back to school in 2008 and have been awarded with their nationally recognised certificate," Ms Cox-Smith said. "This training would not have been possible without the support and funding from the Department of Employment, Education and Training and the fantastic support from the teachers, specifically Jeff Parker."

Attending the ceremony were Katherine field officer Bill Daw, senior teacher Jeff Parker, principal Jean Loke and students who completed the qualification in Information Communication Technology.

Basketballer helps to launch Batchelor cafe



ELITE basketballer Andre Moore joined students and staff at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education for the official opening of a newly upgraded Student Kafé at the institution's main campus at Batchelor last week.

National Basketball League (NBL) star

Moore and Indigenous motivator Trevor Timms attended the opening as part of a visit to Darwin at the invitation of the Hoops 4 Health Aboriginal Corporation which delivers programs promoting healthy lifestyle choices for Indigenous Australians.

Student Representative Council spokesman Ralph Doole said the newly upgraded facilities at the Student Kafé at

Batchelor campus, 100km south of Darwin, include a kitchen for the preparation of healthy foods, a small shop and an entertainment area.

He said athletes such as Moore were great role models and would help inspire many Batchelor students to persevere with their studies so they could also achieve success.

"Our students come from all around Australia and have overcome a lot of hurdles and difficulties to be at Batchelor Institute and the Student Kafé will help provide a place on campus for them where they can chill out and have access to a range of healthy foods as well as recreation and entertainment activities," Mr Doole said.



Student Aisha Barba



Student Kellie Backhouse



Student Shannan Ramsamy



Student Lol Basnight



Student Kerry Priestley

Course aids students



EIGHTEEN Indigenous women are working towards new careers as teachers' aides at the Central Queensland Institute of TAFE's Mackay campus.

Student Support Officer Megan Durante said the training program aimed to address the need for more trained Indigenous workers in schools.

The women are studying full-time for six months for their Certificate III in Education Support (Teacher Aides).

Ms Durante has encouraged the students to get back into the classroom by helping them identify courses and support systems available.

"A lot of these people don't have the confidence in themselves, but as soon as they get here they see they can do it," she said.

"My goal is to see these 18 girls with part-time or full-time jobs in schools and I can say I helped them do it."

Participant Kerry Priestley said she was finding the program interesting.

"It's been a while since I've done any schooling and it's all new for me," she said.



Acting Student Support Officer Amanda Ramsamy (left) and Student Support Officer (Acting Project Officer) Megan Durante are on hand to help Indigenous students at Central Queensland Institute of TAFE.

"I wanted to be in the school environment for my children (aged 10, 11 and 12). I have found that school now is

completely different from when I was there. I wanted to be able to help them with their work and I will get a better

understanding of what they learn.

"We've got very good support people here to encourage us to come to TAFE to do the course."

"It makes a difference to have people like Megan who will come to your house to encourage you. Especially when you get older you will find Indigenous people are very inclined to be shy. The support of staff and other students gives us the confidence to participate."

Sam Anderson, 20, is using the program to get a foot in the door of the education system as a teacher's aide and then move on to further study to become a teacher.

"We are all Indigenous people in the class and we all get along and I feel more comfortable. I also have more confidence with the work and assignments," she said.

Ms Anderson was enjoying learning about diversity in schools and the different backgrounds of students and their abilities to learn.

"We get placement in schools as volunteers on 15 April, starting off in the roles as teacher aides for when we go for jobs," she said.

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NT women on right course to pass on parenting skills

By KIRSTIE PARKER

NT READING and hearing media reports of the ongoing emergency intervention in the Northern Territory, you could almost be forgiven for thinking there are no good Aboriginal parents there.

Of course that impression is not true, but it continues to be fuelled by the ongoing part-quarantining of welfare payments distributed in the 80-or-so Aboriginal communities prescribed under the intervention, irrespective of whether the recipients are good or bad parents.

The new Rudd Government is keeping a watching brief on welfare quarantining – which sees 50 per cent of welfare payments held aside only for food, other household items and bills – until the end of the financial year.

In the meantime, life in the communities goes on. Earlier this month, three Aboriginal women from two prescribed communities – Barunga and Wugularr, southeast of Katherine – travelled to northern New South Wales to learn how to pass on good parenting skills to younger parents in order to bring about the best outcomes for their children.

Mothers Raelene Bulumbara, Anne-Marie Lee and Selena Ashley-Brown spent five days in Mullumbimby attending a five-day 'train the trainer' specialised parent education course.

Bulumbara, a traditional owner for the Nitmuluk area, works in the crèche at Wugularr. Lee is the vice-chairperson of the Barunga community and Ashley-Brown works in the health clinic at Wugularr.

The course was run by the Spirit of Childhood Foundation, with funding provided by the Katherine Indigenous Coordinating



Back, from left, Jane Hanckel from the Spirit of Childhood Foundation and Raelene Bulumbara. Front, from left, Selena Ashley-Brown and Anne-Marie Lee.

Centre (ICC). It followed a two-day workshop held at Borroloola last year which the Foundation's Jane Hanckel said was very attuned to a the maxim of community Elders 'we must teach our children before we die. Nobody else has the wisdom we have to give them'.

Anne-Marie Lee agreed.

"It is better for our kids to be taught in their own community," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"We came to learn about early childhood, about parent's education so we can take it back to our communities."

"We have a lot of young parents aged 14 or 15 and some are not ready for children. We've got involved to tell young mums how to look after their children."

The women face many challenges in educating their children. The scrapping of bilingual education in the NT means Elders and other community members are less involved in what happens in the classroom. Most books and other teaching materials are in English (which is not necessarily Aboriginal children's first language), relate

stories of little relevance to the children and feature no black faces.

"A lot of what is in the books, the kids don't understand. They want to sit down and listen but a lot of it is not familiar to them," said Ashley-Brown.

None of this augers well for turning around low school attendance levels, but the three Barunga and Wugularr women are determined to make a difference.

Suitable

They see the program they learned at Mullumbimby – which is largely tactile, draws upon art and craft, puppetry, games, songs and stories in language, and uses all-natural materials such as seedpods, artefacts and felt – as particularly suitable for use in Aboriginal communities like theirs.

"In Barunga, when we had bilingual education, we had a lot of people helping in the classroom, but since it has closed down," said Lee.

"There's a lot of ladies in Barunga who know how to translate it from English into Creole."

"This morning we made felt puppets and sang songs. The kids can help us make the dolls and they'll be learning and feeling good about themselves."

"And a lot of the materials are re-useable, like bees wax and wooden objects and felt. I am hoping the ICC will help with materials."

Hanckel said the program was 'childhood going back to basics'.

"The workshop is empowering the women to use their art and craft, games, songs, stories and obviously their culture as tools for strengthening their communities," she said.

"Parent education is a very sensitive issue especially in low income and Indigenous communities because people are understandably very sensitive about being labelled bad parents."

"A lot of people learn much better through action learning and working with art and craft is a very safe way to start talking about parenthood."

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Sewing felt puppets during the Mullumbimby parent education course.

Yolngu leaders unite for better health delivery

\$2 million clinic at Ski Beach

NT SENIOR Yolngu leaders are joining forces to combat shocking death, disease and suicide rates in North-East Arnhem Land.

The leaders, including senior Yolngu law man Galarrwuy Yunupingu, Northern Land Council Chair Wali Wunungmurra and Miwatj Health Chair John Morgan, say they have been frustrated by health service delivery in their region and the lack of satisfactory health outcomes.

They have agreed to collaborate more closely to influence government planning and improve service delivery.

They say that the chronic fragmentation of services and a lack of co-ordination at Federal and Territory levels had led to big gaps in some services, and duplication in others.

The leaders came together last week at the official opening of the



WALI WUNUNGURRA

\$2 million Marngar clinic at Ski Beach which will be operated by the Miwatj Health Service.

"The level of deaths, disease and suicides are totally unacceptable in this area and the Yolngu leadership recognises that we need to act fast, act smart and act together," said Miwatj Health CEO Eddie Mulholland.

"Galarrwuy is leading the way by giving Miwatj Health the responsibility for the new Marngar clinic and we feel sure we'll start to turn around some of those statistics in time."



GALARRWUY YUNUPINGU

Mr Mulholland says the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health's planning study in the region was timely and he encouraged health bureaucrats to consult closely with Yolngu communities to get the best outcomes.

"Yolngu people know how to work together effectively and the recent development of a drug and alcohol policy proves how strong they can be in getting people healthy, and in getting people back to their country," he said.

Travel fears hit patients



THE Northern Territory's peak Aboriginal health group says the growing level of fear and the lack of confidence in patient travel services among many bush people is contributing to their poor health and lack of emotional well-being.

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) made the claim following calls last week by the Katherine West Health Board (KWHB) for the Federal Government to urgently respond to a Senate Inquiry that last year proposed changes to 'patient travel' services for people in remote areas.

KWHB acting Chairman Willy Johnson said Aboriginal people in the bush who needed to travel long distances to access health services would continue to hold grave fears for their lives and safety, unless Canberra took swift action to address on-going 'patient travel' concerns.

Mr Johnson demanded that the Federal Government fully implement the recommendations of the Senate Inquiry titled *Highway to health: better access for rural, regional and remote patients*.

The Senate Inquiry was completed late last year partly in response to the in-transit death of an elderly Kalkaringi patient in August 2006, but Mr Johnson said the Commonwealth had failed to implement the changes recommended by the Senate Inquiry.

Mr Johnson urged the Federal Government to commit itself – and its health service agencies – to improving patient travel services as an urgent priority.

"It's now 18 months since the Kalkaringi tragedy and patient travel is still being ignored at the national level," he said. "This issue is too important as people's lives depend upon a proper working patient travel system."

"Our clients in the bush always talk about their fears of travelling long distances for health services and are afraid to board aircraft and leave their communities. We hope to hear some good news soon that this system will be fixed and fully funded."



WILLY JOHNSON

Foundation welcomes new Victorian initiative

VIC THE Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) has welcomed an initiative announced last week by Premier John Brumby targeting preventable diseases such as diabetes.

VicHealth CEO Todd Harper said the Government's \$600 million initiative would have an important impact on the health of Victorians.

"This world-first initiative marries well with the ground-breaking work that VicHealth and its partners have undertaken to increase physical activity, reducing smoking and improving healthy eating in the population," Mr Harper said.

This initiative will help tackle some of the modern challenges for workplaces – including the many employees who are sitting for most of the day at their desk, in front of computers.

Mr Harper said there was strong evidence that time spent sitting is

associated with being overweight and obesity, high blood pressure, poor blood sugar levels and unhealthy levels of blood fats, including cholesterol problems.

"We know that this sort of physical inactivity is a major driver for obesity

essential that we work out ways to be active during this part of the day.

"Workplaces are an important part of the strategy to tackle chronic disease and these initiatives will support our efforts to get more people walking, cycling, drinking less alcohol and quitting smoking."

"Nearly two out of five people don't do enough exercise to improve their health, while at the same time preventable diseases like diabetes, cancer and heart disease, all linked to obesity, cost Victoria more than \$1 billion a year."

Mr Harper said simple steps like walking or riding to work, taking a stroll to buy your sandwich for lunch and walking to your local supermarket could make a huge difference.

"Maximum benefits occur when people shift from inactive to moderately active, but today in Melbourne about one-third of car trips are less than 3km and half are less than 5km," he said.

'Nearly two out of five people don't do enough exercise to improve their health, while at the same time preventable diseases like diabetes, cancer and heart disease, all linked to obesity, cost Victoria more than \$1 billion a year.'

and chronic disease, so the question is how do we encourage workplaces to support their employees to be more active?" he said.

"Most people spend a large proportion of their day at work and travelling to the workplace so it's

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Successful launch for success stories



FOR those working in Indigenous health, it can be easy to get caught up in the many challenges ahead. But celebrating successes along the way can also inspire the journey. That was the impetus earlier this month when a members meeting of the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) hosted the launch of a new booklet, *Success Stories in Indigenous Health*, at the Eltham Gateway Hotel in Melbourne.

The booklet, produced by national community-based action group Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), showcases stories from all States and Territories, and representatives from the two health programs from Victoria spoke to the audience.

Bev Greet, representing Marie Stopes International, spoke on the Snake Condoms Campaign – a campaign that had humble beginnings in Mildura and has now spread Australia-wide.

Doseena Fergie and Jo Stanton spoke about the program 'Good Food, Great Kids', run with the Yarra Valley Community Health Service. The program focuses on educating and supporting children and the community to have greater empowerment with their nutritional choices and has expanded to include weekly meeting and cooking days for mothers and a whole-of-school approach to kids' nutritional needs.

Gary Highland, from ANTaR's National office, gave a brief history on the impetus for the formation of the booklet and how



ANTaR's Gary Highland speaks.



Bev Greet speaks on Snake Condoms.



Justin Mohammed, from VACCHO.

the 'Close the Gap' campaign was achieving momentum.

The evening was capped off with a musical set from singer/songwriter James Henry.



James Henry performs.

VACCHO's Fiona Scott co-ordinated the launch with the VACCHO members meeting, which included a talk by Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Chairman Justin Mohamed.

Cervical cancer action is urged



GOVERNMENT should set a timeline and framework for ensuring cervical cancer screening and human papillomavirus

(HPV) immunisation work together to further reduce cervical cancer burden in Australia, according to a new report.

Releasing the recommendations of a 'roundtable' meeting of Australian experts, Cancer Council Australia Chief Executive Officer Professor Ian Olver said last week that the vaccine's introduction would raise questions about cervical screening intervals and cost-effectiveness, and could lead to potential confusion about how the two programs work together.

"Australia's cervical cancer screening program is the main reason incidence in women aged 20 to 69 halved between 1991 and 2005, while HPV immunisation has the potential to prevent up to 70 per cent of cervical cancers," Professor Olver said.

"As girls who have been vaccinated reach the screening age range of 18 to 20, we are likely to see fewer abnormalities and will need to look at screening intervals and pathology workforce."

"An evidence-based approach to policy and public information will help to ensure these two different approaches to cervical cancer prevention combine to further reduce incidence and mortality."

Vaccine

Cancer Council Australia President Professor Ian Frazer, whose research team developed the HPV vaccine, said Australia was a world leader in reducing cervical cancer mortality using Pap testing.

"HPV immunisation has the potential to further reduce cervical cancer mortality, but it is vitally important that Australian women continue to be screened through Pap testing for pre-cancerous abnormalities and that they receive clear advice," he said.

The Cancer Council also released the HPV immunisation chapter of its National Cancer Prevention Policy, which identifies opportunities for the vaccine to reduce cultural inequities in cervical cancer mortality.

Professor Frazer said Australia had a highly effective cervical cancer screening program, but its success had not been shared equally, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women having 'significantly higher cervical cancer mortality rates'.

"As recommended in this new chapter of our National Cancer Prevention Policy, the Government should continue to develop strategies to facilitate HPV immunisation among Aboriginal girls and women, who are at significantly higher risk of cervical cancer largely because of lower participation in screening," he said.

Both reports can be found at: www.cancer.org.au/publications

Quitting 'key to closing the gap'



AUSTRALIA'S politicians have been told that reducing Aboriginal smoking rates is critical to closing the health gap between Aboriginal and other Australians.

When health researchers visited the Federal Parliament on 13 March, Indigenous tobacco control specialist Viki Briggs presented Aboriginal smoking rates.

She was addressing politicians, advisers and policymakers at the inaugural Parliamentary Showcase of Aboriginal Health Research at Parliament House.

Organised by the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCaH), the showcase aimed to inform the Government of the very latest research initiatives and evidence-based programs that were having a positive impact on the health of Australia's Indigenous peoples.

CRCaH Chief Executive Mick Gooda said Australia's research community had welcomed Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's commitment to

evidence-based programs to narrow the health divide between Indigenous people and other Australians.

"The CRCaH and its predecessor have spent over a decade investigating how best to deliver health services to Indigenous people and how to remove impediments to Indigenous people accessing the help they



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— CRCaH chief Mick Gooda

need," Mr Gooda said.

"This is the sort of information the Government needs to hear."

The showcase featured presentations from several of the CRCaH's leading researchers. CRCaH Research Director Professor Ian Anderson spoke about the importance of

evidence-based research in underpinning health initiatives, and launched new CRCaH-sponsored research into the impact of racism on Indigenous health in Australia and New Zealand.

The rest of the program was devoted to presenting research findings that were already yielding concrete strategies to improve

Indigenous health. These included:

- A project which has improved prevention and management of chronic diseases across Australia

- An action-learning project which is improving the management of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services

- A well-established Northern Territory program to improve developmental outcomes in

Aboriginal children through its support of parents and children

- Research which indicates high Aboriginal smoking rates account for 17 per cent of the health gap between Aboriginal and other Australians and proposes a strategy for reducing Aboriginal tobacco use.

BP office gear finds a welcome home



FRED Hollows Foundation Chief Executive Officer Brian Doolan has welcomed the donation of office furniture and equipment from BP's Bulwer Island Refinery, to be used in the Northern Territory where it will help local people improve health and eyesight services for Indigenous communities.

"As an NGO (non-government organisation), we run a tight ship and donations like this really help the Fred Hollows Foundation to keep costs low, enabling us to deliver more money to where it really matters – restoring sight in the developing world and improving health and eyesight in remote Australia," he said.

The equipment, which is drawn from

220 redundant office stations, was packed into shipping containers and farewelled from Brisbane on 14 March.

"The furniture is heading to our programs in the Jawoyn region, south-east of Katherine. Our partners, the Jawoyn Association, the Sunrise Health Service and the Nyirranggulung Mardruk Ngadberre Regional Council will all benefit as a result of this

enormous contribution," said Mr Doolan.

Royal Wolf, All Purposes Removals, Pacific National, Freight Link and BP staff contributed to the transport and removal of the equipment.

The Fred Hollows Foundation carries on the work of Professor Fred Hollows.

● Phone 1800 352 352 or visit www.hollows.org.au to donate.

Speakers get good hearing at workshop



AUSTRALIAN Hearing is urging Indigenous people to consider a career in audiology.

Australian Hearing staff attended the Aboriginal Student Residential Workshop for students in Greater Western New South Wales to provide information and advice about pursuing a career in hearing health.

According to Dr Kelvin Kong, Australia's first Australian Indigenous surgeon, a career in hearing health is challenging and rewarding.

"Hearing loss amongst Indigenous people is higher than for non-Indigenous people," he said.

"By adulthood, it is not unusual for some degree of hearing loss to be present in at least one ear in up to 70 per cent of Aboriginal people in a given community.

Increase

"Australian Hearing wants to increase the number of Indigenous staff members to help close the gap on Indigenous hearing health."

Dr Kong is an otolaryngology, head and neck surgeon (ear, nose and throat surgeon) and serves as a Director on the Australian Hearing Board.

"Working with Australian Hearing means making a real difference to people's lives. Hearing is essential for communicating, accessing education and contributing to the workforce," he said.

The Aboriginal Student Residential Workshop was on 11 March at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre at Sackville North, north-east of Richmond.

Career opportunities include roles in administration, technology, customer service, audiometry, audiology and research.

Australian Hearing has 93 centres and more than 220 visiting sites nationally.

● For more information about careers at Australian Hearing visit www.hearing.com.au/indigenous-recruitment



Genus Passi and David Fauimu with students at the 'Ditch the Durries' gathering in Townsville, north Queensland.

Ditch smokes, students told

Story and photos by ALF WILSON in Townsville



NORTH Queensland Cowboys National Rugby League player David Fauimu was the guest at a 'Ditch the Durries' event held for Indigenous students in Townsville last

week as part of on National Youth No Tobacco Day.

Tammie Harrison, a Youth Support Co-ordinator for Queensland Youth Services, was one of the organisers of the event, held at the Edmund Rice Flexible Learning Centre on 19 March. She said it was a great educational gathering.

"The Ditch the Durries was part of the no-smoking campaign – we had stalls and our Adopt-A-Cowboy David Fauimu

was there from 10am to 11.30am," Ms Harrison said.

Ms Harrison said that it was part of a week-long campaign educating youth about the bad effects of smoking.

"Today is National Youth No Tobacco Day State-wide and the students enjoyed it," she said.

Mr Fauimu played touch football with the students and then had some basketball practice with them before educational talks started.

Youth worker Genus Passi said there were 55 students at the centre, on Townsville's Ingham Road.

"About 80 per cent of them are Indigenous," Mr Passi said. "Some of them are from the Torres Strait but most are Aboriginal."

Fifteen students from Grades eight to 12 students from the Upper Ross campus also attended.



David Fauimu, Tammie Harrison and Genus Passi at the event.



Aunty Bertha Kapeen with a painting that was presented to her.



Cabbage Tree Island school pupils who performed a dance on the day.



Jason Sines and Darrell Creighton.



Bullinah Aboriginal Medical Service Steering Committee Chair Nancy Walke.

It's their health service!

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



THE Aboriginal community at Ballina, in Northern New South Wales, have celebrated the opening of their very own Aboriginal health service.

After three years of planning and consultation, Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service opened last week as a full-time health provider dedicated to the specific needs of the Ballina, Cabbage Tree Island and Byron Bay Indigenous communities.

Chairwoman for the organisation Nancy Walke said this medical service would be culturally appropriate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"We also see it as somewhere people can come and feel culturally safe," she said.

Ms Walke said that the Bullinah

Medical Service would eventually become a one-stop shop.

"We hope to bring in other agencies such as age and child services," she said.

About 60 people attended the launch of the Ballina medical service. There was also a dance performed by the children from nearby Cabbage Tree Island School.

Kev Carmody also performed and the Aboriginal children from local schools sang Carmody's song, *From Little Things Big Things Grow*.

Speakers included local council and State Government representatives, who welcomed the service into the community.

Elder Aunty Bertha Kapeen was also acknowledged for her contribution to the service, and being the local woman of the year.

The launch was followed by a bush tucker barbecue.



Dr Dan Ewald at the microphone.



Tammy Kapeen and Dianne Harrington, and, in front, Patricia Cook and Bullinah Service Co-ordinator Jennifer Smith.



Digby Moran speaks.



Kev Carmody sings at the launch.



From left, Leonie Watson, Dr Sarah Cooper and Carmel Kapeen at the opening.



Lenore Marlowe and Elly Bradshaw.

Artist's focus on Dreamtime animals

By MARGARET SMITH

LATJJI man Trevor 'Turbo' Brown started painting professionally in 2001 when he came to Melbourne from Mildura, and was studying at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). He says simply: "I worked hard and found that I got better and better."

After graduating, Brown moved on to the Koorie Heritage Trust, and now he's with Australian Dreaming Art and Mike Silk.

His paintings of Australian Dreamtime animals such as galahs, black cockatoos, kookaburras, koalas, pelicans, owls and dingoes have a rare exuberance and almost leap off the canvas.

"Even dingoes, I love them — they mean no harm. I want to protect all the animals. They look out for me, and I look out for



Above left Trevor 'Turbo' Brown's *Pelicans*, acrylic on canvas, 2007, 100 x 150cm and, above right, his *Two Kookaburras*, 2007, acrylic on canvas, 137 x 92cm

them," the artist said.

Brown is particularly concerned about the road kill he sees on country roads, and says

whitefellas should respect native animals more.

He says that in his paintings he brings the animals back to life.

He says that when he encounters an animal or bird in the bush, 'they look at you, and you look back at them. Sometimes I feel

like (the late) Steve Irwin. You love them, and they love you back'.

Brown says studying art was one of the best things that has happened to him.

"When I paint I feel like I'm in the Dreamtime, and can see all the animals and birds that live there," he explains. "And it keeps me off the streets and out of trouble."

Brown's paintings have been bought by the National Gallery of Victoria and the National Gallery of Australia, and he was fourth runner-up for an earlier Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

His colourful work is currently exhibiting in Sydney at the Rex-Livingston Gallery (59 Flinders Street, Surry Hills, until 6 April), and another exhibition will open in Melbourne on 9 May at the Australian Dreaming Art Gallery, 116 Gertrude St, Fitzroy.

Bangarra's latest...



Elma Kris in a scene from *Mathinna*.

Work inspired by sad journey

BANGARRA Dance Theatre is preparing to launch its production, *Mathinna*, a new work by award-winning artistic director Stephen Page. Inspired by a young girl's journey between two cultures, *Mathinna* traces the fragmented history of a young Aboriginal girl removed from her traditional life and adopted into Western colonial society, to be ultimately returned to the fragments of her original heritage.

The story revolves around the life of Mary, who was born on Flinders Island, Tasmania, in 1835 to the chief of the Lowreenne tribe, Towgerer, and his wife Wongerneep.

As a young girl, Mary captured the hearts of Governor Sir John and Lady Jane Franklin and was adopted into their household at Government House, Hobart.

Mary was renamed Mathinna. Somewhat an educational and charitable project, she was raised with the Governor's daughter Eleanor and was described as a 'very nice, intelligent child'.

But when Sir John and Lady Jane returned to England, Mathinna was sent to the Queen's Orphan School in Hobart where she struggled to adjust.

When Mathinna was 16 she left the school to rejoin the last of her people at an Aboriginal station at Oyster Cove, south of Hobart. At this settlement, Mathinna's life came to a disheartening end.

Mathinna became the archetype of the 'stolen child' and, in this new work, Bangarra Dance Theatre has recreated her powerful story of vulnerability and searching in an era of confusion and intolerance.

As a prominent Australian Indigenous arts leader and following his recent honour as NSW Australian of the Year, Stephen Page evokes the traditional Indigenous spirit in this latest full-length work.

The choreography is by Stephen Page, music David Page, set design Peter England, lighting design Damien Cooper and costume design Jennifer Irwin.

● *Mathinna* begins its national tour in Melbourne from 16-24 May at the Arts Centre, Playhouse. Bookings: 1300 136 186. The dates for the production are: Melbourne, 16-24 May, the Arts Centre, Playhouse; Brisbane 29 May-7 June, Queensland Performing Arts Centre; Wollongong, 12-14 June, Illawarra Performing Arts Centre; Canberra 19-21 June, Canberra Theatre Centre; Newcastle 10-12 July, Newcastle Civic Theatre; and Sydney 19 July-23 August, Drama Theatre, Sydney Opera House.

Top prices at auction



ABORIGINAL art up for auction in Sydney has attracted strong interest and set record prices. Some 120 works went under the hammer at the

Lawson-Menzies auction, many of which were post-1980 Aboriginal works. A spokeswoman for auction house Lawson-Menzies said a clearance rate of 80 per cent showed the works were popular with investors.

"This has been a very strong night for the sale of Aboriginal art," she said.

"Sale prices broke records for three Aboriginal artists."

A polymer paint on linen work by Judy Watson Napangardi, titled

Women's Dreaming, sold for \$216,000 including a 20 per cent buyer's premium.

Another synthetic polymer paint on linen piece, *Kutungka Napanangka at Papunga*, by Walangkura Napanangka, sold for

\$52,800 including buyer's premium.

The third record-breaking price was achieved by a Robert Campbell Jnr canvas titled *Ash Wednesday*. It sold for \$21,800 including buyer's premium. -AAP



Maurial Spearim - Victorian College of the Arts Drama student and inaugural winner of the \$5000 Gerda Nicholson Award for an Indigenous undergraduate student in drama or music.

Dedication, passion pays off for student



SECOND-YEAR Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) Drama student

Maurial Spearim is the inaugural winner of the \$5000 Gerda Nicholson Award for an Indigenous undergraduate student in drama or music.

The award, in honour of the late Australian actress Gerda Nicholson, was established by her nieces, Vicky and Ann Szappanos, as part of the Victorian Community Foundation. The award was facilitated by the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development and the Victorian College of the Arts, faculty of the University of Melbourne.

Ms Nicholson was one of Australia's best-loved character actresses, with acclaimed performances in *Bellbird*, playing farmer's wife Fiona Davies, and in the cult series *Prisoner*, playing the spirited Governor, Ann Reynolds.

Ms Nicholson played the role of Ann Reynolds from 1983-1986, and later secured special guest roles in *Neighbours* and the mini-series *Bangkok Hilton*, alongside Nicole

Kidman and Deholm Elliot.

Award recipient Ms Spearim, a Gamilaroi woman from Moree, NSW, was delighted and touched to receive the award.

Wilin Centre head Michelle Evans said Ms Spearim had a depth of passion and dedication to her art that inspired those she encountered.

She said Ms Spearim was brimming with a talent that had people transfixed and was a stand-out performer at last year's Fan the

Flames VCA Indigenous Student Showcase - an event that attracted a large crowd of Indigenous, local and industry community.

"Maurial is an exciting Indigenous artist. Her presence on stage is phenomenal and we are grateful to have her studying here at the VCA..."

her studying here at the Victorian College of the Arts," Ms Evans said.

"The Wilin Centre is honoured to host this prestigious award and thanks the family of Gerda Nicholson for their investment in Indigenous performing arts talent in Australia."

● For more information on scholarships for Indigenous students through the Wilin Centre at the VCA, contact (03) 9685 9324.

'Maurial is an exciting Indigenous artist. Her presence on stage is phenomenal and we are grateful to have her studying here at the VCA...'

Indigenous artists listed in western Sydney program



SEVERAL Indigenous Australian artists are among the thousands of individuals, groups and organisations listed in *Artfiles* - a professional development

program for artists in western Sydney. *Artfiles*, which takes form in a book and website, was launched at Parramatta on 13 March.

Darug Elder Uncle Greg Simms gave the Welcome to Country at the launch

event, which featured an exhibition, *Always Driving into the Sun*, showing the works of outstanding local artists.

Artfiles charts the creative explosion happening in Sydney's west.

It features descriptions and contact details for thousands of cultural creators - including artists, writers, designers and performers - as well as details on facilities, programs and activities in the region.

Free copies of *Artfiles* 2008/09 are available at public libraries across western Sydney.

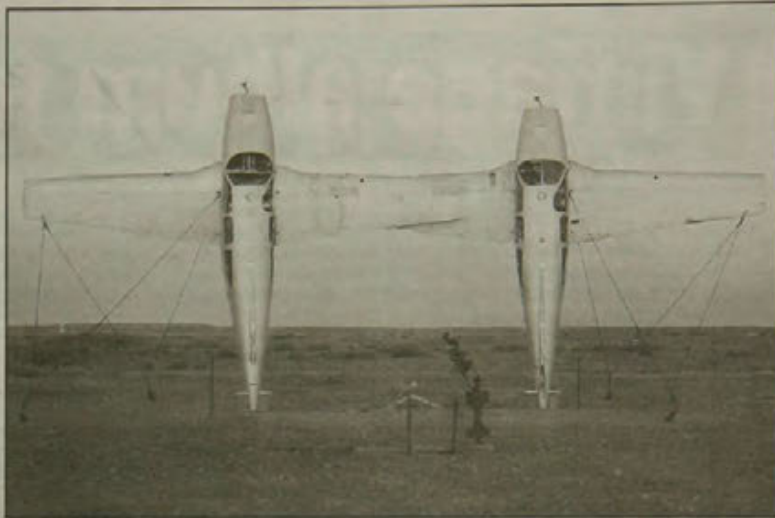
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GREG SIMMS



Dog Evening, by Robin Cooke, at Alberrie Creek sculpture park.



Robin Cooke's *Planeset*, an installation at Alberrie Creek, 60kms up the Oodnadatta Track from Marree.

Tracks in the sand...

SA

THE integrity of the land underpins a new art exhibition currently showing at the South Australian Museum in Adelaide. *Tracks in the Sand: Artwork from the Marree region and Arabunna land* will show at the museum until 20 April.

The backbone of the show is 30 photographs by Reg Dodd, showing creature tracks in the sand and natural patterns made by the elements.

Reg says that people quickly learn about the environment when they are dependant on it.

"It's your survival. If you are hunting an animal, you become that animal," he said.

"You watch the animals. You don't look at the television to know that it's going to rain. When it's going to rain, the animals move to higher ground or burrow themselves in.

"Certain ants grow wings, shift their eggs. Animal tracks even tell you if next year is going to be a good year or a bad year. If the animals are not mating, it's going to be a dry year.

"People are talking about climate change now, but the animals knew about it in the 1980s. What was happening was that bearded dragons and scorpions and so on would hibernate in the winter. Then things



Reg and Gladys Dodd during the opening of *Tracks in the Sand* earlier this month at the SA Museum in Adelaide.

changed, and the animals stopped hibernating because it got warmer and warmer.

"The tragedy is that they are now easy prey because their metabolism is slower but they are not hibernating."

The mixed media show provides a snapshot of what is happening now on the land.

Photographs of students' wallboards from

the Marree Aboriginal School show the talent of the next generation of artists.

Marree town paintings and night skies by Lyn Hovey show contemporary images of life in a small, remote town.

Sam Lester, an Arabunna woman who married into an Adnyamathanha/Kuyani family, depicts bush tucker in the Flinders Ranges and beyond. Her rainbow serpent sits on the wall next to Ben Laycock's

aerial meandering riverscapes, both creators of life.

Sue Edmonds provides the audience participation to make music on her Hubaphone. Pauline Ahern's one and two-dimensional forms are made by processes which mirror what happens in the desert - rust, bleach, acid, decay and renewal.

Seeing is believing in the work of Robin Cooke, of *Mutoid Waste*. Included are two aeroplanes standing together nose upwards, wing to wing in the setting sun on the Oodnadatta Track, or erupting in a pyro-whoosh at a festival. And a dog that you look up to.

Art buffs can also see five short films by Malcolm McKinnon about life at the Finnis Springs Station 50 years ago, Arabunna men speaking about their employment on the railways and the need to keep culture and language alive. In another corner, the David Bradbury film, *All that Glitters is not Gold*, alerts the audience to the dangers inherent in uranium mining at Roxby Downs and its proposed expansion.

The artists live in Marree or are visitors drawn back regularly by their friendships with locals and because of their attachment to the land. The show celebrates black and white collaboration.



WaterSerpent, by Sam Lester, is a part of *Tracks in the Sand*.



Michelle Warren and Tionee Gepp, from Marree, with their art from the Marree Aboriginal School.

ACT STRATEGIC INDIGENOUS ARTS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Inviting Expressions of Interest

The ACT Government and the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts has formed a partnership to work towards improving outcomes for the ACT's Indigenous arts community.

Expressions of interest are invited from local incorporated not-for-profit Indigenous organisations to deliver a high-quality arts development program for ACT Indigenous artists through partnerships with ACT Key Arts Organisations in 2008.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MUST BE SUBMITTED BY

5:00PM WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2008

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Vintage album from Peter Brandy

Long Time Ago

By Peter Brandy

Launched March 2008

Reviewed by Stephen Hall

KUNUNURRA-BASED Peter Brandy is a musician, singer, and songwriter in a style that blends country, folk, rock and Gospel.

His early influences include amateur musicians with whom he worked on Kimberley cattle stations. Travelling artists such as Slim Dusty, Buddy Williams, Barry Thornton, Ernie Bridge and Rodney Rivers were also inspirations, along with Kimberley guitar man Kevin Gunn.

Peter Brandy is one of the strongest country performers around, and this album demonstrates his strength as a storytelling songwriter.

His songs share of his life experiences in the bush, the people, the places and the events. He is also inspired by the country

and his songs speak of the history and culture of the Kimberley.

Brandy sees himself as an interpreter of his culture and an ambassador for the battlers on the land. The album is packed with lyrics of country and every song is a small gem.

The powerful and symbolic title track won the Indigenous Song of the Year and the World and Folk category at the West Australian Music Industry Awards Song of the Year in 2005.

Tip of the iceberg

Other tracks such as: *Jaru Woman*, *Have You Ever* and *Alice Springs* feature strongly; however, they are just the tip of the iceberg on this album, produced by Fremantle-based multi-instrumentalist David Hyams, who also features on the album.

Also contributing to the album are award-winning singer Lynn Hazelton, pedal steel guitar player Lucky Oceans,

and *The Waifs* bassist Ben Franz.

There is considerable stylistic maturation in Brandy's approach since his first release. His debut CD, *Kimberley Backroads*, made it clear he was an exceptional emerging talent in Australian country music. This album has taken the authority of his first disc and refined it, and the result is an album where the sound and quality more accurately demonstrate Brandy's musical character.

If *Kimberley Backroads* left any doubts at all about this man's gifts as a musician and songwriter, *Long Time Ago* proves that he had even more talent than he'd let on first time around.

This is an intricate album that Brandy and his long-term collaborator, Hyams, pull off with style and grace. It deserves to break into the mainstream. Desert pop meets country!

A clip of the title track can be viewed at: http://www.peterbrandy.com/video_longtime.html



PETER BRANDY

Global take on blackest days

Drawing the Global Colour Line

By Marilyn Lake and Henry Reynolds

Published by Melbourne University Press

RRP \$36.95 384 pages

ISBN: 0-522-85478-8

AT the Sydney launch of Marilyn Lake and Henry Reynolds' *Drawing the Global Colour Line*, both authors said their new work was inspired by the realisation that what was happening in Australia at the time of federation and the White Australia Policy, was happening in other countries as well.

Professor Henry Reynolds explained to the Gleebooks audience that he first became interested in this when he and his family moved to Townsville in 1965.

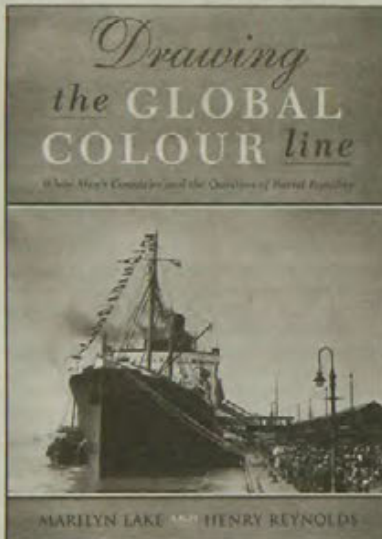
"Australian history was just becoming a discipline then, and where I was living we experienced and discussed the whole race question," he said.

In his research, he found that the White Australia Policy was largely a reaction to the rising tide of coloured peoples and anti-colonial movements, which were also occurring in New Zealand, South Africa, and British Columbia.

"On the day Australia was federated, race was so important. Australia couldn't avoid having the birthmark of its time," he said.

Reynolds added that Australia was born at a time of racist fervour at home and abroad, and when the nation felt threatened by its Asian/Pacific location.

Marilyn Lake said Australia's first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, supported racist



legislation in the form of The Immigration Restriction Act and the Pacific Islanders Labourers Bill, which were passed in 1901.

"These bills reflected the concerns of white men ... their whiteness can be seen as a defiant reaction to changes in the broader world," she said.

Finally in the 1970s, the recognition of Indigenous rights and the emigration of non-Europeans to Australia brought an end to white Australia policies under Prime Minister Whitlam.

But Henry Reynolds believes that Australia still carries the 'White Australia' shadow, and that racism is still inherent in our way of life.

Marilyn Lake's previous book, *Faith Bandler: Gentle Activist*, also explored some of these themes. Henry Reynolds' *The Other Side of the Frontier*, *Why Weren't We Told?*, *The Law of*

the Land and Nowhere examined Indigenous resistance to the white invasion and documented Aboriginal massacres. They brought on the wrath of then-Prime Minister John Howard, who labelled them 'black arm-band' history.

The authors remind readers that the White Australia policy 'was supported by all sides of Australian politics from all States, Labor, Liberal and Conservative, Free Traders and Protestants'.

And also 'in the Commonwealth of Australia, white men appropriated the discourse on civilisation for themselves, defining it in terms of wages and conditions and the standard of living'.

This definition excluded Indigenous people, and 'whereas white mothers of the race were feted and remunerated in the Commonwealth of Australia, Aboriginal women's race was invoked to deny them a right to and capacity for motherhood'.

The legacy for this was the removal of 'mixed-race' children, and many ongoing tragedies today.

The recent revelations about NSW north-western non-Indigenous parents bussing their children across the border to Queensland all-white schools because the local schools had Indigenous students was another blow to reconciliation.

"One of the great innovations in Australia was the public school system. But Labor movements have failed to support the state school and what it could achieve," said Henry Reynolds.

— Review by Margaret Smith

The Koori Mail's book café

HERE are two of the latest books that have come across our desks at *The Koori Mail*. Some of them are written, illustrated or published by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and publishers. Others are about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, cultures and history but come from non-Indigenous writers or mainstream publishers. *The Koori Mail* features information about both, in the interests of promoting greater awareness and understanding about our people. While we publish book reviews from time to time, the information shown here draws upon material provided by publishers and should not be taken to be *The Koori Mail's* opinion.

Woman's story of personal struggle

Orphaned by the Colour of My Skin: A Stolen Generation Story

By Mary Terszak

Published by e-Content Management

ISBN 978-1-921348-08-2

RRP \$33

AS the Government struggles to find an appropriate course of action for the Indigenous crisis in the Northern Territory, Mary

Terszak, a fair-skinned Aboriginal woman who was institutionalised at the age of two, has released her compelling book *Orphaned by the Colour of My Skin: A Stolen Generation Story*. The book, which was published before the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, combines a diary of Terszak's personal experience as an institutionalised child of the Stolen Generations, with an auto-ethnographical analysis of its impact on her life, mental health, identity and well-being.

A Nyongah woman from the south of Western Australia, Terszak discusses the effects institutionalisation had on her personal development as a daughter, mother, grandmother, friend and member of society.

Interestingly, she used such experiences as the basis of her thesis in a Masters Degree in Indigenous Research and Development, completed in 2006.

"I needed to find some sanity and the opportunity arose through study when I was given free rein to complete my thesis," said Terszak, who is now 65 years old.

"I only hope that one day the book may be implemented as part of a university syllabus so students can get insight into what happened

and see that it's not made up — I'm here and I lived it."

Terszak was two years old when authorities removed her from her mother. She spent the next 16 years at Sister Kate's Children's Home (SKCH) in Western Australia.

There, she struggled with aggression, self-image, depression and loss of identity issues — all of which she is still dealing with today.

"I tried to live in two different worlds — white and black. Because assimilation policies told me I was white, the person I was meant to be, I wasn't allowed to be. Problem is that I didn't fit in the 'white' category either," said Terszak.

● See more on *Orphaned by the Colour of My Skin* at the website www.e-contentmanagement.com





Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



Mentor Violet Standen (left) with Brisbane Think Chemist employee Natalie Baira.

Mentor's vital role

INDIGENOUS mentor Violet Standen knows that even a little investment can go a long way in her role mentoring and inspiring Indigenous clients to become long-term employees.

CEO of national employment agency Sarina Russo Job Access, Kevin Ayre, said mentoring Indigenous jobseekers was not just about getting people into work – it was about ensuring Indigenous jobseekers retained their jobs long-term.

"A vital part of Violet's role is to educate employers about the benefits an Indigenous worker can bring to a diversified workplace," Mr Ayre said.

He said success bred success, and Ms

Standen's services were in so much demand across the company's network that it was looking to hire more Indigenous Australians as mentors and use Ms Standen's experience to mentor the mentors.

"I'm also encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for positions advertised on the Sarina Russo Group website," Mr Ayre said.

"We are acutely aware that employment is a wonderful key to social inclusion and as an organisation, we're looking to place as many local Indigenous jobseekers into employment as soon as possible.

"We're encouraging local employers to join us, and touch the lives of an Indigenous

family, by employing job-ready Indigenous jobseekers."

Ms Standen said the role of a mentor was so important because it encouraged Indigenous jobseekers to get into the workforce, stay there and develop to their fullest potential.

Hands-on help

She said she helped jobseekers re-adjust to the workforce by offering hands-on assistance with counselling, interview techniques, acting as a mediator between jobseeker and the employer or supporting jobseekers with workplace etiquette.

"Mentoring particularly helps the

Indigenous jobseekers get past that first dangerous three-month period, and gives them a far greater chance of them staying in employment," she said.

"Sarina Russo Job Access generally mentors people who have been unemployed from as little as six weeks through to the very long-term unemployed.

"For the very long-term unemployed, I try to implement a routine to ensure they turn up to work on time and that their lifestyle supports their entry into the workforce.

"Sometimes, it is as simple as educating the jobseekers about the culture of their workplace and the employer's expectations."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Aboriginal Health Support Officer

Fixed Term to 30.6.2008

If you would like to work 3 – 4 days a week (24 hours) to support our Dubbo team, we would like to meet you. Reporting to the Centre Manager, in this role you will provide administrative support including back up reception and support for health promotion activities and transport clients to & from our clinic and specialist appointments.

Essential criteria: • Current NSW driver's licence and good driving record • Well developed interpersonal skills • Ability to network with local Aboriginal communities through local organisations, playgroups, community activities & functions • Experience in, or willingness to learn administrative and reception services • Experience in, or willingness to learn Microsoft Office Word & Excel & other systems • Willingness to learn health promotion support activities • Ability to maintain confidentiality and use discretion at all times.

Desirable: • Familiar with the Dubbo Indigenous community • An interest in health service. An hourly rate in the range \$17.60 to \$20.99 is payable depending on qualifications and experience, plus superannuation, leave loading and optional tax exempt benefits allowable under the legislation.

Enquiries to Karen Watson (02) 6885 3744

Position description on www.fpnsw.org.au/about/employment

Please apply addressing selection criteria to Human Resources, email hr@fpnsw.org.au or fax (02) 9716 8044 or mail to 328-336 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield NSW 2131.

Health Promotion Officer

• Permanent • 3 days per week • Training • Professional Supervision

In this role you will undertake a range of diverse health promotion projects including supporting community education in the Indigenous community and professional development courses.

Essential criteria: • Tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience in health or related field • Experience in health promotion and/or community development or education • Demonstrated ability to design, deliver and evaluate community based and/or professional training courses • Ability to manage projects and work within timeframe and budget constraints • Experience in working with relevant population groups, particularly those that are marginalised or have poor health status • Good negotiation, interpersonal, oral and written communication skills • Ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team across multiple projects • Knowledge of sexual and reproductive health issues as they impact on relevant target groups • Ability to promote maintenance and monitoring of reproductive and sexual health • Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment (or willingness to obtain) • Current NSW driver's licence and good driving record.

Desirable: • Post graduate qualifications in a relevant area or working towards same • Experience in detailed planning and evaluation of health promotion programs • Experience in working with Aboriginal communities • High level of computer literacy.

A competitive remuneration package is offered for the position, depending on qualifications, skills and experience, within full-time range \$51,520 to \$75,270 p.a. (pro rata) including salary (\$40,087 to \$61,526 p.a. pro rata), superannuation, leave loading and innumeration tax exempt benefits allowable under the legislation.

Enquiries to Liz Hammond (02) 6752 4324.

Position description on www.fpnsw.org.au/about/employment

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Applications for both positions close 7 April 2008.

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Western Region

Permanent Full-Time
Position No. 50012770

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MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service Co-op Ltd (VAHS) is seeking to recruit the following positions to join the Family Counselling Services Team.

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The role of the Dual Diagnosis Counsellor is to develop and provide counselling services to individuals and families who are affected by mental health and substance misuse problems.

The successful applicant will hold an appropriate tertiary degree in all forms of counselling. A demonstrated experience and appreciation of important issues in relation to substance abuse and mental illnesses at an individual, family and community level. They must also have the ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

Salary Packaging available: For Key Selection Criteria and Job Description, contact Lesley Day on 03 9419 3000

Indigenous Applicants are encouraged to apply

Closing Date: 4th April, 2008

Applicants should address the selection criteria and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to: Mr Rod Jackson, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065



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Full-time Fixed Term Until

September 2008

Grade 3 (\$48,714 - \$59,148)

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To apply or for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Jo Beckett on 9628 7981.

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An exemption has been obtained from VCAT allowing preference to be given to applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) background. VCAT Exemption No. A371/2006.

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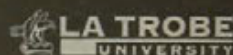
Campus: Bundoora

Remuneration: Based on the traineeship rates of the University.

Reference Number: 50017478

Closing Date: Close of Business, Friday, 4 April 2008.

Visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs for a detailed position description. For further information telephone (03) 9479 1365 or email jobs@latrobe.edu.au quoting the appropriate reference number.

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\$30,034 - \$35,163 pa, plus superannuation

Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

Further inquiries: Billy Gorham Telephone No: 07 3844 3721

Selection documentation: Billy Gorham Telephone No: 07 3844 3721 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 11 April 2008 and should be sent to:

**Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited,
PO Box 10122 Adelaide Street PO, Brisbane
QLD 4000**

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the three month probation period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for this position.

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Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be welcomed for this important position.

For more information, contact Neth Hinton on (03) 9856 0477 or visit www.stvincent.org.au

Closing Date: 4 April 2008

Ref No: 19870



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER, RAJAC, BARWON SOUTH WEST

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 5, \$69,584 - \$84,190

Position No: DJ3694

The Indigenous Issues Unit is primarily responsible for coordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

The position of Executive Officer for the Barwon South West Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) plays a major role in the operation of the Barwon South West RAJAC, including the development and maintenance of supportive linkages between justice agencies and community organisations, implementing the Regional Justice Plan, providing secretariat services to the committee and promoting AJA initiatives within the region.

The occupant will co-ordinate, monitor and assist in the implementation of the Regional Justice Plan and establish the LAJAC network in the Barwon South West region.

The successful candidate will need to have an understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it, and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community and stakeholders.

This position is being re-advertised and previous applicants will be considered and do not need to reapply.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

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Closing date for applications is 11 April 2008

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER - RAJAC (GIPPSLAND)

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 5, \$69,584 - \$84,190

Position No: DJ3699

The Indigenous Issues Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

The position of Executive Officer for the Gippsland Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee plays a major role in the operation of the respective RAJAC, involving the development and maintenance of supportive linkages between justice agencies and community organisations, implementing the Regional Justice Plan as well as providing secretariat services to the committee.

The occupant will coordinate, monitor and assist in the implementation of the Regional Justice Plan and establish the LAJAC network in the Gippsland region.

The successful candidate will need to have an understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it, and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community and stakeholders.

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Full time - 1 year contract

With salary packaging equivalent up to Sac's award Level 3 dependant on experience, including superannuation and other benefits.

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For further information or job packages Contact: Community Liaison Officer - Belinda Trikalis on 9673 4144 Youth Workers - John Trikalis on 9673 4144.

Applications Close: 4th April 2008.

Late applications will not be accepted.

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For further information, please visit Tranby's website www.tranby.edu.au

Or contact the Executive Director, Lindon Coombes, on 02 9660 3444.

Applications close 11 April 2008.

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SWHS considers that being an Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Community Health Centre Ad No: 69297 Close Date: 04.04.08

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Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker

North and West Metropolitan Region
Children, Youth and Families
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The Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker will be located in the Regional Office of the Department of Human Services and will work directly with Indigenous communities and a range of community based organisations to co-ordinate and support the implementation of the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy. The Support Worker will play a major role in supporting the operations of the Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group and in undertaking community development and education activities.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Sandy Brien on (03)9412-5435.

To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference number DHS/NWR/62596

Closing date for applications is Sunday, 6 April 2008.

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We are looking for an experienced Midwife, to join a team that includes GP's, Aboriginal Health Workers, and nurses.

Registered Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers

We are seeking expressions of interest for Registered Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers, to join a team that includes GP's, Aboriginal Health Workers, and nurses.

DAHS provides primary health care to Derby and surrounding communities with support from RFDS. DAHS is also a part of a Kimberley network of Aboriginal Health Services with professional support services.

You need to be registered in WA, and an interest in Aboriginal Health.

Contacts: Vicki O'Donnell - email: Vicki@dahs.org.au or phone (08) 9193 1090, mobile 0407 931 042.

Tammy Prouse - email: Tammy@dahs.org.au or phone (08) 9193 1090, mobile 0439 931099.

Application close: COB 4th April 2008.

Applications: CEO (Derby Aboriginal Health Service) PMB 1155, DERBY WA 6728

Ph (08) 9193 1090 Fax (08) 9193 1903



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Position will be responsible to
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- Policy Development
- Risk Management and Compliance
- Financial and Human Resource Management
- Organisation and Staff Development
- Representation and Advocacy
- Program and Policy Implementation

All applications in writing, responding to Key Selection Criteria.

Applications close by 5pm on Friday, April 4, 2008.

Please address all applications to:

The Placement Officer
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Email: sherbert@workways.com.au

Position Description available from Workways:
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If you are passionate about Indigenous issues and want to make a difference, then this role could be yours. The Co-ordinator, Indigenous Employment will develop, promote and implement the Indigenous Australian Employment Initiative to increase indigenous employment and build career pathways for Indigenous Australians at ECU. Reference No. 5028

For more information about this opportunity, go to www.ecu.edu.au/jobs where full details about the vacancy, contact details, closing date and how to apply are available.

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Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PROJECT OFFICER, GIPPSLAND LAJAC

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 4, \$60,307 - \$68,424

Position No: DJ5752

Working with the local Koori community and key stakeholders, the Local Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (LAJAC) Project Officer will facilitate programs and initiatives to improve justice outcomes for the Koori community.

The position of LAJAC Project Officer will be responsible for establishing, servicing and maintaining LAJACs initially in Bairnsdale and then in Lakes Entrance.

The successful candidate will need to have an understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it, and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community and stakeholders.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 11 April 2008

www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations



09 Graduate recruitment

One APS Career ... Thousands of Opportunities

We're looking for enthusiastic, talented, well-rounded graduates who will bring fresh ideas to the APS and our department.

We invite applications from graduates with qualifications in the following specialist streams:

- accounting
- economics/econometrics/applied statistics
- information technology
- law
- social policy analysts.

We encourage applications from graduates with qualifications in all disciplines for our generalist stream.

The department promotes workplace diversity and welcomes applications from graduates with a disability, Indigenous Australian graduates and graduates from non-English speaking backgrounds.

To apply visit graduates.deewr.gov.au

Applications are open from 9:00am Saturday 15 March (AEDST) to 5:00pm Monday 21 April 2008 (AEST)

DEEWR ... Making a Difference to all Australians

RIVERINA MEDICAL & DENTAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Riverina Medical & Dental Aboriginal Corporation is a community controlled Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) providing a broad range of services and programs to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in and around Wagga Wagga.



ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER MALE (Full-Time Position)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified men for the full time position of generalist Aboriginal Health Worker in our organisation's Clinical Team.

Essential criteria includes:

- Aboriginality;
- Male;
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team;
- An ability and willingness to undertake and complete relevant studies if required;
- Current NSW driver's license.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE COUNSELLOR (Full-Time Position)

Applications are invited from interested individuals for the position of Substance Misuse Counsellor. The successful applicant will work within RivMed's well-established Family Health Team to assist in providing holistic client and family care. It is highly desirable that the successful applicant have qualifications and experience in substance misuse counseling, but not essential as training will be provided.

Essential Criteria Includes:

- Aboriginality;
- Appropriate life experience within the Aboriginal community;
- Knowledge of current Aboriginal family wellbeing/support issues particularly in relation to substance misuse issues;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary team;
- Proven ability and willingness to undertake and complete relevant studies if required;
- Current Driver's Licence.

TRANSPORT OFFICER (Part Time position 25 hours per week)

A vacancy exists for a suitably qualified transport officer to work with our teams in assisting client access to RivMed and other relevant services.

Essential Criteria includes:

- Aboriginality;
- Current NSW LR licence and good driving record;
- Appropriate life experience within the Aboriginal community;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Award wages and conditions apply for all position - PLUS Salary sacrifice is available to eligible Corporation staff.

Applicants must ensure that they address all selection criteria and complete all information specified in the application package including permission to carry out a criminal record and working with children check.

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications close: 5pm Thursday 24 April 2008.

Please contact: Sharon Sharrock on (02) 69235200 for further information and an application package.

Careers at KBT

- Broadmeadows Location
- Contract Roles to 31.12.08
- Two Roles available within the fastest growing Indigenous Learning Centre in the state.

Equal Opportunity Act Exemption No: A139/2007

The Gunung-Willam-Balluk Learning Centre was awarded the 2007 Wurreeker Indigenous Training Provider of The Year. The Centre aims to empower students by merging the cultural heritage and values of the Indigenous People with contemporary culture and cutting edge learning technology to provide improved outcomes and pathways into advanced learning and employment.

Business Development Officer

Our Indigenous Education Centre is looking for a dynamic, outcomes driven and innovative person to lead the development and delivery of a three year business development plan. This role includes strengthening the current Indigenous education and training portfolio, along with introducing new strategies for identifying and implementing innovative training, and other fee for service programs to business clients that significantly contribute to the growth and sustainability of the department's enterprise income activities.

Male Koori Liaison Officer

An opportunity exists with the Indigenous Education Centre for a Male Koori Liaison Officer. The IEC is looking for a talented, confident and experienced person who is dedicated to providing support to students to assist them in achieving their qualifications. The role is varied and exciting, and covers a range of duties including, providing student support services, assisting with enrolments and contributing to the planning and implementation of cultural projects. Business or Events Management qualifications would be desirable.

For a position description outlining key selection criteria and to apply online go to www.kangan.edu.au/jobs.

Closing date for applications is Friday 4th April 2008

Post Ad 55872-22

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For people going places

Senior Customer Service Officer (Indigenous)

- Broadmeadows location

An opportunity exists for an outgoing person with customer focus to join the Broadmeadows Customer Service team to deliver registration and licensing services to the community.

The successful applicant will

- be able to confidently deliver quality customer service
- hold a current Victorian full drivers licence

A supportive culture and training will be provided, so a personality willing to learn and take on challenges is also important.

Police and drivers licence checks are required for this position.

Salary is the range of \$38,089 to \$46,341 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range. Performance bonuses may also be payable.

For more information and a position description contact Wendy Harris, Indigenous Employment Coordinator, on (03) 9854 2099 or wendy.harris@roads.vic.gov.au or visit the VicRoads website.

This is an Identified position within the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Strategy. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A113/2006). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Applications close 4 April 2008
www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Post Ad 54871-42



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Department of Health and Ageing

There's no better time to join our team.

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The Department of Health and Ageing is focused on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians. We need capable and motivated people working with us to make this happen. Our simplified recruitment and selection process makes it easier for you to apply. If you would like to join our team, and can meet our job requirements, we invite you to apply for a position with us to build better health, better care and a better life for all Australians.

QUEENSLAND STATE OFFICE SEVERAL BRANCHES

SEVERAL SECTIONS

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

\$76,718 - \$87,498

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 08-0040

BRISBANE

We are looking for dynamic, talented and committed people to join our management team. As an Assistant Director you will lead a team in the timely and effective implementation and management of a range of health and ageing programs. You will work closely with a variety of stakeholders to manage programs and develop innovative solutions in the areas of mainstream health services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and aged and community care.

We offer an exciting opportunity to be involved with ensuring that health and aged care services are responsive to local needs and conditions while maintaining consistent national standards of equity, quality and efficiency in the pursuit of the Australian Government's policy objectives.

We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds. If you are interested, please download an application kit and apply for an opportunity to play an important role in improved health and ageing outcomes in Queensland.

Contact officer: Elizabeth Cain on 07 3360 2500 or elizabeth.cain@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Joshua Pearce on 07 3360 2930 (joshua.pearce@health.gov.au)

NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH BRANCH

SEVERAL SECTIONS

APS 5

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

\$56,591 - \$59,730

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 08-0045

ALICE SPRINGS / DARWIN

Undertake project management of the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) programs and projects in the Northern Territory, promote and assist with the implementation and maintenance of needs based funding and planning systems, and coordinate advice on appropriate strategies for the development of OATSIH programs and projects.

Contact officer: Mark Kelly on 08 8919 3403 or mark.kelly@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Peta Mayo on 08 8919 3472 (peta.mayo@health.gov.au)

OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH SEVERAL BRANCHES

EXECUTIVE SECTION

APS 4

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

\$52,030 - \$54,975

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 08-0051

CANBERRA

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) within the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) has primary responsibility for the development and implementation of policy and programs that improve the access of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to effective primary health care, substance use services and population health programs. OATSIH works in collaboration with other mainstream health programs within the Department, Indigenous specific health services, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and its State/Territory Affiliates, other Australian Government portfolios and State and Territory government health departments.

The successful applicants will provide priority executive support to an Assistant Secretary of the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. Executive assistance will include establishing a task management system, drafting and managing routine correspondence, diary and e-mail management, and organising meetings. Administrative assistance will include information and document management, travel/accommodation, media monitoring and basic financial administration.

We are seeking enthusiastic officers with excellent interpersonal and customer service skills who possess an ability to work independently or as a member of a team, and have highly developed organisational skills.

Contact officer: Cathy Doherty on 02 6289 5345 or cathy.doherty@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Shirley Weber on 02 6289 4233 (shirley.weber@health.gov.au)

Applications close 10 April 2008, 7pm AEST.

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.

The Department of Health and Ageing upholds the principles and practices of workplace diversity.



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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 Liaison Officer

Armidale
Perm Full Time
Enquiries: Fiona Ord, (02) 6776 9694
Closing Date: 25 April 2008.

Aboriginal Child Protection Officer

Taree Primary and Community Care, Taree
Temp Full Time
Enquiries: Carolyn Monck,
carolyn.monck@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 11 April 2008.

FOR ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role.
Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-
Discrimination Act.

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
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Careers in Health

Nursing

Clinical Nurse - Perioperative Services, Central Sterilising
Services Department, Division of Surgery and Critical
Care, Gold Coast area, Gold Coast Health Service District.
Remuneration value up to \$74 493 p.a., comprising salary
between \$60 495 - \$65 289 p.a., employer contribution to
superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading
(17.5%) (Nurse Grade 6) (Applications will remain current for
12 months) JAR: H086C140. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide expert
clinical care within the Perioperative Department supporting
the general function of the unit through the application of the
principles of best practice, education, leadership and portfolio
management. Coordinate activities within the Ear, Nose, and
Throat Surgical Specialty and provide rotational after hours
supervisory coordination for the Central Sterilising Services
Department.
Enquiries: Simon Vanderkruik 0410 433 066.
Application Kit: (07) 5537 0394 or
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforce
Closing Date: Monday, 14 April 2008.

You can apply online at
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforce

A criminal history check will be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A
non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor
vehicles.

Southern Aboriginal Corporation

Albany

Solicitor

Family Violence Prevention Legal Service

We are looking for an enthusiastic and talented individual to join our team. In addition to
providing client litigation and advocacy relating to family violence issues you will be
required to provide education sessions to community and special interest groups.

Ideally applicants will have experience in the area of family law. The ability to relate to
your clients' needs and assist them in a sensitive and culturally appropriate manner is
essential.

Previous applicants do not need to re apply.

Salary Level: 6/7 \$52,413.00 - \$84,741.00

Information on the position can be obtained by contacting Graeme Miniter Coordinator
FVPLS on 08-98427777. Selection criteria can be obtained by contacting Gavin Brown
HR & Admin Manager on 08-98427777. **Applications close:** 30/05/2008.

Send your application to:
HR & Admin Manager
Southern Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 5277
Albany WA 6332

Lecturer Anangu Education

- School of Education
- Ernabella, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands
- Total remuneration package: \$94K - \$108K
- Two year fixed term contract

The Anangu Tertiary Education Program (AnTEP) is offered solely in South
Australia to students in remote communities. It plays an important role
as one of the key mechanisms for Indigenous access and success in the
University of South Australia's Indigenous Education Strategy and mission
for Indigenous students.

Responsibilities of this position include conducting workshops; assisting and
supporting DECS tertiary tutors; and facilitating a range of education and
training experiences for AnTEP students.

The ability to work sensitively in cross-cultural settings is essential, as is a
demonstrated commitment to and ability to work effectively with remote-
area Aboriginal people.

Applications close: 9.00am Monday 14 April 2008

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Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport

The Northern Territory enjoys Australia's best outdoor lifestyle; with year round sunshine and a great environment
right on the doorstep, it's no wonder that it also enjoys one of Australia's highest participation rates in sport and
recreation.

Sporting facilities are of an excellent standard throughout the Northern Territory. The sporting season never ends
and produces high achievers from a variety of sports, many of whom are supported through the state of the art
Northern Territory Institute of Sport. There are also enormous amounts of talent in remote communities, waiting to be
discovered.

We are looking for four talented people who can take on positions in this challenging and rewarding environment.

Indigenous Sport Program Officer

Administrative Officer 4 (\$48 886 - \$56 120)
Vacancies available in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs
Temporary vacancies to 30/06/2009

The Indigenous Sport Officer is responsible for assisting the delivery of sport and recreation services and training to
remote communities.

The successful people will assist in the training and development of community based sport and recreation officers,
and mentor communities to develop strong sport and recreation programs. The successful applicants will need to show
a strong commitment in providing opportunities to all members of remote communities to participate in sport and
recreation activities. These positions will require people who have a passion for sport and travel, and an appreciation for
Indigenous culture.

The People

The successful applicants will already have an understanding of the sporting community and experience in delivering
sport and recreation programs in remote communities. They will have excellent communication skills, require limited
supervision and will use their initiative to implement programs.

The Rewards

As employees of the Northern Territory Public Sector, the successful applicants 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 leave.

To find out more about the positions contact:

Nicola Jackson
Executive Officer, Sport and Recreation
Ph: (08) 8982 2336
Email: nicola.jackson@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: 18165

Closing date: 4 April 2008

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ACU National
Australian Catholic University
Brisbane Sydney Canberra Ballarat Melbourne

Indigenous Employment Officer

Full-time or Part-time Continuing Appointment
Personnel Relations & Equal Opportunity Directorate
Position may be located in Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane

Australian Catholic University is a public university open to all, with six campuses
located in Brisbane, Sydney (2), Canberra, Melbourne and Ballarat.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for this
national role within the Personnel Relations and Equal Opportunity Directorate. You
will have responsibility for leading the implementation of the University's Indigenous
Employment Strategy which aims to advance the recruitment, selection, career
development and retention of Indigenous staff.

You will have a well-developed appreciation of contemporary issues affecting
Indigenous Australians and demonstrated experience working with Indigenous
people and communities, including the ability to maintain effective ongoing
relationships. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

Full details of the selection criteria are provided in the position information package
obtainable by telephoning (02) 9701 4243 or emailing recruitment@acu.edu.au
Specific enquiries may be directed to Kim O'Brien, Staff Equity and Diversity Coordinator
on (02) 9739 2977 or k.o'brien@mackillop.acu.edu.au or to Ken Ralph, Manager,
Yalbalanga Indigenous Education Unit, on (02) 9701 4260 or
K.Ralph@mary.acu.edu.au

Total remuneration valued to \$68,626 - \$74,276 pa, including salary component of
\$57,990 - \$62,764pa (HEW Level 7), employer contribution to superannuation and
annual leave loading.

Applicants should demonstrate commitment to the specific Mission and Catholic
ethos of the institution.

Applicants are expected to address all selection criteria listed in the information
package. Applications, including the names and contact details of three referees,
should be received by Friday, 18th April 2008. Please quote reference SPRD815.

Senior Administrative Officer (Personnel)
ACU National, Locked Bag 2002, STRATHFIELD NSW 2135.

Equal opportunity and privacy of personal information is University policy. For more
details visit www.acu.edu.au

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NSW HEALTH

DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL HEALTH

SES 2, North Sydney, Full-time, Term Appointment, Job Reference SES/2008/14. An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant for a contract period up to 5 years, with annual performance reviews. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification of this position and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977.

The Director will be a key member of the Population Health Division senior executive team. The Director will have an exciting opportunity to shape strategic directions in relation to the health of Aboriginal peoples in NSW, and to provide expert advice to support the implementation of Aboriginal health policy and achievement of Aboriginal health targets. This position will promote awareness of Aboriginal health issues, and establish and manage strategies to ensure that consideration of Aboriginal health needs is an integral part of all health service policy, planning and delivery in NSW.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Aboriginality and demonstrated, in-depth understanding of contemporary health issues for Aboriginal Australians, including access and equity issues. Extensive experience in the development, implementation and evaluation of policy. Proven expertise to lead, formulate and implement strategies to improve Aboriginal health. Proven senior management skills including leadership, team building, decision-making, change management and financial management skills. Substantial experience in the establishment of performance management and monitoring systems for Aboriginal services. Demonstrated experience in selecting, planning, implementing and comprehensively evaluating projects and programs. Strong interpersonal, negotiation and communication skills that demonstrate a capacity to build and maintain relationships with a range of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal internal and external stakeholders. Tertiary qualifications in health or a relevant field, or equivalent working knowledge.

INFORMATION PACKAGES: Isabel Searle on (02) 9391 9185 or email isabel.searle@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

POSITION INQUIRIES: Dr Denise Robinson on (02) 9391 9185

Applications marked 'Confidential':

The Manager, Health Executive Service Unit,
NSW Health, LMB 961, North Sydney NSW 2059
or email to hes@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: 11 April 2008.



**Senior Client Service Officer
Specialist Aboriginal**
Clerk Grade 5/6
Greater Western Sydney Division
Various locations
Permanent & Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-11652

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (salary \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
Job Description: Successful applicant will be expected to demonstrate experience in working with people with high and/or multiple support needs, be self-motivated & have the ability to develop networks between the Department & Aboriginal community support agencies.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated understanding of local area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community housing and related tenancy needs.
- Experience in providing housing assistance and welfare liaison services to ATSI clients, case management and/or co-ordination.
- Sound knowledge relating to ATSI housing accommodation needs and services.
- Well developed organisation skills and the capacity to manage competing priorities and meet deadlines.
- Strong communication, interpersonal, consultation, customer service and liaison skills.
- Sound analytical thinking, conflict resolution and problem solving skills.
- Tertiary qualification in welfare or human services and/or relevant experience. Current drivers licence.

Job Notes: There are three (3) positions available, one (1) permanent and two (2) temporary full time positions. Temporary positions are for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of PSEM Act, 2002. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and may be used to fill other permanent and temporary vacancies for this role within the Division. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Camilla Baker (02) 9754 6810

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing date: Friday 11 April 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Clerk Grade 11/12
WR Project Unit
Operations
Western Region, Wagga Wagga
Permanent Full-Time
Vacancy No: DOCS-08-11600

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 role is to provide high level strategic & corporate support to the Regional Director & regional management team. The position holder will coordinate regional business planning & with the Regional Director, whole of government activities.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated capacity to work collaboratively with senior management and provision of strategic and operational advice at a senior level.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse critical issues and high level problem solving skills with a solution focus.
- Capacity to develop and administer management policies and undertake a high level of analysis of management data.
- Excellent written communication skills. High level oral and interpersonal skills for negotiation, stakeholder management, management of sensitive issues and provision of advice to regional management and staff on a range of departmental issues.
- Demonstrated strong leadership, organisational and project management skills.
- Understanding of current issues and trends in human services.
- Understanding of the principles that inform the quality of service delivery and practice improvement.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience to provide a basis for understanding the issues encountered.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Glynis Ingram (02) 6937 9411.

Information Packages: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 4 April 2008.

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Child Safety Support Officer

(Two (2) full-time permanent positions available.) (Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Department of Child Safety

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Toowoomba

REF: QLD/CHS5474/08

Key Duties: Provide quality, culturally appropriate, child protection services to children and families serviced by the Child Safety Centre.

Skills and Abilities: Provide support services to vulnerable children and families through effective networks, preparing reports, undertaking assessments, developing early intervention strategies and maintaining case files.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 or

E-mail: vaccos@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 11 March 2008

Director (Specified)

ATSIP Coordination & Cultural Competence

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

Department of Communities

Salary: \$109 886 - \$114 520 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM558/08

Key Duties: Provide advice to the General Manager, Regional Services, and senior managers within the directorate on regional issues impacting on whole of government Indigenous service delivery, engagement and partnerships; Lead the delivery of best practice and innovation in the ongoing implementation of whole-of-Government planning and engagement processes to improve service delivery outcomes for Indigenous communities; Develop and implement a cultural competence framework for the department; and Ensure that appropriate systems, processes, networks and relationships are established to enable the directorate to lead, influence and obtain collaboration between local, state and commonwealth government agencies, private sector organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Skills and Abilities: Your suitability for the role will be assessed on the basis of your relevant experience and capability in the following as they would relate to the principal accountabilities of this role:

1. Communicator
2. Relationship Builder
3. People Leader
4. Capability Builder
5. Writing Innovator
6. Focused Achiever
7. Values Engager

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

E-mail: vaccos@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 7 April 2008

QGAP Services Officer

Far North Queensland Area Office

(Permanent Part-time position (0.4 FTE))

Department of Housing

Salary: \$17 738 - \$19 782 p.a.

Location: Ravenshoe

REF: QLD/HOS493/08

Key Duties: Provide direct services to clients ensuring the effective/efficient delivery of quality Government services to meet the needs of the community.

Skills and Abilities: Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

Enquiries: Karen Hayes (07) 4097 6660

or Email: jobvac.bsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Tuesday 1 April 2008

**Program Coordinator kuril
dhagun (Identified)**

Special Projects, Indigenous Library Services

(Identified - applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

State Library of Queensland

Salary: \$69 726 - \$74 600 p.a.

Location: South Brisbane

REF: QLD/SLB413/08

Key Duties: Responsible for the development, coordination and management of a public program for kuril dhagun Indigenous Knowledge Centre. Provide support, assistance and leadership to ILS staff, contracted artists and community members.

Skills and Abilities: Communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Demonstrated ability to plan, prioritise, problem solve and organise tasks. Experienced in developing conceptual briefs, submission, briefing notes.

Enquiries: Robert Barry (07) 3842 9481 or (07) 3842 9140
(Position Description Hotline)

Closing Date: Monday, 7 April 2008

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Team Leader x2

Ref # 0808, Community Drug Services Team - 1 x F/T

Ref # 0809, Counselling Services - 1 x F/T

Kalgoorlie Based - With your previous experience in a similar role, you will offer high quality assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals and families. With the help of the Program Manager, you will develop program content, facilitate groups and education sessions as required. For job specific information, please contact Libby Carmody for Team Leader CDST enquiries on 9091 1833, and Abigail Makotsa for Team Leader Counselling Services enquiries on 9091 1833.

Financial Counsellor Ref # 0810

P/T, Kalgoorlie Based - With your previous experience in a similar role, you will offer a high quality assessment, counselling, education and referral service for people who are experiencing financial difficulty. You will be required to provide some outreach work and assist with the development and delivery of community education. For job specific information, please contact Wendy Dimer or Tania Robinson on 9091 1833.

Drug Services Team Counsellor x2

Ref # 0811a, 1 x F/T Kal; Ref # 0811b, 1 x F/T Esp

1 in Kalgoorlie & 1 in Esperance - You are a skilled practitioner with experience in comorbidity alcohol and other drug counselling. Qualifications in drug and alcohol counselling are preferred. People from indigenous backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. For job specific information please contact Libby Carmody (Kal) on 9091 1833 or Maureen O'Neill (Esp) on 9071 1955.

Outreach Worker TASS & SHAP Ref # 0812

P/T, Kalgoorlie Based - You will be required to work within an outreach setting with clients to assist them in maintaining their Department of Housing & Works tenancies. You are required to work in a culturally appropriate manner and be able to provide a high level of assessment, education, referral and advocacy. For job specific information please contact Tania Robinson on 9091 1833.

Youth Worker Ref # 0813

F/T or P/T, Kalgoorlie Based - With a demonstrated ability to work across cultures, you will provide counselling and support for youth at risk. You will work in an outreach setting and in culturally appropriate ways with all clients. You will also possess a recognised qualification in Community Development, Psychology, Social Work or a related discipline. For job specific information, please contact Wendy Dimer on 9091 1833.

Remuneration includes zone allowance, additionally Centrecare offers all its employees the option to participate in a very attractive salary packaging scheme. You will benefit from staff development and training programs. **JOB APPLICATION PACKAGES** containing the Selection Criteria and Duty Statement can be obtained by telephoning Human Resources on 9325 6644 or via email to humanresources@centrecare.com.au. Please quote the reference number. Applications close 5pm Monday 07 April 2008.



Are you interested in working at the ABC?

The ABC has a range of positions around Australia and, as the national broadcaster, is committed to increasing Indigenous representation throughout the Corporation. Our goal is to reflect the cultural diversity of the Australian community in our programs and workforce and we see Indigenous employment as a key component towards achieving this goal. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with drive, determination and a will to succeed.

Jobs Available

Please check our website at abc.net.au/jobs

It is important to check the website on a weekly basis to ensure that you don't miss out on any job opportunities.

For more information contact Paul Brant - Indigenous Employment Coordinator on (02) 8333 1089.

The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for positions. The Corporation is committed to Indigenous employment outcomes and values the Indigenous culture.

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NSW HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Area

Aboriginal Health Cluster Coordinators

Location negotiable within cluster (One each in Mitchell, Castlereagh & Eastern Cluster), PFT (3 FTE), Salary: Health Manager, Level 2: \$70,143-\$83,193 pa, Recruitment No: GW54648, Enquiries & Application Kit: Donna Roberts, (02) 6363 8045 or donna.roberts@gwhs.health.nsw.gov.au
Close: 11/04/08.

*Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is considered a genuine occupational qualification as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Application Kits are also available on our website
www.gwhs.nsw.gov.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible for Salary Package.



Department of Health
Government of Western Australia

WA Country Health Service
Great Southern Population Health

Aboriginal Health Coordinator

Level/Salary: HSU L6 \$63,679 - \$69,394 pa

Position Number: CH008016

Permanent - Full Time, 76 hrs per fortnight

Location: Albany

Under Section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984, Aboriginality is essential

Job Description: The Aboriginal Health Coordinator will be responsible for the planning, implementation and evaluation of Aboriginal health programs in the Great Southern Region. This role also liaises with community and government departments and Aboriginal organisations to promote Aboriginal health.

Further Information: Please contact Shirley Cornelius on (08) 9892 7222 or email Shirley.Cornelius@health.wa.gov.au

Application Instructions: Applicants are requested to apply online at jobs.wa.gov.au

Alternatively you can request for an application kit to be sent to you by calling (08) 9480 9307. Please be aware that proforma, emailed and late applications cannot be accepted.

Closing Date: Wednesday 9 April 2008 at 4pm.

The WA Country Health Service is an equal opportunity employer and supports flexible work practices. The Department of Health supports an entirely smoke-free work environment across all of its premises, grounds and vehicles.

NSW HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Closing Date for all positions
(unless specified): 11 April 2008

NURSING/ALLIED HEALTH

Remote Areas Attraction and Retention Pilot

The NSW Government is undertaking a Remote Areas Attraction and Retention Pilot for up to a three year period in the regions of Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett and Wilcannia. This is an outstanding opportunity for people to further their careers in the area of health, in addition to standard public sector conditions, the Attraction Package includes:

- A \$5,000 cash bonus for each completed year of service
- Relocation expenses
- A laptop computer and internet connection
- \$12,000 to \$16,000 per annum worth of housing subsidies
- 5 days guaranteed professional development/training
- Compassionate travel expenses

Greater Western Area Health Service are currently recruiting for the following positions:

Bourke

Physical Abuse and Neglect of Children (PANOC) Counsellor

Recruitment No: GW56940, Full Time (1 FTE)
Salary: As per relevant qualifications and experience

Child and Family Health Nurse

Recruitment No: GW56918, Full Time (1 FTE)
Salary: \$45,797-\$64,315 pa.

Community Midwife

Recruitment No: GW57201, Full Time (1 FTE)
Salary: \$45,797-\$64,315 pa.

Aboriginal Primary Health Care Worker (Graduate)

Recruitment No: GW56879, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$44,795-\$73,003 pa.

*Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is considered a genuine occupational qualification as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee

Recruitment No: GW56068, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$744.80-\$1,097.50 pw.

*Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is considered a genuine occupational qualification as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Walgett

Registered Nurse

Recruitment No: GW56655, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$45,797-\$64,315 pa.

Enrolled Nurse

Recruitment No: GW56847, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$40,386-\$44,863 pa.

For more information please contact:
Jodi Pollard, Recruitment Officer, (02) 6339 5024 or jodi.pollard@gwhs.health.nsw.gov.au

Application Kits are also available on our website
www.gwhs.nsw.gov.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible for Salary Package.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Mutawintji National Park, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-117. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,668 p.a. (\$35,658-\$47,572) Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

Underlies maintenance, improvements to facilities and infrastructure, including buildings and fences. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job, as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities; including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties. Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate. Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard; Ability to operate two-way radios. Effective communication and community relation skills are required; Ability to work independently and as part of a team; Administrative skills. Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft. Current Drivers licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Preference will be given to Wimpitja with a cultural association to the Mutawintji lands. This is a temp position for a 12 month period. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing & pulling loads, bending, climbing, & driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12mths). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12mths). Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Brett Norman, telephone: (08) 8080 3208, Mobile: 0428 776 821 Email: brett.norman@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Beris Deans (08) 8080 3203 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 11 April 2008.

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CASEWORK SPECIALIST



ABORIGINAL CASEWORKER



"AS A CASEWORK SPECIALIST I ASSIST CASEWORKERS, I'M ALWAYS LOOKING AT WAYS TO HELP IMPROVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN."

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Salary package from \$87,383 - \$89,840 p.a.

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 11 April 2008



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ANTHONY, CASEWORKER

Salary package from \$57,143 - \$78,951 p.a.

Join a team of DoCS caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- professional support and training
- flexible working conditions
- great career opportunities
- dedicated, professional teamwork.

Applicants need:

- two years community services experience working with Aboriginal children and families
- a passion for working with children.

Aboriginal caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 18 April 2008



Careers @ Justice

PROJECT OFFICER, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 4, \$60,307 - \$68,424

Position No: DSE196

The Indigenous Issues Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

The primary responsibility of the Project Officer is to administer and monitor a number of community funded grant programs of the AJA to ensure compliance with contract specifications and timelines.

The incumbent will have demonstrated experience in project and contract management and the ability to communicate effectively with community members, senior officers and other stakeholders.

The position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 11 April 2008
www.justice.vic.gov.au

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

LEGAL AID COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE Legal Officer (Family Law) Aboriginal Identified

Legal Officer Grade III-IV, Haymarket, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No FL08/069. Total remuneration package valued to: \$99,105 p.a. (\$76,896-\$99,810) includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide high quality legal advice and representation to Commission clients, including in more complex care and protection matters, in accordance with the Commission's policies and guidelines. Supervise legal staff. Capacity to travel.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Legal qualifications and a NSW Practising Certificate. Sound knowledge of and demonstrated experience in conducting a care and protection practice and knowledge of family law generally. Demonstrated ability to represent legal aid clients, including children, in care and protection matters and undertake an advocacy role before the Court.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills, strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to supervise and train legal staff and capacity to implement service delivery goals. Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people. Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse workload. Class C Driver's License, as required, and willingness to travel to, and conduct outreach services at more distant courts within the wider region.

Notes: In accordance with Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position. This position is subject to a Disclosure under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1988 and will be subject to employment screening.

Inquiries: Deborah De Fina (02) 9219 5776.

Information Packages: Kathy Trajkovski (02) 9219 5884.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Kate Jolliffe, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238 or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 04 April 2008.

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

LEGAL AID COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE Legal Officer (Family Law) Aboriginal Identified

Legal Officer Grade I-III, Parramatta, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No FL08/078. Total remuneration package valued to: \$90,756 p.a. (\$55,472-\$82,244) includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide high quality legal advice and representation to clients of the LAC in accordance with LAC's policies and guidelines in order to contribute to the implementation of LAC's mission to deliver high quality legal services to our clients.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Hold or eligible to hold current NSW Practising Certificate issued by the Law Society of NSW and eligible for admission to the High Court roll as well as knowledge of family law and specific area of family law as required. Capacity to represent legal aid clients and undertake an advocacy role at Court. Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume work environment. Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare court documents, correspondence, submissions and other written materials. Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse workload. Demonstrated computer skills and class C drivers licence.

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. This position is temporary under Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002, for a period of up to 12 months. The successful applicant will need to have a willingness to drive in metropolitan and country locations as well as a willingness to travel by plane and stay overnight or longer to undertake outreach work or training, as required.

Inquiries: Dina Lioumis (02) 9219 5652.

Information Packages: Kathy Trajkovski (02) 9219 5884.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Kate Jolliffe, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238 or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 04 April 2008.

Indigenous Facilitator

Location: Bendigo, Swan Hill or Mildura (Negotiable)

\$60,307 - \$68,424 + 9% Super

Position No: DSE 7417

Are you:

- Interested in working with the community?
- Seeking an opportunity to make a difference?
- Interested in working with a wide range of people?

Do you have:

- Extensive knowledge of Indigenous culture and society, with understanding of the key Indigenous issues in Victoria, including Indigenous people issues and aspirations?
- Good policy, communication and self management skills?
- Strong connection with Indigenous Communities and Indigenous Culture

Then this position may interest you.

As the Indigenous Facilitator you will be responsible for facilitating the effective implementation of activities agreed by the Regional Indigenous Partnership framework committee, designed to support the development of capability and employment opportunities for the Indigenous community.

To apply and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit:

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Friday, 18 April 2008.

www.dse.vic.gov.au

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Department of
Sustainability and
Environment



Australian Government
Indigenous Business Australia

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority established to engage in commercial activities in a profit orientated, private sector environment while promoting and encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-management and economic self-sufficiency. We are a dynamic and rapidly expanding organisation, with staff who are strongly committed to our goals.

IBA Finance currently has the following position vacant for a qualified accountant.

Senior Economic Development Officer/ Commercial Lender Salary Range \$61K to \$69K

Do you have experience and skills in commercial lending?

Would you like a role where you are really helping people succeed?

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority which assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to establish, purchase and grow their own businesses. We are enthusiastic and driven to achieve our goals.

We need a senior team member in our Melbourne office to assist Indigenous Australians to develop business proposals and applications for funding, promote IBA's commercial lending products in Victoria and Tasmania, manage existing loan facilities and manage our small office.

If you have drive and commitment to improving economic outcomes for Indigenous people, and sound skills in commercial lending, this might be the perfect role for you.

Bonuses for performance are available and Commonwealth Superannuation applies.

Contact Brad Griffin on 02 6121 2660 or email brad.griffin@iba.gov.au for information on the position.

For detailed job description, selection criteria and employment information and further information about IBA see www.iba.gov.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

Applications close on Friday 11 April 2008

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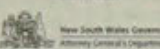

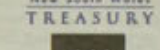



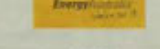



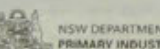



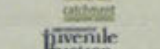
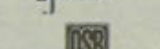
Are you an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and Studying Full Time?

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To find out more about the positions on offer or to get an application form, call the contact officer listed or log onto www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for Cadetships.

Agency		Number of cadetships available	Degree/Qualification to be enrolled in	Contact name - Contact details
Legal Aid Commission		Two	Degree in Law	Kate Jolliffe Phone: 9219 5130 Email: kate.jolliffe@legalaid.nsw.gov.au
Crown Solicitor's Office		Two	Degree in Law	Vicki Delbello or Jacinta Garrett Phone: 9224 5000 Email: CSOrecruit@agd.nsw.gov.au
Attorney General's Department		One	Degree in Law	Gail Mitchell Phone: 8688 7777 Email: gail_mitchell@agd.nsw.gov.au
NSW Treasury - Office of Financial Management		Two	Degree in Accountancy, Economics, Business, Finance, Commerce or related discipline	Sharon Bowers Phone: 9226 3131 Email: sharon.bowers@treasury.nsw.gov.au
Housing NSW		One	Advanced Diploma or Degree in Business Studies, Finance, Accountancy or related discipline	Michael Langeris Phone: 8753 8585 Email: michael.langeris@housing.nsw.gov.au
Department of State and Regional Development		One	Degree in Economics, Commerce, Business, Marketing, Tourism, Government or Policy Development	Lauren Walsh-McDonnell Phone: 9338 6889 Email: lauren.walsh-mcdonnell@business.nsw.gov.au
EnergyAustralia		One	Degree in Business or Commerce - Majors in either, accounting, finance, economics, marketing, human resources, information technology/systems	Kate Holliday Phone: 4951 9297 Email: kholliday@energy.com.au
Office of Transport Safety Investigations		One	Any degree with a significant component of quantitative methods and statistical analysis	Ian Boyd Phone: 9322 9211 Email: ian.boyd@otsi.nsw.gov.au
Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator		One	Degree in Safety Science or Engineering and an interest in Safety and Risk Management	Justine Kinkade Phone: 8263 7124 Email: justine.kinkade@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au
Department of Primary Industries		One	Degree in Business Management, Fisheries Management, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management or HSC and Diploma of National Seafood Industry Training	Dot Winspear Phone: 6391 3354 Email: dorothy.winspear@dpi.nsw.gov.au
		One	Degree in Engineering - Major in mining engineering or Degree in Geology, Geosciences or equivalent	
		One	Degree in Agricultural Science, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management or related discipline	
		One	Degree in Forest Science	
Catchment Management Authority - Central West		One	Degree in Natural Resources, Environmental Science or equivalent	Carolyn Raine Phone: 6840 7808 Email: carolyn.raine@cma.nsw.gov.au
Department of Juvenile Justice		One	Degree in Psychology	Graeme Kerr Phone: 9219 9483 Email: graeme.kerr@dj.nsw.gov.au
NSW Treasury - Office of State Revenue		One	Degree in Psychology or Social Work	Cathy Cassar Phone: 9689 6288 Email: cathy.cassar@osr.nsw.gov.au
NSW Department of Planning		One	Degree in Information Technology or related field	
		One	A range of degrees that may be relevant to this position e.g. Planning, Architecture, Engineering and History	Denis Aslanis Phone: 9228 6147 Email: denis.aslanis@planning.nsw.gov.au
Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care		Two	A range of qualifications that may be relevant to this position e.g. Diploma in Demographics	
		One	Degree in Social Work	Jourdan Di Leo Phone: 8270 2004 Email: jourdan.dileo@dadhc.nsw.gov.au
		Four	Diploma in Case Management	
Department of Community Services (DOCS)		Two	Degree in Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy, Psychology or Nursing	Noeleen Timbery Phone: 9716 2458 Email: noeleen.timbery@community.nsw.gov.au
WorkCover		Two	Degree in Psychology	
		One	Degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering or Forensic Science	Melayne Williamson Phone: 4321 5489 Email: melayne.williamson@workcover.nsw.gov.au
		One	Degree in Information Technology or Information Management	
State Transit Authority		One	Degree in Finance or Accounting	
		One	Degree in Business or Commerce	Gerard Dunne Phone: 9294 4216 Email: gerard_dunne@sta.nsw.gov.au
		One	Degree in Transport or related discipline	



Macquarie University supports cadetships with an additional scholarship program for Macquarie University Students. For more information contact the Indigenous Centre at Macquarie University.

This Program is supported by NSW Government Agencies and the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.



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Indigenous Employment Policy



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES
CORPORATE RECRUITMENT
DIRECTOR
ABORIGINAL SUPPORT AND PLANNING

Clerk Grade 11/12, Long Bay Complex, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08160. Total remuneration package valued to: \$116,886 p.a. (\$91,589-\$105,923) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Provide high level advice to the Executive on policy, cultural aspects and issues relating to Aboriginal offenders both in the community and in custody. Manage the administration of the Aboriginal Support and Planning Unit. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and proven understanding of needs and special circumstances of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. Senior management experience and leadership skills, including conflict management, negotiation and facilitation. Superior written and oral communication skills including the ability to prepare complex reports, correspondence and briefings. Experience in the development of documents that require high level strategic planning. Capacity to initiate, develop and maintain effective and productive relationships with internal and external stakeholders. Demonstrated experience and skills in human resources and financial management. Awareness and understanding of contemporary issues that affect Aboriginal offenders and their families, including cross sector agency issues and strategies.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment/employment for a period of up to 12 months. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide phone numbers and email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor.

Inquiries: Luke Grant (02) 8346 1344 Email: luke.grant@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: donna.ceaney@dcs.nsw.gov.au on (02) 8346 1019.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To Applications marked 'Confidential': to Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 04 April 2008.



Administrative Assistant
Grade 2/3 (HCS Admin)
Home Care Service of NSW
Western Plains Area Branch
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Permanent Part-time
Position No. HCS-08-11694

Full time salary package quoted valued up to \$49,865 pa includes a salary range of \$41,912 pa - \$45,188 pa, leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation. Hourly rate: (\$22.95 ph - \$24.74 ph).

Job Description:

To provide administrative support and local coordination of transport services by undertaking, word processing, reception duties, photocopying, mail collection and distribution, purchasing of equipment and supplies and general clerical tasks.

Selection Criteria:

- Experience in general administration and clerical tasks in an office environment.
- Demonstrated advanced computer literacy, including Microsoft office programs.
- Excellent verbal and communication skills in all areas of office management including liaising with internal and external customers.
- Organisational and time management skills, and the ability to interpret policies and procedures relating to the service.
- A general knowledge of community services including services to the frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- The ability to travel and current driver's licence.

Job Notes: This is a permanent part-time position, 15 hours per week. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement, and information about Home Care Service. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Tania Moody on (02) 6832 2802 or email: tania.moody@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Western Plains Branch on (02) 6832 1091.

Applications to: Home Care Service of NSW, Western Plains Branch, PO Box 268 Nyngan NSW 2825.

Closing Date: 11 April 2008.



Australian Hearing - Job Opportunities

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Customer Service Officer/Indigenous Liaison Officer, Southport QLD

Full-time employment

Customer Service Officers provide the welcome and front line service to our hearing impaired clients.

As the Customer Service Officer your responsibilities will include:

- Counter and telephone enquiries
- Appointment making
- Administration/data entry of client files and relevant paper
- Maintaining client records and using a complex appointment system
- Receiving and banking
- Minor hearing aid repairs

In addition to the Customer Service Officer you will have the opportunity to work as an Indigenous Liaison Officer. Indigenous Liaison Officers provide awareness, education and solutions to those individuals who have hearing loss or difficulties.

As the Indigenous Liaison Officer you will be responsible for establishing links with the Indigenous Communities of several Hearing Centres covering the Gold Coast and Southern Brisbane suburbs. You will be a contributor in the development, planning and implementation of community hearing awareness and promotion programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

Closing date for applications: 9 April 2008.

Australian Hearing is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority within the Department of Human Services and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply for these opportunities. You can learn more about Australian Hearing at www.hearing.com.au

To find out more about this opportunity please contact Tania Brand on (07) 5532 6889 or email your resume to recruitment@hearing.com.au or by post to Shariza Allam, Australian Hearing, 126 Greville Street, Chatswood, NSW 2067.



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
34/1731	Dill Gold Pty Ltd	208.53km ²	98km Ely of Derby	Lat 17°22' Long 124°32'	Derby-West Kimberley
15/963	William Robert Richmond Ian Roger Anstee John Walter Davy	8.78km ²	16km S of Kambalda	Lat 31°51' Long 121°40'	Coogee
15/974	New Hampton Goldfields Ltd	26.4km ²	5km Wly of Kambalda	Lat 31°13' Long 121°54'	Coogee
15/980	South Gold Mines Pty Ltd	36.18km ²	14km NWly of Kambalda	Lat 31°16' Long 121°54'	Coogee/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/1010	Heron Resources Ltd	33.72km ²	10km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°13' Long 121°46'	Coogee/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/1033	Pathways and On Ltd	61.7km ²	54km Wly of Coogee	Lat 31°10' Long 120°26'	Coogee
15/1079	West River Pty Ltd	5.99km ²	30km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°12' Long 121°59'	Coogee
15/1039	West River Pty Ltd	76.3km ²	37km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°12' Long 121°59'	Coogee
15/1040	Heron Resources Ltd	17.59km ²	23km SEly of Kambalda	Lat 31°14' Long 121°51'	Coogee
15/1044	Gadlady Resources Ltd	17.54km ²	29km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°13' Long 121°56'	Coogee
16/154	Suprize Resources Pty Ltd	36.57km ²	36km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°37' Long 121°16'	Coogee
17/257	Peter Romeo Gianni	110.02km ²	47km NWly of Coogee	Lat 32°44' Long 122°45'	Coogee
22/669	Richmond Resources Pty Ltd	12.27km ²	39km NWly of Coogee	Lat 32°16' Long 121°31'	Coogee
25/263	New Metals Explorations Ltd	2.94km ²	64km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 32°49' Long 122°10'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/125	Gravel Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	35.22km ²	7km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 31°18' Long 121°42'	Coogee/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/061	Kanarra Mines Ltd (ACN 023 530 037)	35.5km ²	36km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°24' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1674	Epsilon Energy Ltd	205.22km ²	90km NEly of Baladonia	Lat 31°42' Long 124°19'	Dumares
28/1748	Gold Exploration NL	10.9km ²	12km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°18' Long 122°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1811	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	11.77km ²	70km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 32°51' Long 122°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1823	Weston Resources Pty Ltd	14.73km ²	70km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°44' Long 122°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1825	Western Resources Pty Ltd	5.9km ²	110km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°03' Long 122°35'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1826	Western Resources Pty Ltd	17.59km ²	110km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°04' Long 122°36'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1827	Western Resources Pty Ltd	20.65km ²	110km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°07' Long 122°38'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1828	Western Resources Pty Ltd	20.64km ²	127km NEly at Kambalda	Lat 32°48' Long 122°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1829	Western Resources Pty Ltd	75.53km ²	103km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 32°44' Long 122°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1830	Western Resources Pty Ltd	2.95km ²	120km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°07' Long 122°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1831	Western Resources Pty Ltd	53.05km ²	112km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 32°48' Long 122°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1832	Western Resources Pty Ltd	5.91km ²	117km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°04' Long 122°37'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1833	Western Resources Pty Ltd	2.95km ²	127km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°05' Long 122°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1834	Peter Alexander Peddies Goldfields Pty Ltd	210.18km ²	121km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 29°25' Long 119°44'	Merces/Sandstone
28/1835	Feed Resources Ltd	52.44km ²	49km SEly of Merces	Lat 30°02' Long 121°15'	Merces
28/1836	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	66.91km ²	66km NWly of Merces	Lat 29°11' Long 120°21'	Merces
30/252	Geotech International Pty Ltd	196.03km ²	75km Wly of Merces	Lat 29°39' Long 120°16'	Merces
31/753	Consolidated Resources NL Total Mineral Resources NL	47.69km ²	117km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°42' Long 120°15'	Merces
31/785	Heron Resources Ltd	131.57km ²	69km Ely of Merces	Lat 29°54' Long 121°47'	Merces
31/786	Sageen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	50.53km ²	126km Ely of Merces	Lat 29°52' Long 122°20'	Merces
31/787	Dunlop Pty Ltd	2.95km ²	112km NEly at Kalgoorlie	Lat 32°01' Long 122°35'	Merces
31/788	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd	6.04km ²	42km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°14' Long 120°27'	Leonora
31/789	Hot Holdings Pty Ltd	60.87km ²	63km NEly of Laverton	Lat 27°25' Long 121°00'	Leonora
31/790	Pacific Eastern Pty Ltd	18.2km ²	29km NEly of Laverton	Lat 27°48' Long 120°58'	Leonora
31/791	Pacific Eastern Pty Ltd	1.03km ²	34km Ely of Laverton	Lat 27°52' Long 121°02'	Leonora
31/792	Pacific Eastern Pty Ltd	14.22km ²	32km Ely of Laverton	Lat 27°57' Long 121°01'	Leonora
31/793	Hunter Hill Mining NL	3.02km ²	29km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°09' Long 120°52'	Leonora
31/794	Alta Resources Pty Ltd	0.02km ²	23km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°04' Long 120°51'	Leonora
31/795	Alta Resources Pty Ltd	15.29km ²	64km NEly of Laverton	Lat 27°24' Long 121°00'	Leonora
31/796	Nascent Ltd	8.96km ²	43km SEly of Leonora	Lat 27°02' Long 121°44'	Leonora
31/797	Goldman Mining NL	89.69km ²	31km Ely of Leonora	Lat 26°57' Long 121°18'	Leonora
31/798	Great Gold Mines NL	2.99km ²	19km SEly of Leonora	Lat 27°00' Long 121°14'	Leonora
31/799	Golden State Resources Ltd	41.1km ²	29km NEly of Leonora	Lat 26°43' Long 121°03'	Leonora
31/800	Jaron Metals Ltd	39.18km ²	47km Nly of Leonora	Lat 26°28' Long 121°12'	Leonora
31/801	Jaron Metals Ltd	87.57km ²	56km SEly of Laverton	Lat 26°18' Long 121°02'	Leonora
31/802	St Samuel Mines NL	75.28km ²	51km NWly of Leonora	Lat 26°31' Long 120°54'	Leonora
31/803	Goldman Mining NL	3.01km ²	27km Ely of Leonora	Lat 26°54' Long 121°16'	Leonora
31/804	Tamara Australia Pty Ltd	3.01km ²	53km Nly of Leonora	Lat 26°25' Long 121°06'	Leonora
31/805	Tamara Australia Pty Ltd	12.09km ²	62km NWly of Leonora	Lat 26°27' Long 121°06'	Leonora
31/806	Robert Christopher Cooper	45.86km ²	51km NEly of Laverton	Lat 27°09' Long 121°14'	Leonora
31/807	Creighton Gold Ltd	63.04km ²	29km Sly of Laverton	Lat 26°30' Long 122°30'	Laverton
31/808	Creighton Gold Ltd	57.01km ²	32km Sly of Laverton	Lat 26°34' Long 122°32'	Laverton
31/809	Risk Corporation Pty Ltd	6.1km ²	115km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°04' Long 122°21'	Laverton
31/810	Brook Robert Legendre	18.3km ²	116km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°04' Long 122°24'	Laverton
31/811	Bentley Gunter Franz Wiese	67.11km ²	61km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°50' Long 122°18'	Laverton
31/812	Dunlop Resources Pty Ltd	South Boulder Mines Ltd			
31/813	Regis Resources NL	9.11km ²	70km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°54' Long 122°22'	Laverton
31/814	Regis Resources NL	8.1km ²	72km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°41' Long 122°15'	Laverton
31/815	Regis Resources NL	12.11km ²	49km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°28'	Laverton
31/816	Mark Gareth Grealy	3.03km ²	75km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°53' Long 122°08'	Laverton
31/817	Dunlop Resources Pty Ltd	81.75km ²	68km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°55' Long 122°13'	Laverton
31/818	Dunlop Resources Pty Ltd	9.08km ²	53km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°56' Long 122°22'	Laverton
31/819	Hot Holdings Pty Ltd	15.14km ²	53km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°52' Long 122°18'	Laverton
31/820	Dunlop Resources Pty Ltd	21.25km ²	59km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°38' Long 122°07'	Laverton
31/821	Falcon Minerals Ltd	69.89km ²	78km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°30' Long 122°19'	Laverton
31/822	Dunlop Resources Pty Ltd	18.2km ²	69km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°41' Long 122°24'	Laverton
31/823	Longview Group Ltd				
31/824	Buck Robert Legendre	15.02km ²	21km SWly of Laverton	Lat 26°44' Long 122°14'	Laverton
31/825	Alta Resources Ltd	3km ²	11km SEly of Laverton	Lat 26°40' Long 122°09'	Laverton
31/826	Matex Resources Ltd	6.05km ²	14km SEly of Laverton	Lat 26°40' Long 122°09'	Laverton
31/827	William Robert Richmond Brian Dudley Richardson	56.87km ²	56km Sly of Laverton	Lat 26°39' Long 122°25'	Laverton/Leonora
31/828	Pacific Resources Pty Ltd	69.37km ²	59km NWly of Laverton	Lat 26°23' Long 121°51'	Laverton/Leonora
31/829	Yigam Mining (WA) Pty Ltd	96.83km ²	63km SWly of Laverton	Lat 26°18' Long 122°07'	Leonora
31/830	Alta Resources Ltd	20.88km ²	76km Sly of Laverton	Lat 26°16' Long 122°18'	Leonora
31/831	Alta Resources Ltd	50.77km ²	59km Sly of Laverton	Lat 26°25' Long 122°16'	Leonora
31/832	Alta Resources Ltd	2.98km ²	129km Sly of Laverton	Lat 25°32' Long 122°03'	Merces
31/833	Sageen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	44.89km ²	62km Sly of Laverton	Lat 26°11' Long 122°28'	Laverton/Leonora/Merces
31/834	Sageen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	2.99km ²	69km Sly of Laverton	Lat 26°13' Long 122°31'	Merces
31/835	Nascent Mining Pty Ltd	190.39km ²	184km SEly of Laverton	Lat 26°40' Long 122°46'	Merces
31/836	Russell Geoffrey Moolgob Christopher Chie	2.99km ²	40km Ely of Leonora	Lat 25°01' Long 121°46'	Leonora
31/837	Ross Frederick Crow Deeks Mines Ltd	191.79km ²	173km SEly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 25°04' Long 124°10'	Laverton/Merces
31/838	Sageen Resources Pty Ltd	73.65km ²	42km Wly of Wiluna	Lat 26°36' Long 119°45'	Wiluna
31/839	Peter Romeo Gianni	12.27km ²	23km Wly of Wiluna	Lat 26°35' Long 120°00'	Wiluna
31/840	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	15.31km ²	109km NEly of Lander	Lat 27°09' Long 121°20'	Wuna
31/841	Mineral Sands Limited	202.27km ²	91km Wly of Baladonia	Lat 32°36' Long 122°54'	Dundas/Esperance
31/842	Primus Resources Ltd	18.10km ²	34km Nly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°40' Long 121°41'	Dundas/Esperance
31/843	Primus Resources Ltd	30.22km ²	39km Nly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°59' Long 121°36'	Esperance
31/844	Paul Winston Ashkin	214.69km ²	70km NEly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°42' Long 122°22'	Dundas/Esperance
31/845	Great Western Exploration Ltd	141.50km ²	89km NWly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°29' Long 120°47'	Dundas
31/846	Hennrich Power Ltd	136.42km ²	107km Wly of Newman	Lat 32°14' Long 120°38'	Dundas
31/847	Penton Minerals Pty Ltd	1130.32km ²	156km Nly of Lander	Lat 29°57' Long 120°05'	Merces
31/848	Wild Side (WA) Pty Ltd	974.99km ²	48km NWly of Baladonia	Lat 32°17' Long 122°24'	Dundas
31/849	Westover Holdings Pty Ltd	575.48km ²	69km Wly of Baladonia	Lat 32°31' Long 122°09'	Dundas/Esperance
31/850	Wild Side (WA) Pty Ltd	43.79km ²	59km NWly of Baladonia	Lat 32°04' Long 123°29'	Dundas
31/851	Wild Side (WA) Pty Ltd	43.79km ²	59km NWly of Baladonia	Lat 32°04' Long 123°29'	Dundas
31/852	Great Southern Oysterm Limited	43.09km ²	12km SWly of Lake Grace	Lat 33°08' Long 119°21'	Lake Grace
31/853	Perth Ltd	203.47km ²	56km Nly of Hyden	Lat 31°57' Long 119°03'	Newman/Hyden
31/854	Daniel Meyer Australia Ltd	131.55km ²	131.55km Ely of Hyden	Lat 31°57' Long 119°03'	Newman/Hyden
31/855	Paul Winston Ashkin	184.52km ²	12km NWly of Koolberran	Lat 32°45' Long 119°49'	Merces
31/856	Foreman Gold Pty Ltd	2.95km ²	79km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°22' Long 119°44'	Koolberran
31/857	Troy Resources NL	338.19km ²	12km Sly of Bulbin	Lat 31°05' Long 119°09'	Hyden
31/858	Eric Resources Ltd	115.62km ²	61km NEly of Hyden	Lat 31°55' Long 119°12'	Newman/Hyden
31/859	Rock Resources Australia Pty Ltd	595.33km ²	61km SWly of Southport Creek	Lat 31°32' Long 119°02'	Hyden
31/860	Howard Anthony Teresa Edward Scott	5.92km ²	79km Wly of Bulbin	Lat 32°22' Long 119°55'	Hyden

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.

PROGRAM MANAGER (ABORIGINAL)

Haymarket, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08/049. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,363 p.a. (\$84,738-\$86,419) Salary package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

The position reviews and develops specialist programs and intervention strategies to address the complex needs of indigenous young offenders in reducing the risk factors associated with their re-offending. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Completed four (4) year degree level qualifications in Psychology, Social Work or Behavioural Sciences or equivalent. Minimum NSW Class C Driver's Licence. Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultural issues. Technical knowledge and understanding of State and/or National Indigenous youth offender strategies and "best practice" interventions, including experience in community consultation and managing relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders. Strong applied research skills and strong analytical and conceptual thinking skills. Effective oral and written communication, negotiation and decision making skills. Demonstrated program management experience including program design, implementation, evaluation and review.

Notes: Relevant postgraduate qualifications together with eligibility for registration with the relevant professional body would be advantageous. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. 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: Suellen Lembke (02) 9219 9517 Email: suellen.lembke@dj.jns.gov.au

Information Packages: jobs.nsw.gov.au or Catherine Brennan on (020 9219 9584.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 04 April 2008.

INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR

CBD Location

Do you have genuine empathy with Indigenous people? Do you like to network? Are you an efficient administrator? If this sounds like you, this is a diverse hands on role that you can really get your teeth into!

Your overall goal would be to coordinate the sourcing of employment opportunities for Indigenous people coming through the Sarina Russo Job Access Service. You will also provide training, coaching and support to all staff and managers. Other responsibilities will include developing and maintaining networks to increase outcomes for indigenous candidates and other tasks related to business development.

The right person for this job has highly developed interpersonal and communication skills and knowledge of the indigenous market sector. Experience in the job network or the recruitment industry would also be highly regarded.

For this position, it is a genuine occupational requirement that it be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.

Please send your cover letter and resume to recruitment@sarinarusso.com.au by Monday 31st March quoting the reference code IC-Korim



HOUSING NSW

INDIGENOUS CADETSHIP

Business Assurance

Ashfield

Salary \$27,055 pa - \$39,400 pa

Cadetship wages are calculated on a pro-rata basis. The rate of pay depends on age, level of schooling and work experience.

Position No. DOH-06-11886

Are you an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and studying full-time?

Do you want to:

- Earn \$600 (gross) per fortnight whilst studying full-time
- Have a permanent employment when you finish your degree
- Get 12 weeks paid work experience each year of your study

Then apply for this Indigenous Cadetship!

Job Description:

This offers an opportunity for an Aboriginal student of business studies, accounting/finance to develop skills and apply their studies to an audit program. This role will assist in implementing and monitoring the Department's internal audit program.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Currently undertaking full time study for a degree or diploma in accountancy, business, finance or related fields.
- Ability to acquire knowledge of the role of internal audit in the context of a public sector agency.
- Ability to apply learning in accountancy/business studies/finance to audits in the workplace.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills, both oral and written.
- Ability to develop liaison skills with internal and external stakeholders.
- Ability to learn to work with staff and contractors to facilitate audit processes.
- Ability to apply and further develop critical analysis, research and problem solving skills to audit plans and reports.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the selection criteria and complete the structured application form.

Inquiries: Michael Langereis (02) 8753 8585.

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 18 April 2008.

DLA 03/08

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16620 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 93 km SW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°30'S Long.138°10'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2090 x, y, z 2162 e 2163 a,b	Archeoptryx Resources Pty Ltd 125 301 206
	Part 2: Approx. 106 km SW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat. 18°34'S Long.138°03'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 2: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2161 s, t, x	
	Part 3: Approx. 89 km SW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°32'S Long.138°15'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2163 p	
	Part 4: Approx. 87 km SW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°30'S Long.138°15'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2163 c	

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 2456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 2456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 2456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 4.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102; Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

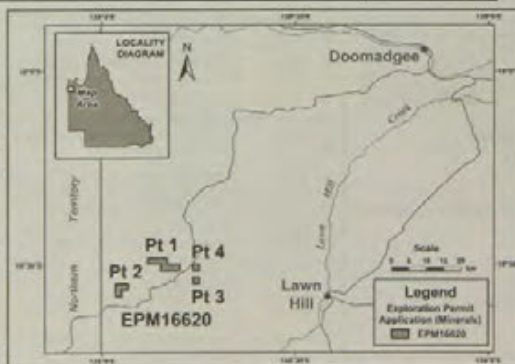
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000; Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000; Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each Individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000; Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 16 April 2008



FIELD OFFICERS

School Based Traineeship Program

Location: Brisbane and Perth.

Job Description

The Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) operates a highly successful School Based Traineeship Program for Aboriginal students in high school. The program allows the trainees to work with a host employer, complete a Certificate 2 in Business Services while completing their HSC. The banking sector is our primary partner in the program with the ANZ, Commonwealth Bank, Westpac and National Australia Bank all seeking to expand their number of trainees in Queensland and Western Australia.

Duties: Meet with schools to promote SBT program; liaise with host employers regarding selection of trainees; liaise with schools regarding performance of trainees; provide ongoing mentoring support to trainees; provide ongoing advice and support to host employer; administration of the SBT program; work in accordance with Group Training Organisation standards; database management.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; driver's licence; strong communications skills; excellent organizational skills; demonstrated ability to work independently; demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous Australians and the issues they face in employment; demonstrated project management skills; demonstrated ability to work across a range of diverse stakeholders; demonstrated ability to work to targets.

Desirable: Tertiary qualification; experience working with young people; experience in human resource management; experience working within the education sector.

Remuneration package: base salary up to \$55,000. (plus Superannuation and Salary Sacrificing available).

Inquiries: Alfreida Roberts on 0428 265 941 or alfreida.roberts@aes.org.au

Closing Date for Brisbane: Friday 11th April 2008.

Closing Date for Perth: Friday 4th April 2008.



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

NSW INDIGENOUS CADETSHIP PROGRAM

Are you an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and studying full-time?

Do you want to:

- Earn \$600 (gross) per fortnight whilst studying full-time
- Have a permanent employment when you finish your degree
- Get 12 weeks paid work experience each year of your study

Then apply for the following cadetships!

Salary \$27,055 - \$39,400 pa

Cadetship wages are calculated on a pro-rata basis. The rate of pay depends on age, level of schooling and work experience.

Job Reference No. DADHC-08-11882

CADETSHIP - Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Social Work, Case Management & Occupational Therapy
Metro North Region

Job Description:

A career in therapy, social work and case management means working actively with people of all ages with a disability, to support them to live as full a life as possible in the community.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Currently undertaking full time study for a degree or for a Diploma in a relevant field.
- Current understanding of the issues, trends and philosophies underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability.
- Well developed analytical and problem solving skills.
- Well developed oral and written communication skills.
- Current NSW driver's licence.

CADETSHIP - Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Social Work, Case Management & Occupational Therapy, Nursing
Metro South Region

Job Description:

Metro South is offering two cadetship positions in therapy, social work, case management and nursing. The positions will provide support and services to older people, people with a disability and their carers.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Currently undertaking full time study for a degree or for a Diploma in a relevant field.
- Current understanding of the issues, trends and philosophies underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability.
- Well developed analytical and problem solving skills.
- Well developed oral and written communication skills.
- Current NSW driver's licence.

CADETSHIP - SOCIAL WORK
Southern Region
Illawarra Community Support Team
Wollongong

Job Description:

Provision of support and intervention services (under supervision) which facilitates positive outcomes to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities, their families and carers.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Currently undertaking full time study for a degree or for a diploma in a relevant field.
- Understanding of the issues, trends and philosophies underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability.
- Well developed analytical and problem solving skills.
- Well developed oral and written communication skills.
- Current NSW driver's licence.

CADETSHIP - Case Management
Western Region

Job Description:

This offers an opportunity for an Aboriginal student in the area of case management to develop skills & apply their studies. This role will provide case management support & services to people with a disability & their families or carers.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Currently undertaking full time study for a degree or for a Diploma in a relevant field (eg Disability or Case Management).
- Understanding of the issues, trends and philosophies underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability.
- Well developed analytical and problem solving skills.
- Well developed oral and written communication skills.
- Current NSW driver's licence.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Jourdan Di Leo (02) 8270 2004 or email: jourdan.dileo@dahc.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: www.dahc.com/employment or 1800 185 466.

Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 18 April 2008

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



- Broad Leadership Role
- Creative flair • Indigenous Integrity

The Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) can proudly claim to be Australia's leading indigenous registered training organisation offering cross genre (acting, singing, dancing, music) accredited training from certificate through to advanced diploma levels. ACPA caters for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally sensitive and supportive environment.

As CEO you will report to an appointed, skilled Board and manage a small team. Your prime objective will be to develop and lead programs, services and activities that provide an environment where aspiring Indigenous Australian performing artists can learn and develop into world class artists that embrace indigenous cultural achievements and contribute to Australia's cultural identity. You will use your unique combination of business acumen, educational flair and indigenous integrity to grow strategic partnerships with business, governments, arts, education and indigenous organisations, and the wider community.

Essential to the role will be your ability to advise the Board on strategies to implement the Centre's vision, ensure financial sustainability and manage the systems and procedures that are essential for an effective organisation.

If this challenging opportunity meets both your career goals and personal values, please submit an application. **Salary:** An appropriate salary will be negotiated with the applicant, depending upon qualifications and experience. For further enquiries relating to the position, please contact Ms Sharon Brown, Board Member on 0412 884 197. **Applications close:** COB Friday, 25 April 2008.

Selection Criteria may be obtained by contacting Paul Adams on (07) 3846 7211 or email to: admin1@acpa.net.au It is in the candidate's best interest to obtain the information kit and address their application accordingly. General information about ACPA may be found at www.acpa.net.au.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Gooloom Gooloom Aboriginal Cooperative is seeking a suitably qualified or experienced person to fill this role within our organisation.

The position is full time, 38 hours per week. This is a permanent position subject to funding.

Pay rates \$70,000-\$80,000, commensurate with relevant experience and qualifications.

A full position description is available by telephoning the Cooperative on 03 53816333 during office hours or from www.gooloomgooloom.org.au

The closing date for applications is Friday 28th March, 2008.

Hunter Valley Aboriginal Corporation Aboriginal Young People Early Intervention Project Worker

(SAAP) 32 Hours per week

The Aboriginal young People Early Intervention project worker (SAAP) will provide support to young people who are at risk of becoming homeless to reconnect with their family and maintain their connections to their community. The project covers the 3 Local Government Areas.

This is an Aboriginal identified position in accordance with section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

There will be an information Session Day held at the Hunter Valley Aboriginal Corporation on the 8th April 2008 starting at 1.30pm until 2.30pm.

Information packages are available at the Hunter Valley Aboriginal Corporation 180-182 Bridge Street Muswellbrook or by phoning 65431180 or mobile 0449919031 Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Applications will be received up until the 18th April, 2008.

The Department of Community Services Supported Accommodation Assistance program funds this project.

Hunter Valley Aboriginal Corporation
180-182 Bridge Street
PO Box 579, MUSWELLBROOK NSW 2333

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16662	Part 1: Approx. 104 km ENE from Normanton Centred at approximate Lat.17°31'S Long.142°03'E Local Government Area: Croynod Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 33 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1345 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Gold Aura Limited 067 519 779
	Part 2: Approx. 79 km ENE from Normanton Centred at approximate Lat.17°31'S Long.141°48'E Local Government Area: Croynod Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1270 x 1242 c, g, h, j, m, n, o	
	Part 3: Approx. 75 km ENE from Normanton Centred at approximate Lat.17°25'S Long.141°44'E Local Government Areas: Croynod Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1197 x, y, z 1269 c, d	

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Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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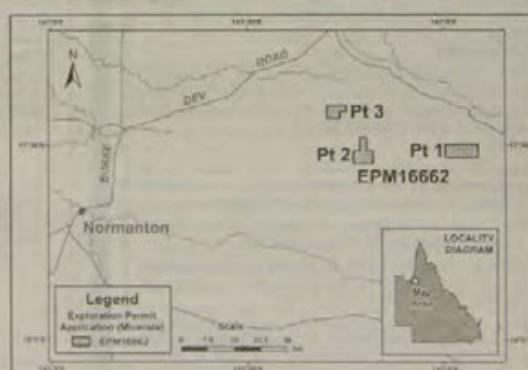
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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Notification Day: 16 April 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

GREATER TAREE CITY COUNCIL

POSITION VACANT



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY OFFICER

Council is seeking an Aboriginal Community Officer to join its Community Development & Health Department. The position offers diverse work experience involving a range of community and social development issues, with particular focus on promoting effective communication between the Council and the Aboriginal community.

The Position

The successful applicant will be responsible for working with local individuals and organisations to facilitate communication between Aboriginal organisations to develop improved co-ordination and delivery of community services; promoting public awareness of, and access to, services and resources; assisting the Council and other appropriate organisations to initiate, maintain and develop community self-help projects to meet identified needs; providing supervision to Council's Aboriginal Youth Services personnel.

The applicant should have tertiary qualifications in community development with some specific knowledge of Aboriginal culture, or equivalent, excellent written and verbal communication skills and sound computer application competency. Demonstrated time management, coordination and organisational skills in relation to community engagement, budget and grant management and staff supervision. Knowledge of the local Aboriginal community, culture and infrastructure is required.

Employment Conditions

The position attracts National Agreement Preserving the NSW Local Government Award (NAPSA) conditions and is evaluated at Grade 4 on Council's Salary Structure, with a starting salary of between \$860.71 and \$926.89 per week, dependent on experience. The position receives recurrent funding from the NSW Department of Community Services. A Council vehicle is available for all employment related travel.

Successful completion of NSW Commission for Children and Young People and NSW Police checks is essential. Eligibility to obtain membership of the Taree PCYC is also essential.

Further Information and Applications

Interested applicants should obtain a Position Statement and satisfy the criteria detailed that Statement as part of their application. Position Statements can be obtained by telephoning the Community Development and Health Department on 6592 5281 or by visiting Council's website at www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au.

Applications should be marked "Confidential" and forwarded to the attention of the Personnel Manager, Greater Taree City Council, PO Box 482, Taree 2430. Details regarding the position can be discussed with the Manager Community Services, Laura Black on 6592 5285.

Applications close: Friday 2 May 2008.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

MANAGER, PLANNING & PURCHASING

Clerk Grade 11/12
Western Region

Location Negotiable - Bathurst, Orange,
Wagga Wagga, Dubbo or Albury

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-11510

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$116,886 per annum (Salary: \$91,589 pa to \$105,923 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Develop, implement & evaluate systems for purchasing & grants administration to ensure maximum effectiveness of budget management & strategies to enhance sustainability & capacity of the regional service system.

Selection Criteria:

- Extensive knowledge of human service provision to older people and people with a disability and understanding of the key issues for departmental clients and stakeholders.
- Ability to design, implement and monitor service delivery systems within the human services industry.
- Ability to understand and effectively manage complex planning and other data and high level of conceptual, statistical, financial and analytical skills.
- Ability to develop, implement, review systems & processes for purchasing, funding reform & grants management with proven experience in interpreting financial & budget performance data including output and outcome measures & information.
- Ability to manage and lead a diverse team in a complex environment of competing priorities and needs with limited resources.
- Ability to build working partnerships with a range of stakeholders & to manage change & stakeholder communication. High-level interpersonal, communication, consultation, mediation, negotiation, information technology & presentation skills.
- Ability to promote and implement legislation and DADHC policies and procedures.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or equivalent knowledge and experience, with demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.

Job Notes: This position can be located in Bathurst, Orange, Dubbo, Wagga Wagga or Albury. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Phil Watterson (02) 6363 6668

Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2652, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 4 April 2008.

ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.

Is recruiting 2 culturally appropriate staff positions to work with Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Youth in NSW Government Better Futures Project Daplo/Koonawarra Youth Connect.

CO-ORDINATOR Full-Time

SACS NAPSA Award Grade 4

YOUTHWORKER Full-Time

SACS NAPSA Award Grade 3

Essential: Aboriginality, must be of Aboriginal descent through Parentage identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such.

Illawarra Community Services Inc. considers that Being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

CASUAL TUTOR 5 hrs p.w.

Aboriginal or Non Aboriginal.

These 3 positions are child related positions. The successful applicants will be required to undergo the working with children check.

Applications close 29/3/08.

Job Packages ring: 02 4262 1918 or email: FinanceAdmin@iccsinc.org.au

Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Merrimans LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Chairperson Mr Eric Naylor, on (02) 4473 7232 or 0447122120.

MLALC considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification of this position under Section 31 Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Applications can be forwarded and marked "Confidential" and posted to: The Chairperson, Mr Eric Naylor, Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council, 5 Umbarra Road, Wallaga Lake, NSW, 2546.

Applications close: 18 April Friday 2008.

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EPM16541	Approx. 12 km SW from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.18°12'S Long.144°13'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 316 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1802 f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, r, s, u, v, w, x 1874 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1875 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1876 f, i, j, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1946 b, c, d, e 1947 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p 1948 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	NQM Exploration Pty Ltd 125 728 154
EPM16542	Approx. 63 km S from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat.18°14'S Long.145°14'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 267 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 82 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1815 s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1816 q, r, s, v, w, x 1886 n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1887 c, k, o, p, q, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1888 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 1958 d, e, j, k, y, z 1959 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 1960 a, b, c, f, g, i, m	NQM Exploration Pty Ltd 125 728 154
EPM16543	Approx. 45 km SSE from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat.18°03'S Long.145°17'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 234 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 72 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1671 s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1672 q, v 1743 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, t, u, x, y, z 1744 a, f, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1745 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, s, v, w, x 1815 c, d 1816 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 1817 a, f, g, h, j, i, m, n	NQM Exploration Pty Ltd 125 728 154
EPM16544	Part 1: Approx. 32 km WSW from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.18°11'S Long.144°01'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 32 km SW from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.18°21'S Long.144°07'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 140 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 43 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Normanton 1944 d, e, j, k, o, p, u 2016 e Townsville 1801 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w, x 1873 a, f, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1945 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, m, n, o 1946 a Area of Part 2: 136 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 42 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1945 u, y, z 1946 q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 2017 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2018 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z	NQM Exploration Pty Ltd 125 728 154
EPM16545	Approx. 24 km S from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.18°21'S Long.144°17'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 185 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 57 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1948 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1949 v, w 2019 k, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2020 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2021 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w, x	NQM Exploration Pty Ltd 125 728 154
EPM16549	Approx. 136 km SSE from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat.18°45'S Long.145°44'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council and Hinchinbrook Shire Council	Area: 197 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 61 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2325 h, g, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2326 i, m, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2397 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2398 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x	NQM Exploration Pty Ltd 125 728 154

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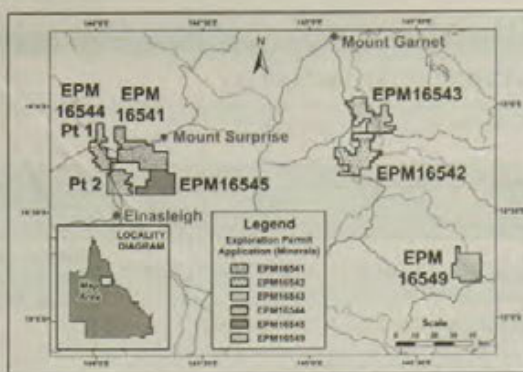
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EPM15375	Approx. 39 km SSW from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat. 11°13'S Long. 142°14'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council & Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Area: 359 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 107 (each 1 Lat x 1 Long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2715 j, k, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2716 f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2786 o, p, s, t, u 2787 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, u, x, y, z 2788 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2789 a, f 2858 k, p, u, z 2859 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2860 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y	Cape Alumina Pty Ltd 107 817 694

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Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

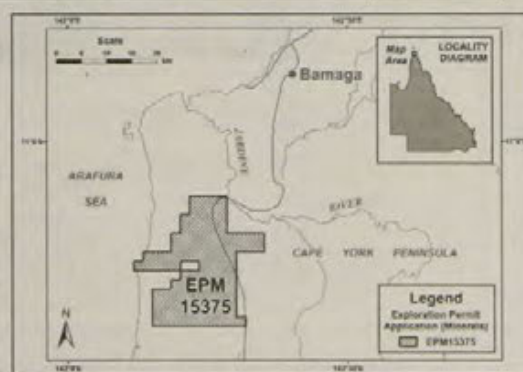
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 16 April 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



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MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

STATION COORDINATOR/OFFICE MANAGER

PAW Media and Communications, a remote indigenous media association based in Yuendumu (NT) 300 kms north west of Alice Springs, is seeking applications from suitably qualified people for the above position.

We are looking for a self-motivated person with excellent communication and administration skills to support the day-to-day operation of the organisation. The role involves supporting the radio, video, archival and technology sections of the organisation to manage the resources and administration of those sections. The role is an exciting one providing the opportunity to experience the diversity of the operations of a remote media organisation and to support consolidation of the organisation's operations.

The role also involves office management activities including ordering, invoice processing, record keeping and filing, staff supervision, sales and general office duties.

The role works closely with the General Manager and applicants require experience in middle management type roles.

Applicants should have demonstrated experience in office management and experience in, or understanding of, small business. Experience in, or understanding of, cross-cultural workplaces is essential as are excellent computer skills. Applicants should have 2-3 years experience in use of accounting packages such as MYOB. An understanding of the media industry would be considered favourably but is not essential. Applicants are required to have a current driver's licence.

For a position description and key selection criteria email susan@pawmedia.com.au. For information about PAW Media visit <http://www.pawmedia.com.au>. Further information contact Susan Locke on 089 8056 4024 Monday to Friday.

Salary \$52,000 pa plus benefits, including housing subsidy and salary sacrifice.

Please submit applications, addressing the key selection criteria and providing references with CV to Susan Locke, susan@pawmedia.com.au or to Yuendumu LPO, via ALICE SPRINGS NT 0872.

Closing date: 5pm Central Standard Time, Friday 4th April.

NEW SOUTH WALES
DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION
AND TRAINING



The department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

ABORIGINAL STUDENT LIAISON OFFICER

Education Officer (ETS), Liverpool, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 123357. Total remuneration package valued to: \$83,151 p.a. (\$47,918-\$75,352) Total remuneration package valued up to: \$83,151 p.a. (salary \$47,918 - \$75,352) including ASLO allowance of \$3,066 p.a., employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Working with the community and schools to support the regular attendance of students, with a particular focus on Aboriginal students.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Understanding of issues affecting the regular school attendance of Aboriginal students. Knowledge of the Home School Liaison program and demonstrated involvement in student welfare programs. Demonstrated ability to liaise with schools, students, parents and outside agencies. Effective written and oral communication and liaison skills and ability to work as part of a team. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2011. Administrative hours and conditions apply. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

Inquiries: Michelle Davies (02) 9582 6346

Email: michelle.davies@det.nsw.edu.au, Information

Packages: Gina El-Sissa (02) 9582 6319 / 9796 5416.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Michelle Davies, 65 Albert Road, Strathfield 2135.

Closing Date: Friday 11 April 2008.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1156	Approx. 30 km N from Jericho Centred at approximate Lat.23°20'S Long.146°12'E Local Government Area: Barcardine Regional Council	Area: 831 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 265 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2618 a, p, t, u, y, z 2619 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2620 l, q, v 2620 d, c, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2621 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2622 a, f, i 2622 d, c, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2623 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2624 d, c, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2625 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2626 d, c, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2627 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2628 d, c, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2629 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2630 d, c, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2631 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2632 d, c, j, k, o, p, t, u 2633 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669
EPC1157	Approx. 108 km N from Jericho Centred at approximate Lat.22°38'S Long.146°15'E Local Government Area: Barcardine Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council	Area: 950 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1899 y, z 1900 v, w, x 1971 d, c, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1972 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 2043 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2044 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2115 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2116 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2187 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2188 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2259 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2260 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2331 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2332 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2403 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2404 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 2475 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2476 a, b, c 2547 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2548 l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2619 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2620 a, b, f, g	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669

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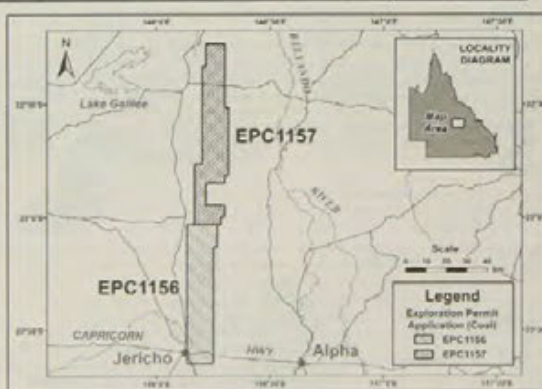
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Notification Day: 16 April 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

PROJECT OFFICER (EXECUTIVE SUPPORT - COMMUNITY 2770)

Clerk Grade 7/8
Mt Druitt Community Regeneration
Greater Western Sydney Division
Mt Druitt

Temporary Full-Time, Position No: DQH-08-11655

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (salary \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Contributes to the new Mt Druitt community governance structure by providing secretarial and administration, facilitating partnerships & opportunities for improved service outcomes, planning & research. Projects & systems are developed and evaluated.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience in administrative support to high level management committees.
- Demonstrated skills in research, policy and program development and project management.
- Demonstrated organisational, oral & written communication skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to identify and analyse problems and propose effective solutions.
- Experience in delivering high quality services in a human services environment.
- Ability to understand, interpret and appropriately respond to the requirements and needs of a range of stakeholders.
- Tertiary qualifications in human services or related discipline or equivalent experience.
- Computer literacy and knowledge of standard applications.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position up to 30 June 2010 under the terms of the PSEM Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

The development and implementation of neighbourhood management boards, such as Mt Druitt's **Community 2770 (C2770)**, is an important component of an overall strategy led by the NSW Government, to promote partnership working and to progress community participation. There is evidence that such participation promotes social cohesion, whilst stimulating review, better service outcomes and accountability.

Expected Outcomes - Project Officer (Executive Support - C2770)

- C2770 Established, functioning & evaluated
- Number of initiatives between key stakeholders as represented on C2770
- New products, demonstration projects and good practice initiatives are implemented in an effective and consultative manner, monitored and evaluated
- Regular reporting on outcomes

Inquiries: Colleen Sutherland (02) 8753 9490.

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 4 April 2008.



NSW Department of Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PSYCHOLOGIST/SPECIALIST PSYCHOLOGIST

Operations

Western Region, Dubbo

Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy No: DOCS-08-11663

Total remuneration package for the Psychologist is valued up to \$79,858 per annum (Salary: \$48,684 pa - \$72,368 pa) and for the Specialist Psychologist is valued up to \$94,378 per annum (Salary: \$69,739 pa - \$85,526 pa) and includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide psychological services such as assessments, therapeutic intervention, reports and case reviews to support clinical decision making. To provide consultation and training to DoCS staff, foster carers and external agencies as required.

Selection Criteria:

- Four year degree in Psychology from an accredited university.
- Current or provisional registration with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board.
- Knowledge of theoretical and therapeutic frameworks that underpin child and adolescent development, child abuse, separation and loss.
- Knowledge of the theory and practice that underpin complex behavioural problems.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a multidisciplinary team.
- Demonstrated ability in written and verbal communication.
- Current driver's licence

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Applicants applying for the role of Specialist Psychologist will need to meet additional criteria.

Specialist Psychologists must possess a post-graduate degree at the masters level or higher in a specialist area deemed relevant by the Department OR Education, training and experience deemed by the Department to be equivalent.

Applicants must be eligible for full or provisional registration with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board to apply. The role may require some travel and may entail occasional overnight stays.

Inquiries: Catherine Mullane (02) 6841 3268.

Information Packages: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 4 April 2008.



ABORIGINAL SERVICE COORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)

Thulgan-Gar Aboriginal Home Care - Northern, Moree

Permanent Full-time

Position No: HCS-08-11673

Salary package is valued up to \$63,028 pa includes a salary range \$51,784 pa to \$57,117 pa leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: Responsible for providing consistent case management, high quality and cost-effective services to Home Care's customers through the planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers, matching service delivery resources to requirements.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge and understanding of the community care needs of frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers in a cultural appropriate manner, within the Moree and Narrabri Shires.
- A focus on customer service, effective written and oral communication skills and with a high level of computer skills.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health sciences.
- Ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system.
- Sound organisational skills, ability to supervise staff, administrative, record keeping skills and willing to undertake training.
- Driver's licence, own vehicle and ability to travel (available for overnight travel).
- Proven high level of leadership skills with the ability to work in a team environment.

Job Notes: This is a advertised position; previous applicants should re-apply.

Position is based in Thulgan-Gar Aboriginal Home Care, Moree. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries and Information Packages: Raquel Clarke (02) 852 4866 or 1800 173 558.

Applications to: Administration Officer, Thulgan-Gar Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW, PO Box 1145, Moree NSW 2400.

Closing date: Friday 4 April 2008.



NSW Department of Commerce

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. All applicants will be expected to demonstrate an understanding and commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

TRAINEE FINANCE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

FINANCIAL SHARED SERVICES
CORPORATE SHARED SERVICES

POSITION NO: 2008/087.

SALARY: Salary in the range of \$237 to \$485 per week depending on age/qualifications.

LOCATION: Sydney

JOB STATUS: 12-Month Traineeship. Permanent appointment at the end of the traineeship will be subject to satisfactory service & attendance.

JOB NOTES: Position is targeted under the Department of Commerce's Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Develop knowledge and skills across a range of accounting and office support functions. This will be achieved by the Trainee rotating within finance teams and accounting functions during the twelve month traineeship.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application.
- Have completed Year 10 or equivalent
- Sound Computer skills, Numerical skills & attention to detail
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Willingness to undertake training
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and exercise discretion, judgement and initiative
- Capacity to work as part of a team.

ENQUIRIES: Ken Loadman 9372 9004 or Tamara Bellea-Waters 9372 7672 or Tamara Bellea-Waters@commerce.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: 4 April 2008.

INFORMATION PACKAGES: Access Information Packages at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or for email packages contact info@pack@commerce.nsw.gov.au with position number 2008/087 in the subject heading - this is an auto response. Or if by post, contact Paul Wyatt (02) 9372 7194.

APPLICATIONS TO: You can apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or if by post mark "Confidential" to Paul Wyatt, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rexson Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000.

JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNSELLOR

(ALCOHOL AND
OTHER DRUG)

Kariong, Permanent
Full-Time, Vacancy
Number 08/042.

This position which appeared in this publication on 12 March 2008 has been withdrawn and is no longer available.

04/03/08

THE SETTLEMENT Executive Officer

Want a challenging job where you can make a real difference

The Settlement requires an experienced, innovative EO to manage and grow our multi-program community organisation. We are at an exciting stage in our development as an organisation of more than 115 years standing, and need a leader to enact change which ensures strategic sustainability and visioning.

You will need: lots of flexibility and creativity with high level skills in community engagement, communication, staff development and management, program delivery, liaising with funding bodies and administration. Understanding of Aboriginal cultural issues is essential.

A Degree in Social Work or its equivalent is preferred.

This is an Above SACS 6 Award position which includes generous salary sacrificing.

Enquiries to: Michael Gravenor at The Settlement on 0400990301 or meg2000@bigblue.net.au for job pack.

Applications close: 11th April.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16615 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 134 km NNE from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.19°35'S Long.143°33'E Local Government Area: Richmond Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 120 km NNE from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.19°43'S Long.143°34'E Local Government Area: Richmond Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 174 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 54 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3090 d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3091 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w 3162 c, k 3163 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3164 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 107 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 33 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3235 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3236 f, i, m, q, r, v, w 3307 d, e, j, k 3308 a, b, f, g, h	MKY Corporation Limited 099 247 408
EPM16647	Approx. 178 km NNE from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.19°26'S Long.144°09'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 101 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 32 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2883 q, v, w 2953 u 2954 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2955 a, b, c, f, g, h, i	Zinifex Australia Limited 004 074 962
EPM16666	Approx. 53 km E from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.20°43'S Long.143°39'E Local Government Area: Flinders Shire Council	Area: 321 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 572 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 573 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 643 d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 644 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 645 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 646 f, l 715 d, e, k 716 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	Bandanna Oil Shale Pty Ltd 125 901 626

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z', omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

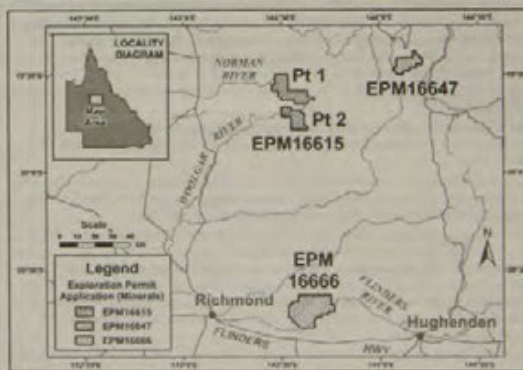
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 16 April 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Link-Up Family Services Administration Assistant

35hrs per week Grade 3 year 1 to 3

Essential Criteria:

- Provide general administration
- Computer management duties
- Provide reception duties
- Telephone liaison and referral for foster care support
- Ability to work co-operatively in a multi-disciplinary team

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977.

Only applicants meeting all essential criteria will be considered. This position is covered by SACS award paid according to MCRN above award rates.

For enquiries and/or job packages ring Marica 0434303805.

Applications to: LUFSS Employment committee PO Box 93 Lawson NSW 2783.

Interviews will be held on 30th April 08.

Applications close Monday 21st April 08 at 5pm.

Indigenous Worker

Bundji Bundji is seeking an experienced Indigenous Outreach Worker to engage Indigenous young men who are disconnected from their community and culture in the Northern Region. Bundji Bundji is a partnership between Maya, Narana Creations and Whitley Inc.

This varied, hands-on role would suit a person with experience in program delivery and youth support who has a demonstrated commitment to working effectively with Indigenous young people and their families.

FT with regular evening and weekend work. Approx \$44,000.

Visit www.whitleyinc.org.au for a copy of the position description or contact Hannah on (03) 9389 4420.

Applications close: 5pm April 1st 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

RANGER (ABORIGINAL) (FEMALE)

Ranger Grade 1/2, South West Rocks, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-104. Total remuneration package valued to: \$90,521 p.a. (\$45,392-\$70,112) Salary package includes base salary, an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

This position is required to manage projects and the implementation of policies, procedures and legislative requirements to protect the natural, Aboriginal and historic heritage directly in the field, both on and off Departmental Estate. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Female Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality and gender (female) are requirements of the job. A degree or equivalent relevant to the field operations of the Department. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and ability to undertake environmental assessment. Superior communication skills both verbal and written, negotiation, community relations and liaison skills. Current Driver's Licence and ability to operate four-wheel-drive vehicles. Demonstrated organisational and project management skills and ability to work as part of a multifunction team. Willingness to fly in light aircraft and preparedness and ability to be involved in incident management duties including fire fighting. Capacity and willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Temporary position up to 31 December 2008. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. Progression through the scale is dependent upon achievement of identified competencies. The position of Ranger, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Rangers must meet the requirements of a specific medical with a clearance to undertake the fitness test to a moderate level, and task based physical assessment in order to undertake this position. The Position Holder will need to obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties.

Inquiries: Andrew Winter (02) 6566 7251 Email: andrew.winter@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Anne Betts (02) 6566 6621 or anne.betts@environment.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 28 March 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

SENIOR FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Senior Field Officer Grade 1/2, Mutawintji National Park, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-116. Total remuneration package valued to: \$65,692 p.a. (\$48,628-\$81,511) Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

Undertake works and maintenance programs and co-ordinate and supervise the work of Field Officers and contractors ensuring that work is undertaken efficiently and within budget and set time frames. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job, as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources, and willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Demonstrated experience in the maintenance/construction of general facilities and grounds, ability to supervise and carry out all duties safely in accordance with OH&S requirements. Relevant WorkCover Certification, ability and experience for the appropriate operation and maintenance of machinery, plant and equipment for maintenance and construction work. Ability to implement planned field and operational activities (including pest animal and plant control); and demonstrated skills and experience in fire management. Demonstrated team leadership skills and experience in staff/contractor supervision, demonstrated administrative skills to perform required tasks and procedures, demonstrated effective communication, customer relations and organisational skills. Current MR Drivers Licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles, Senior First Aid Certificate, demonstrated ability and experience in operating MR vehicles, and willingness to fly in light aircraft. Certification and demonstrated ability and experience in operating chainsaw to cross-cut and simple tree felling standard, and ability to operate and supervise in radio usage.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Preference will be given to Wimpitja with a cultural association to the Mutawintji lands. This is a temporary position for a 12 month period. The position of Senior Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Senior Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical assessment, which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fitness test for fire fighting fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Brett Norman (08) 8080 3208 0428 776 821 Email: brett.norman@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Baris Deans (08) 8080 3203 or baris.deans@environment.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 11 April 2008.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16638	Approx. 116 km NW from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.19°41'S Long.143°01'E Local Government Area: Croydon Shire Council and Richmond Shire Council	Area: 323 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3156 d, e, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3157 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3228 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3229 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3230 a, f, l, q, v 3300 d, e 3301 a, b, f, g, l, m	Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857
EPM16687	Approx. 135 km NW from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.19°48'S Long.142°18'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council and Richmond Shire Council	Area: 203 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 63 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3219 x, y, z 3220 v, w, x 3291 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, u, z 3292 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3293 f, l, q, r, v, w, x 3364 h, e, d, e, j, k 3365 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n	Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857
EPM16688	Approx. 158 km NW from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.19°28'S Long.142°25'E Local Government Area: Croydon Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council	Area: 316 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2934 t, u, x, y, z 2935 l, m, q, r, v, w 3005 k, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3006 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3007 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v 3076 k, p, t, u, y, z 3077 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3078 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q	Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857

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The approximate area of a Block is 90 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'y'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORFAROO, QLD 4151.

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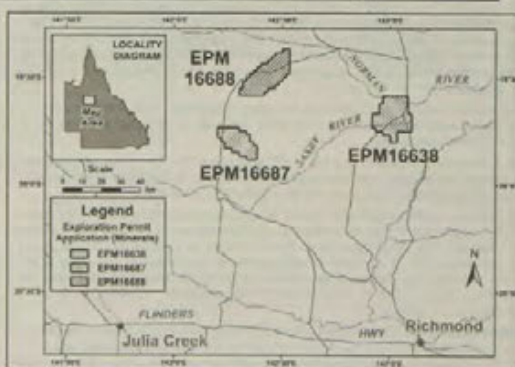
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Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted, unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 16 April 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Koori Family Violence Protocols - Project Officer
The Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria is seeking to appoint Project Officer to work in partnership with three local Aboriginal communities in Victoria (Mildura, Parnsdales & North West Melbourne) and other key stakeholders including Victoria Police to develop and implement an improved response, through the development of specific protocols, to Koori communities with respect to family violence.
The position is fulltime. The position will be based in Melbourne. Salary negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Salary sacrifice available.
For a copy of the PD email projectofficer@fvpls.org or phone 03 9654 3111. Position closes COB 15th April 2008.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (COMMUNITIES)

Clerk Grade 5/6
Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Area Hunter
Permanent Full-Time (3 positions)
Position No: DOH-08-11596

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (salary \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The purpose of the role is to introduce innovative housing strategies combined with specific activities aimed at strengthening living skills and social structures in the community.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent communication including negotiation and conflict resolution, assessment and problem solving skills.
- Ability to use initiative and work independently.
- Proven leadership skills and ability to influence others.
- Demonstrated ability to participate and contribute to local planning initiatives and to find innovative solutions to client problems.
- Strong commitment to and experience in delivering services to social housing clients and communities.
- Degree, Diploma or Associate Diploma in Social Work, Social Science, Welfare or related discipline and/or extensive relevant demonstrated experience.
- Extensive experience in the field of community development and liaison with community and government agencies.
- Current driver's licence.

Job Notes: There are three (3) permanent full-time positions available. The positions are currently located in Hamilton South and Maitland and movement to another location in the Area Hunter (other than Muswellbrook) at a later date is possible. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Kaylene Alvos on (02) 4925 6317.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635.

Apply on-line: As per link given in information package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing Date: Friday 4 April 2008.

(04) 718188



NSW Department of Commerce

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. All applicants will be expected to demonstrate an understanding and commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

TRAINEE HR OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES
CORPORATE SHARED SERVICES

POSITION NO: 2008/085

SALARY: Salary in the range of \$237 to \$485 per week depending on age/qualifications.

LOCATION: Sydney

JOB STATUS: 12-Month Traineeship. Permanent appointment at the end of the traineeship will be subject to satisfactory service & attendance.

JOB NOTES: Position is targeted under the Department of Commerce's Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

RESPONSIBILITIES: To provide an opportunity for the Trainee to develop knowledge and skills across a wide range of HR disciplines/functions/products/services. This will be achieved by the Trainee rotating across all areas of HR over the twelve month traineeship.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application.
- Have completed Year 10 or equivalent
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Willingness to undertake training
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and exercise discretion, judgement and initiative
- Sound Computer skills and strong customer focus.

ENQUIRIES: Tamara Belle-Mayers (02) 93727672 or Tamara.Belle-Mayers@commerce.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: 4 April 2008

INFORMATION PACKAGES: Access Information Packages at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or for email packages contact info@commerce.nsw.gov.au with position number '2008/085' in the subject heading - this is an auto response. Or if by post, contact Paul Wyatt (02) 9372 7194.

APPLICATIONS TO: You can apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or if by post mark 'Confidential' to Paul Wyatt, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000.

(04) 718188

Cumberland Women's Health Centre Inc. (Parramatta) Aboriginal & TSI Counsellor/ Groupworker

(14hrs/week) to end February 2009

We are seeking an experienced counsellor / groupworker with a strong commitment to social justice to work with A & TSI women in the central Western Sydney region. You will be working in a community based women's health centre that is committed to working collaboratively with women to create change within their lives and the community. The position is to provide crisis support and advocacy, counselling, groups and workshops. Aboriginality is an essential criteria for the position.

Salary paid is pro rata SACS award Grade 4 - 5 (depending on experience) and salary packaging is available. Generous leave conditions and flexible work arrangements.

Under Sec 14(d) and Sec 31(2)(h) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act to be a woman of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background is a genuine occupational requirement for this position. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory 'working with children' check and criminal record check.

For further information and job package contact Felicity Martin on (02) 9689 3044 or coord@cwhc.org.au. Details of essential criteria available on www.cwhc.org.au

Applications for the position close: 5pm Tuesday 15 April 2008

Readvertised - previous applicants need not re-apply.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, CORPORATE SERVICES AND REVIEW

For information on Commerce please see www.commerce.nsw.gov.au. For Information Packages please call (02) 9372 7194. Please quote position number.

TRAINEE RECORDS AND MAIL SUPPORT OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

TRAINEE, Sydney, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 2008/077. Salary: Salary in the range of \$237 to \$485 per week depending on age/qualifications.

Provide support to a wide range of records management functions in accordance with Department of Commerce standards, procedures and practices. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application. Effective communication and interpersonal skills. Strong customer focus. Ability to work to guidelines, with attention to detail and accuracy and use of initiative. Ability to work as part of a team in a high volume work area. Basic keyboard skills and computer awareness. Enrolment in Certificate III in Business (Recordkeeping) and willingness to undertake training. Have completed Year 10 or equivalent.

Notes: 12-Month Traineeship. Permanent appointment at the end of the traineeship will be subject to satisfactory service, attendance and demonstrated ability to complete the Certificate III in Business course. Position is targeted under the Department of Commerce's Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Inquiries: Stephen Smith/Tamara Belle-Mayers, Telephone: (02) 9372 7060/(02) 9372 7672 Email: tamara.belle-mayers@commerce.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: info@commerce.nsw.gov.au quote 2008/077.

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 Place Sydney 2000. **Closing Date:** Friday 04 April 2008.

(04) 718188

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16601	Approx. 92 km SE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°42'S Long.146°51'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 42 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 610 c, k, p, u 611 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, q, r	Owen Reginald Wellington
EPM16627	Approx. 51 km ESE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat 20° 21'S Long 146° 40'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 311 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 174 u, z 175 v, w 246 c, k, p, u, z 247 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, v, w 248 f, g, h, l, m, n, s, t, x, y 320 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, u, y, t, u, z 321 h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 392 c, k, p, u 393 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, q, r, s, t, u 394 a, f, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 395 l, q	Liontown Resources Limited 118 153 825
EPM16712	Approx. 45 km SSE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°28'S Long.146°25'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 170 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 53 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 388 k, p, u, z 389 c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 390 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 460 e 461 a, b, c, d	Liontown Resources Limited 118 153 825

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2: 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

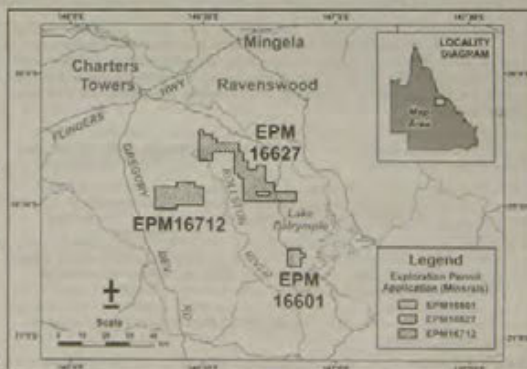
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qlbrereg@fedcourt.gov.au

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Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 16 April 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Dream it. Make it happen - Be the best you can be!

WANTED: VISIONARY TO GUIDE FUTURE INDIGENOUS PERFORMING ARTS LEADERS

The Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) is an inspirational centre of excellence and innovation in education for Australian young and emerging Indigenous performing artists.

ACPA is in its eleventh year of operations, offering nationally accredited training in the Performing Arts to students from across Australia.

In 2008 ACPA will be commencing a dedicated career advisory and professional development program for graduates and other emerging Indigenous Artists. The program manager's role will be to:

- Provide individual careers advisory services
- Engage with a range of arts companies and businesses
- Run mentorship and master-class programs
- Develop the commercial potential of this program

You will need to be motivated, a good communicator, able to work semi independently, familiar with the arts industry and aware of specific issues facing emerging Indigenous artists.

The position will be offered as a three year contract, with a remuneration package up to \$60K per year for the right applicant. For the position description and selection criteria visit www.acpa.net.au or contact our office 07 3846 7211.

Applications close Friday 14 April 2008.

Post applications to: 27 Cordelia Street South Brisbane 4101 or email to ceo@acpa.net.au



Indigenous Art Code Manager

This position will manage the continued development and implementation of the Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct, a national industry code of standards for the commercial relationships between Indigenous visual artists and the marketplace.

The position is funded as a designated Indigenous position. The position is located at the National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) office in Sydney.

Closing date for applications is 14 April 2008.

For more information download the position description. http://www.visualarts.net.au/newsdesk/2008/03/position_vacantindigenousartcodemanager

Or contact Recruitment, NAVA, PO Box 60, Potts Point NSW 1335.

Email: recruitment@visualarts.net.au

Phone:
02 9368 1900.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

COORDINATOR

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE GROUP

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Newcastle, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG08/187. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ACJGC) supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and Extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture, particularly the culture of those communities of New South Wales; Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system; Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all backgrounds; Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities; Experience in organising and presenting information sessions, workshops and other educational forums; Ability to manage projects; Current NSW Drivers Licence.

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This is a re-advertised position, previous applicants will need to re-apply. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Bradley Webb (02) 8688 7560 Email: bradley_webb@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Bradley Webb (02) 8688 7560.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 04 April 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

PROGRAM SUPPORT OFFICER 'BALUN' FACILITY

Tabulam, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08159. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Notes: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. There are various positions available. Seven day rotating shift. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; and provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created for this location only and may be used to fill future vacancies.

Inquiries: Richard Matenga (02) 6660 8614 0428 440 503 Email: Richard.Matenga@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Helen Butcher at dcs.nsw.gov.au on (02) 6660 8616.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 04 April 2008.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT INFORMATION SERVICES BRANCH

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

INFORMATION SERVICES TRAINEE

(ATSI IDENTIFIED), VARIOUS

Clerk, Grade 1-2, Parramatta, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number AG08/185. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,567 p.a. (\$46,320-\$50,356) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality; Good interpersonal, written and oral communication skills for accurately and clearly conveying complex business or technical problems; Undertaking or completion of relevant studies; Aptitude for technology related and client service tasks and a willingness to pursue a career in a technology or client service related field; Ability to undertake general administrative tasks; Commitment to excellence in client services; Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; Ability to work as part of a team.

Notes: There are currently four temporary positions to be filled from this recruitment action for a period of up to two years. These positions are identified positions under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Denis Lane (02) 8688 8208 Email: denis_lane@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Julie Parrotto (02) 8688 7071.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 04 April 2008.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16649	Approx. 125 km W from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.21°28'S Long.146°08'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 198 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 62 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1249 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1250 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1251 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Walter Daniel Doyle
EPM16650	Approx. 122 km WSW from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.21°32'S Long.146°10'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council	Area: 159 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1322 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1323 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Walter Daniel Doyle
EPM16651	Approx. 129 km W from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.21°22'S Long.146°06'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 258 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 81 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1176 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1177 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1178 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1179 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Walter Daniel Doyle
EPM16652	Approx. 109 km W from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.21°25'S Long.146°18'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council	Area of Part 3: 319 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1108 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1180 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1252 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1224 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Walter Daniel Doyle

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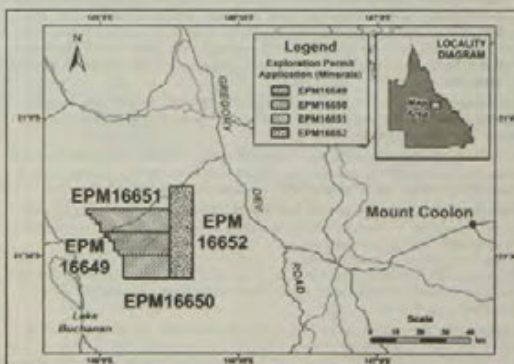
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Notification Day: 16 April 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OFFICER

(OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY SYSTEMS)

Clerk Grade 3/4
OHS Unit, Strategic HR
Central Office, Clarence Street, Sydney

Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DADHC-08-11624

Total remuneration package is valued at up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$51,784 pa - \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Contribute to the development and implementation of the OHS framework for DADHC through the provision of project and administrative support functions to the Strategic Human Resources Occupational Health and Safety unit.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Knowledge/experience in aspects of Occupational Health and Safety matters including risk management and legislative obligations.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively as part of a team in order to achieve objectives and outcomes.
- Sound oral, written and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare accurate documentation for the presentation and processing of financial information.
- A qualification in Occupational Health and Safety and/or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of 6 months with possibility of extension for a further 6 months under the 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.

Inquiries: Arthur Valais, Manager OHS (02) 8270 2164.

Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or 1800 185 466.

Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday, 4 April 2008.



NEW Department of
Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

NSW INDIGENOUS CADETSHIP PROGRAM

Are you an Australian Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait Islander and studying full-time?

Do you want to:

- Earn \$600 (gross) per fortnight whilst studying full-time
- Have a permanent employment when you finish your degree
- Get 12 weeks paid work experience each year of your study

Then apply for the following cadetships!

CADETSHIP - ABORIGINAL (PSYCHOLOGIST)

Operations

(2 positions - Various Locations)

Salary \$27,055 - \$39,400 pa

Cadetship wages are calculated on a pro-rata basis. The rate of pay depends on age, level of schooling and work experience.

Vacancy No: DoCS-08-11899

Job Description:

Aboriginal Cadetships provide an opportunity to combine full-time study with part-time employment. Psychologists in DoCS conduct psychological assessments and provide professional advice, recommendations and therapeutic input.

Selection Criteria:

- Identification and acceptance as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Permanent Australian residency.
- Full-time enrolment in an approved course of study for an undergraduate psychology degree.

Note: This must be your first undergraduate degree but may include enrolment in a fourth-year or Honours program.

Job Notes: It is an offence under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. The Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 and the Commission for Children & Young People Act 1998 require that all recommended candidates are screened for national criminal records, relevant Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs), and relevant employment proceedings.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. For your application to be considered, you must complete the Cadetship Application Form and attach your curriculum vitae (CV), evidence of your enrolment in an approved course of undergraduate study, and a copy of your most recent academic results. You must refer to the Job Information Package for full details.

Please contact the DoCS Aboriginal Services Branch if you have any questions or would like to discuss the Indigenous Cadetship Program by phoning Noeleen Timbery on 02 9716 2458 or by emailing noeleen.timbery@community.nsw.gov.au.

Inquiries: Noeleen Timbery (02) 9716 2458 or email: noeleen.timbery@community.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

Apply on-line: using the link included in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 18 April 2008.

ASHFORD LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Ashford Local Aboriginal Land Council is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

Applicants must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Jason Stewart, by LALC email ashfordalac@live.com.au or on (02) 6725 4411.

Applications marked "Confidential" can be posted to: The Contact Officer, Ashford LALC PO Box 66, Ashford NSW 2361.

Applications close:

Friday 11th April 2008.

Aboriginal people are
encouraged to apply.



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PINTURI ANHATJERE WARRIPIRI
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

RADIO COORDINATOR (BRACS/RIBS)

PAW Media and Communications, a remote indigenous media association based in Yuendumu (NT) 300 kms north west of Alice Springs, is seeking applications from suitably qualified people for the above position.

The Radio Coordinator role is a key role in PAW Media. It involves an exciting mix of training, broadcaster support, technology management, scheduling and programming, as well as development of audio oral histories, radio documentaries and specialist shows. Regular travel to PAW Media communities in the Tanami area is part of the role.

Applicants should have excellent communication and consultation skills, demonstrated experience in radio broadcasting, radio programming and non-accredited training and an understanding of Community Media and its role in community development. You must also possess excellent technical trouble shooting skills and experience in, or an understanding of the issues facing remote Aboriginal communities. Experience in music production will be considered favourably but is not essential. A current drivers licence is essential. 4WD training will be provided if required.

For a position description and key selection criteria email susan@pawmedia.com.au. For information about PAW Media visit <http://www.pawmedia.com.au>. Further information contact Susan Locke on 089 8956 4024 Monday to Friday.

Salary \$49,000 pa plus benefits, including housing subsidy and salary sacrifice.

Please submit applications, addressing the key selection criteria and providing references with CV to Susan Locke, susan@pawmedia.com.au or to Yuendumu LPO, via ALICE SPRINGS NT 0872.

Closing date: 5pm Central Standard Time, Friday 11th April.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

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EPM16691	Approx. 51 km S from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat 16°28'S Long 144°03'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 69km ² Block Identification maps: Townsville No of sub-blocks: 21 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 361 a, h, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 423 d, e	MKY Corporation Limited 099 247 408
EPM16743	Approx. 29 km NE from Mount Mulligan Centred at approximate Lat 16°44'S Long 145°07'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 151 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 46 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 517 w, x 589 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, u 590 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 662 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, t, s 663 a, b, f, g	International Metals (Qld) Pty Ltd 126 370 474
EPM16762	Part 1: Approx. 31 km E from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat 16°01'S Long 144°23'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 40 km E from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat 16°02'S Long 144°27'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 49 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 5 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o 6 a, f Area of Part 2: 7 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 6 m, n	Cheryl May Fitzgerald

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Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3236 3814.

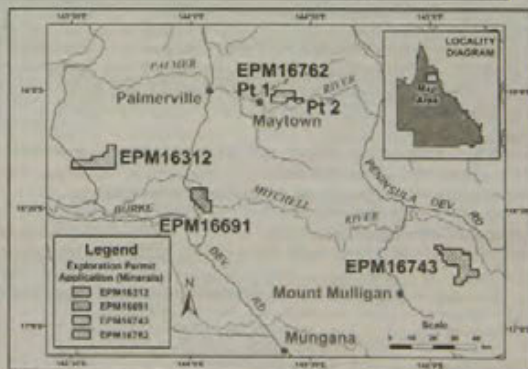
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 16 April 2008.



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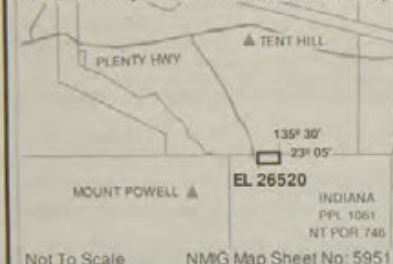
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)* of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26520 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5951

Exploration Licence 26551 sought by BLUEBELL PTY LTD, ACN 116 988 508 over an area of 113 Blocks (351 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the UNDOOLYA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5750

Exploration Licence 25758 sought by CAMECO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 001 513 088, and PALADIN ENERGY MINERALS NL, ACN 073 700 393 over an area of 21 Blocks (38 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



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Exploration Licence 26572 sought by CASTLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 124 314 085 over an area of 8 Blocks (24 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MALLAPUNYAH locality.



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Exploration Licence 26579 sought by CASTLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 124 314 085 over an area of 3 Blocks (10 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MALLAPUNYAH locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6064

Exploration Licence 26577 sought by FERMIL URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 120 807 267 over an area of 241 Blocks (769 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CRAWFORD locality.



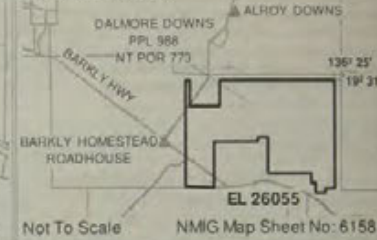
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Exploration Licence 26054 sought by FSL WORLD HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 113 929 687 over an area of 326 Blocks (1054 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the RANKEN locality.



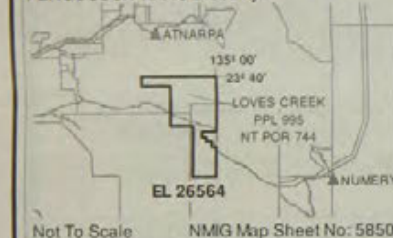
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Exploration Licence 26055 sought by FSL WORLD HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 113 929 687 over an area of 499 Blocks (1590 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WONARAH locality.



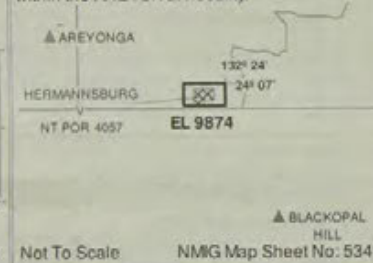
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Exploration Licence 26564 sought by HOLOCENE PTY LTD, ACN 102 135 339 over an area of 156 Blocks (491 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FERGUSON RANGE locality.



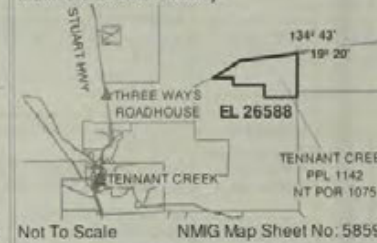
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Exploration Licence 9874 sought by DEHNE MCLAUGHLIN over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the AREYONGA locality.



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Exploration Licence 26588 sought by MINEMAKERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 081 911 917 over an area of 71 Blocks (184 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BARKLY locality.



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Exploration Licence 26552 sought by OM (MANGANESE) LTD, ACN 097 091 506 and NEIL HENRY SCRIVEN over an area of 241 Blocks (741 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the HELEN locality.



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Exploration Licence 26562 sought by OM (MANGANESE) LTD, ACN 097 091 506 and NEIL HENRY SCRIVEN over an area of 73 Blocks (205 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the HELEN locality.



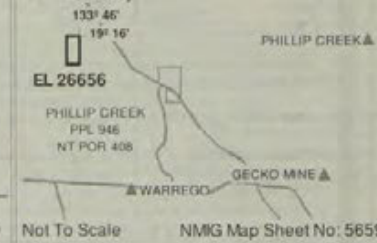
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Exploration Licence 26570 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 1 Block (4 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FLYNN locality.



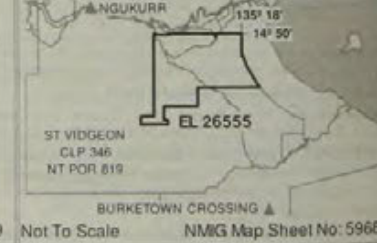
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Exploration Licence 26656 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SHORT RANGE locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5659

Exploration Licence 26555 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 312 Blocks (1017 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ROPER locality.



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Exploration Licence 26587 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 25 Blocks (54 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TOWNS locality.



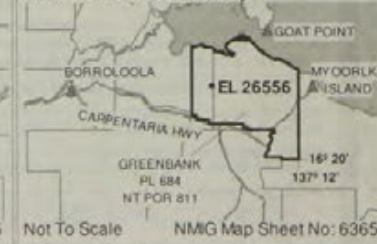
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Exploration Licence 26637 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 47 Blocks (64 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.



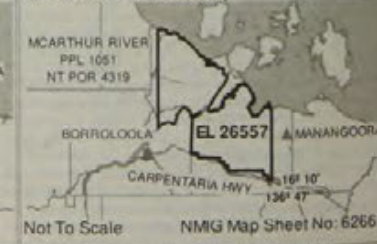
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Exploration Licence 26556 sought by SINOSTEEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 009 277 230 over an area of 500 Blocks (1562 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ROBINSON locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6365

Exploration Licence 26557 sought by SINOSTEEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 009 277 230 over an area of 499 Blocks (1514 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PELLEW locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 26 March 2008

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

An application for a Water Supply Works approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE
Preston Pty Ltd for 1 x 65mm Centrifugal Pump at Lot 2 DP758456, Parish Goli, County Wentworth. The proposed work is to be used for watering of the surrounds of the Paddock Hotel, at Goli. (Application No. 1712)

Applications to amend an existing Water Supply Works combined approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE
Michael Anthony Gorman, Kathleen Margaret Gorman, Leon Ronald Follett and Luke Adrian Follett for 1 x Diversion channel within Dry Lake, and part Roads intersecting Lot 1 DP763040, Parishes Talla, Mendook and Benanee, County Talla, and 1 x earthen block bank within Talla Creek, Lot 4441, DP767426, Parish Talla, County Talla for irrigation and conservation of water. A diversion channel within Dry Lake has existed since 1929 but is no longer an approved work under NSW water legislation. The continuing drought impacts for irrigation supply from Dry Lake has prompted this work to again be used for conveying water to an irrigation pumping installation.

LOWER DARLING RIVER WATER SOURCE, (DARLING RIVER)

Tandou Ltd for a Pumping Plant (to deliver water at a rate not to exceed 8.101 litres/second (700ML/day)), at Lot 2124 DP 764066, Parish Pinnelco, County Menindee. (Ref: 60CASA0031). The diversion capacity of the existing authorised works are proposed to be increased to allow for improved water use efficiency and will be subject to river channel capacities and the mandatory water ordering requirements under the Water Sharing Plan rules for the lower Darling River.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5051 6211. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department

of Water and Energy, PO Box 363, Buronga NSW 2739, within 28 days of the date of this publication.
Peter Winton, Licensing Officer

An application for a 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)
Pamela Joy & Graeme Bruce MARTIN for 1 x 50mm Pump at Lot 1 DP773408, Parish Spewea, County Wakool for Stock & Domestic purposes. (Application No. 1729)

An application for a Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (MURRAY RIVER)
Paul Raymond & Heather Jean ASHTON for 1 x 200mm pump at Lot 5 DP599642, Parish Benarica, County Cadell for Irrigation. (Application No. 1727)

An application to amend an existing Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE
BELUBLA PTY LTD for 1 x Bore (replacement) at Lot 37, DP752304, Parish Woperana, County Denison for Irrigation. (Ref: 50CASA04151)

An application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE
Andrew John & Gail Helen TULLY for 1 x Bore at Lot 115 DP756515, Parish Bookit, County Wakool for Irrigation. (Ref: 50WASA06538)

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, Deniquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Jenny Clampton, A/Senior Licensing Officer
(03) 5898-3900

Public Notice of Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

Rio Tinto Coal Australia Pty Limited ABN 74 010 542 140 (RTCA) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) (the Native Title Act) with the Wangan & Jagalingou People, the native title claim group represented in native title determination application lodged in the Federal Court and allocated number QUD 85/04 (the Wangan & Jagalingou Claim).

The native title claim group in relation to the Wangan-Jagalingou claim is described in that claim as the descendants of Maggie Tarpot of Clermont, Charlie McEvoy of Logan Downs, Frank Fisher (Snr) of Clermont, Liz McEvoy of Logan Downs, George McEvoy, Polly of Clermont (Wangan members) and Momoi of Bob Tarpot of Alpha (Jagalingou members).

Negotiations between RTCA and the applicants in the Wangan-Jagalingou claim (the Wangan & Jagalingou Applicants) in relation to the proposed ILUA have occurred over the last three years. The proposed ILUA will deal with the grant of consent to the development and operation of RTCA's interests within the area of the Wangan-Jagalingou claim, including the Clermont mine project, in exchange for a financial benefits package.

The area to which the ILUA is proposed to apply is the area of the Wangan & Jagalingou claim which is detailed in the map below (the ILUA Area).

If the parties reach agreement, they intend that the ILUA will be certified by the Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) (GLC) in accordance with sections 24CG(3)(a) and 203BE(5) of the Native Title Act in order to facilitate registration of the ILUA by the National Native Title Tribunal.

As part of the authorisation process required under the Native Title Act for the proposed ILUA, three rounds of meetings have been held in Brisbane, Cherbourg, Rockhampton and Woorabinda throughout 2007 and 2008 to provide information on the proposed ILUA to all people who hold, claim to hold or who may hold native title in relation to the land or water of the ILUA Area.

Details of the final meeting to authorise the ILUA are as follows:

Place: Bundaberg
Date: 12th April 2008
Time: 8am to 3pm
Venue: Quality Hotel Burnett Riverside 7 Quay St, Bundaberg, 4670.

All Wangan & Jagalingou People and those who have registered their interest with the Gurang Land Council and who hold, claim to hold or who may hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area covered by the ILUA (relevant persons) are invited to attend.

Travel Assistance will be made available upon satisfying an eligibility criteria made in accordance with Gurang Land Council Policy. For the purpose of catering you must also register your attendance, even if you are not entitled to travel assistance.

Please contact: Brett Heath, Project Officer, Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation), PO Box 1551, Bundaberg Old 4670. Phone 07 4153 3990. Fax 07 4153 3615.

NO LATER THAN 4.00pm Friday 4 April 2008 to register your interest with Gurang Land Council.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
36/265	Alta Resources Pty Ltd	277972	50.11ha	35km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°14' Long 120°55'	Laverton
37/848	Newmont Yandit Operations Pty Ltd	278955	122.49ha	73km NE of Laverton	Lat 27°28' Long 121°04'	Laverton
		LE1467	888.94ha		Lat 27°23' Long 121°06'	
38/1494	Minex Resources Ltd	LE356	79.71ha	8km E of Laverton	Lat 28°38' Long 122°25'	Laverton
57/033	Legend Mining Ltd	280073	4.12ha	62km N of Sandstone	Lat 27°27' Long 119°34'	Sandstone
77/050	Glyphon Minerals Ltd	280666	63.78ha	17km N of Stirling	Lat 30°53' Long 119°08'	Yalgam

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 26 March 2008.

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **26 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. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **26 July 2008**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
36/116	Pegs Resources NL	4262.18ha	85km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°23' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/124	Pegs Resources NL	6372.44ha	63km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°36' Long 122°25'	Laverton
38/124					
38/163	Yalgam Mining (WA) Pty Ltd	13408ha	90km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°09' Long 123°06'	Menzies
38/163	Glenmum Pty Ltd				
45/166	Munn Munie Holdings Pty Ltd				
45/166	CBH Sulphur Springs Pty Ltd	2182.91ha	54km W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°04' Long 119°14'	East Pilbara

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 26 March 2008.

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **26 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. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **26 July 2008**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

1. PRIE RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 119 903 301) of 32 Beulah Road, Norwood, South Australia 5067 proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA 1 - EL 3721

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 60km south-south-west of Woomera, in the YALMBOO AREA and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°39'S and longitude 136°31'E, thence east to longitude 136°48'E, south to latitude 32°03'S, west to longitude 136°43'E, north to latitude 32°00'S, west to longitude 136°38'E, north to latitude 31°54'S, west to longitude 136°31'E and north to the point of commencement.

Area of the land is approximately 962 km².

DESCRIPTION OF AREA 2 - EL 3722

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 30km southwest of Woomera, in the ISLAND LAGOON AREA and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°19'S and longitude 136°19'E, thence east to longitude 136°40'E, south to latitude 31°35'S, east to longitude 136°48'E, south to latitude 31°39'S, west to longitude 136°27'E, north to latitude 31°24'S, west to longitude 136°19'E and north to the point of commencement.

Area of the land is approximately 971 km².

DESCRIPTION OF AREA 3 - EL 3724

The land comprises two areas (Area "A" and Area "B") and is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 60km west-north-west of Woomera, in the WIRRAMINNA AREA and is the land bounded as follows:

Area A
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°54'S and longitude 135°57'E, thence east to longitude 136°00'E, south to latitude 30°56'S, east to longitude 136°01'E, south to latitude 30°57'S, east to longitude 136°02'E, south to latitude 30°58'S, east to longitude 136°12'E, south to latitude 31°06'S, west to longitude 136°02'E, south to latitude 31°11'S, west to longitude 136°00'E, north to latitude 31°08'S, west to longitude 135°54'E, north to latitude 31°01'S, west to longitude 135°52'E, north to latitude 30°56'S, east to longitude 135°57'E and north to the point of commencement.

Area B
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°06'S

and longitude 136°19'E, thence east to longitude 136°27'E, south to latitude 31°19'S, west to longitude 136°19'E and north to the point of commencement.

Combined area of Area A and Area B is approximately 884 km².

All of those latitudes and longitudes described in this notice being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette Number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

2. The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploration operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation, which may include (without limitation) the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding, aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity, electrical and other geophysical surveying; geological mapping; geochemical sampling; water sampling; calcrete and rock chip sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation or diamond core drilling; downhole probing.

3. The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the following exploration authorities and/or production tenements under the Mining Act 1971:

Mineral Exploration Licences EL 3721, EL 3722 and EL 3724 all held by Prie Resources Pty Ltd.

4. PRIE RESOURCES PTY LTD seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

Note: If, two months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, PRIE RESOURCES PTY LTD may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent **PRIE RESOURCES PTY LTD** as follows:

- Contact telephone number: (08) 8132 0003
- Contact facsimile number: (08) 8132 0766
- If a company:
 - A.C.N. No.: 119 903 301 (Prie Resources Pty Ltd)
 - Contact person: Mr Greg English - Director

Sharks to bite in '08

By ALF WILSON



STAR recruit Tony Greer believes Indigenous club Bindal Sharks United will charge up the Townsville and District A-grade rugby league ladder in 2008.

Who could argue with Greer after the Sharks beat last year's losing grand finalist Charters Towers 38-34 on 16 March in their season debut after they had the bye in round one.

The Sharks finished with the wooden spoon in 2007 and the 28-year-old Greer is one of many quality signings which will hold the side in good stead.

Captain-coach of the Sharks will be former North Queensland Cowboys back Ray Mercy, who is a try-scoring machine.

Mercy, 33, still holds the Cowboys' record of four tries in an NRL match, against Balmain in 1998 and for the past

Tony Greer heads off-season recruiting to bolster stocks

five years has been playing in the NSW northern rivers competition.

The versatile Mercy shone in the win over the Towers, playing at lock.

Another dashing back signed is Torres Strait Islander Billo Mosby, who is regarded as being worth 15 points to any side he plays for.

Mosby is a halfback who is a deadly accurate goalkicker and a proven try-scorer and adds depth and experience. He scored two tries against Charters Towers and kicked one goal.

Woorabinda back Bradley Cameron will add bite to the Sharks and Mick

Tamwoy and Joe Tapau will give the engine room plenty of toughness.

"We were just beaten by reigning premiers Brothers in a trial in late February when we dropped a lot of ball and made mistakes, but that can be expected as only started ball handling at training just before," Greer said.

Lismore-born Greer grew up at Inverell and has been in Townsville since mid-2006 and is manager of the Iris Clay Aboriginal Hostel in Sturt Street, Townsville.

"I didn't play last year because my wife and I had our first child, but am

looking forward to this season," he said.

A fullback or centre who weighs 105kg and is 196cm tall, Greer played for the Gold Coast Chargers in 1997-98 and the Canberra Raiders from 2001-02, both in reserve grade.

Lanky Greer also played with Batemans Bay, in NSW Group Seven, the Mitchell Park Tigers in Adelaide when he also represented South Australia at the National titles.

Greer has also played at the NSW Koori Knockout carnival for Tingha, Condo, Walhallow and Tamworth, but never in a winning team.

"I was in the Boomanulla side which won the Canberra knockout in 2001," he said.

Cricket connection

All-round sportsman Greer was captain of the ACT Indigenous Cricket team which contested the 2003 and 2004 Imparja Cup carnivals at Alice Springs.

"I was a bowling all-rounder but don't think I will be playing cricket next season in Townsville," he said.

Greer also has started as a guest rugby league commentator on Radio 4K1G, which goes all over Queensland.

Every other team in the hotly contested Townsville comp - Brothers, Charters Towers, Burdekin, Herbert River, Centrals and University - have reported good signings.

A proud Koori from the Bundjalung tribe around Lismore, Greer will be playing with a team consisting mainly of Queensland Murris. But he doesn't expect any confusion.

"We are all one mob," he said.

Meanwhile, Townsville scored a 40-28 win over arch rivals Cairns in the opening Foley Shield game on 15 March, with Robbie Congoo scoring two tries.

Congoo was the player of the carnival at the recent Daisy Cup All Blacks carnival in Townsville, where he won a car.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16715	Approx. 134 km NE from Kijabbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°07'S Long. 140°53'E Local Government Areas: Carpentaria Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2699 g, h, j, o, p, u	Falcon Minerals Limited 009 256 535
EPM16786	Approx. 79 km N from Kijabbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°20'S Long. 140°10'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 74 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 23 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2834 o, p, t, u, y, z 2835 l, m, n, q, r, s, v, x 2906 c, d, e, j, k, p 2907 a, f, i	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017

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Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

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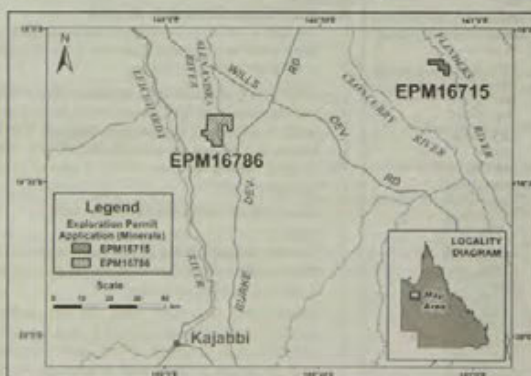
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Notification Day: 16 April 2008



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Tony Greer, who is expected to help make the Bindal Sharks a serious force in this year's Townsville rugby league competition.



● **LEFT:** Shaun Burgoyne on the run for Port Adelaide. **Koori Mail** sports writer Peter Argent says Burgoyne is doing all the right things and this could lead to him becoming Port's next skipper.

Is Burgoyne a future leader?

By PETER ARGENT

SA

ALL indications are that outstanding Port Adelaide talent Shaun Burgoyne is set to become a leader of his foundation AFL club, following in the footsteps of the club's inaugural skipper and the first 300-game Aboriginal player, Gavin Wanganeen.

Appointed joint vice-captain with Brendon Lade and Chad Cornes for a second season, the younger of the Burgoyne brothers, who is 25 years old, looks a prime candidate for the top job over the next couple of years.

His captain, Warren Tredrea, will turn 30 this year and one wonders how long he still has at the top level, while fellow players in his role, Lade (who is now on the veterans list) is 31 and Chad Cornes will be 29 at the end of the year. All four players in the current leadership group are continuing their roles from 2007, the only change being the loss of veteran Michael Wilson as a vice-captain, who will miss the first half of the season through injury.

Strong point

Power coach Mark Williams said leadership was one of his club's strong points.

"Warren is an outstanding leader, and every year he has been at this club he has improved his leadership," Williams said.

"Making that role easier will be the fact that he is well supported by Chad, Brendon and Shaun, who were outstanding deputies last year and continue to progress as leaders.

"We have four quality people with the official titles but we also have our extended leadership group, and a lot of young players who are developing as leaders which is pretty exciting for our future.

"Like many clubs, we put a significant amount of time, effort and money into our leadership program, and feel it's very important to the growth and success of the club."

Burgoyne joined the Power as a first-round draft selection, at number 12 back in 2000. The explosive and creative midfielder was an All-Australian in 2006, the year he was also runner-up to the John Cahill Medal (Port Adelaide's best and fairest).

Strong point

He was among the 22 footballers wearing the black, teal and white jumper who etched themselves into club history as member of the Power's initial premiership back in 2004.

The 185cm, 85kg utility player reached his 100-game milestone during 2006 and has played 129 senior games at the club. He also played in Port Adelaide pre-season premiership side of 2002 and was an AFL rising star nominee in this his debut season.

He was given a three-year contracted back at the end of 2006 and there is now every chance his will stay a one-club footballer.



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
09/1458-03	Concoro Minerals Pty Ltd	3420.22km ²	126km SE of Denham	Lat 26°35' Long 114°35'	Shark Bay
09/1494	Concoro Minerals Pty Ltd	405.63km ²	92km SE of Denham	Lat 26°25' Long 114°16'	Shark Bay
20/660	Peregrine Resources Pty Ltd	214.38km ²	57km NE of Cue	Lat 27°13' Long 118°24'	Cue/Meekatharra
20/661	Peregrine Resources Pty Ltd	212.74km ²	37km E of Cue	Lat 27°30' Long 118°15'	Cue
47/1355	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	220.91km ²	21km SW of Tom Price	Lat 22°48' Long 117°37'	Ashburton
47/1357	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	55.52km ²	85km NW of Tom Price	Lat 22°17' Long 117°06'	Ashburton
47/1446	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	220.24km ²	39km E of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°15' Long 118°03'	Ashburton/Meekatharra
47/1449 & 47/1460	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	392.96km ²	72km S of Pannawonica	Lat 22°15' Long 118°31'	Ashburton
47/1453	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	22.13km ²	66km SE of Wittenoom	Lat 22°39' Long 118°47'	Ashburton
47/1533	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	186.55km ²	57km W of Tom Price	Lat 22°31' Long 117°16'	Ashburton
47/1549	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	18.95km ²	117km S of Pannawonica	Lat 22°41' Long 116°27'	Ashburton
47/1623	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	138.5km ²	52km E of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°12' Long 118°11'	Ashburton
47/1651	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	223.83km ²	43km SW of Dampier	Lat 20°54' Long 116°23'	Roebourne
47/1652-3	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	446.79km ²	87km SE of Roebourne	Lat 21°12' Long 116°26'	Roebourne
47/1674	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	222.34km ²	33km NE of Wittenoom	Lat 21°58' Long 118°27'	Ashburton
47/1675	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	12.66km ²	46km NW of Tom Price	Lat 22°23' Long 117°29'	Ashburton
47/1676	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	15.79km ²	554km W of Tom Price	Lat 22°37' Long 117°16'	Ashburton
47/1677	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	28.43km ²	112km S of Pannawonica	Lat 22°38' Long 116°27'	Ashburton
47/1678	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	12.63km ²	73km W of Tom Price	Lat 22°41' Long 117°05'	Ashburton
47/1679	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	53.65km ²	79km W of Tom Price	Lat 22°48' Long 117°01'	Ashburton
47/1680	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	22.02km ²	13km W of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°10' Long 117°33'	Ashburton
47/1681	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	50.36km ²	26km W of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°09' Long 117°25'	Ashburton
47/1682	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	12.64km ²	107km S of Pannawonica	Lat 22°34' Long 116°35'	Ashburton
47/1684-7	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	857.17km ²	32km NW of Tom Price	Lat 22°27' Long 117°38'	Ashburton
47/1773	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	101.06km ²	118km S of Pannawonica	Lat 22°42' Long 116°22'	Ashburton
59/1349	Peregrine Resources Pty Ltd	215.9km ²	148km N of Yalgoo	Lat 27°02' Long 116°20'	Murchison

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 26 March 2008.

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 26 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. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7300. The exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 26 July 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the exploration licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Party
EPM13831	Approx. 38 km ESE from Inglewood Centred at approximate Lat.28°14'S Long.151°25'E Local Government Area: Goondiwindi Regional Council	Area: 151 km ² Block Identification Maps: Armidale Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 449 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z 450 f, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 521 d, e, j, k, o, p 522 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u	Queensland Gold and Minerals Limited 096 142 737

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Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22 August, 2007.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

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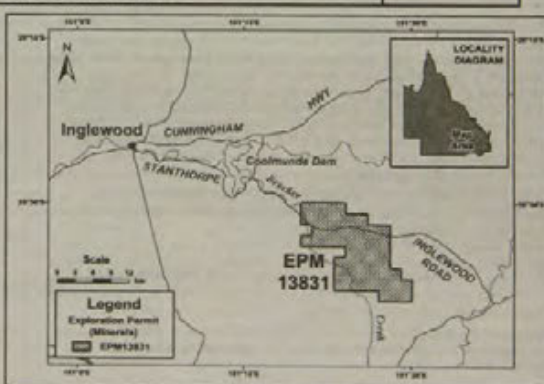
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Natural Resources and Water

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 9 April 2008



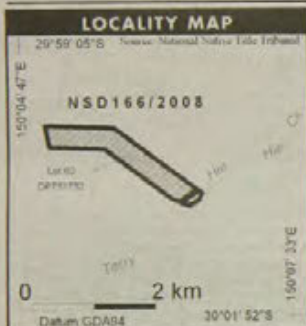
National
Native Title
Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 8 July 2008. After 8 July 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 8 July 2008, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Anthony and Bernadette Meppem

Non-native title interest: LI 378020 (Licence for Grazing)

Federal Court File No: NSD166/2008

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 1.1km² and is located approximately 46km north-east of Narrabri and covers Lot 62 on DP751752 as shown on the locality map.

Description: The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Moree Plains Shire Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on cadastral data sourced from Public Sector Mapping Agency (August 2007).

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

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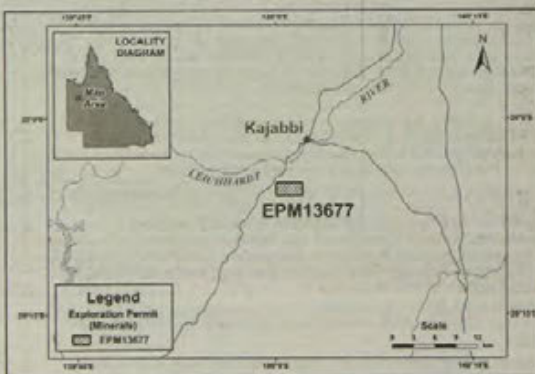
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Sport



MATTHEW STOPP

Matthew Stopp named in Favell Foundation cricket XI

By PETER ARGENT



CLARE-based teenage Aboriginal cricketer Matthew Stopp received the opportunity of a lifetime on Friday 14 March.

The wicketkeeper was a member of the Favell Foundation XI which played the BankSA Country team in February at the Adelaide Oval.

The Country team was chosen after the annual carnival.

Currently playing with the Woodville District Cricket Club, Stopp has shown he is an accomplished glovesman, taking 20 catches, and achieving four stumpings during the 2007-08 season.

"I started coming down to Adelaide from the middle of last season (2006-07)," Stopp said.

"As I still live in Clare, the support of the Favell Foundation has been important for me."

"I've spent this season playing in the Woodville B-grade side."

Special occasion

"This is my second Favell Foundation game - I played on Adelaide No 2 ground in last year's match, but the experience of playing on one of the famous grounds in world cricket is very special."

For the record, the Favell Foundation team won the event for the eighth time in the ten matches played since 1999.

Batting first, the Favell XI made an impressive 6/303 from its 50 overs in scorching heat.

Stopp only had to face one delivery, remaining two not out in this impressive total.

As the BankSA country carnival side was bundled out for 169, Stopp displayed neat keeping skills, stumping opposition captain Robbie Johnson off the bowling of left-arm orthodox spinner Rohan Bock.

Alan Favell, son of Australian and State cricketer Les Favell, said the Favell Foundation now supported up to 12 cricketers a year.

"We are also supporting talented women's cricketers as well," he said.

"Hopefully, we will be around for another decade, and more supporting young talented rural cricketers."

Stopp was also a part of the SA Imparja side which played in the national Indigenous cricket titles in Alice Springs in February.



Cairns futsal champion Frank Gibson.

Cairns one day ... Brazil the next

By CHRISTINE HOWES



FROM Cairns to Melbourne, Brisbane and then the possibility of Brazil this year... 14-year-old Frank Gibson's dreams just keep getting bigger.

Gibson started playing soccer as 'keeper, midfield wing and forward just four years ago and futsal – a FIFA-endorsed form of five-a-side indoor soccer – only three years ago.

He has already represented his region in national competition for his age group and been selected to train with an elite Futsal Academy team that may go to Brazil this year for the Futsal World Cup.

"This is my fourth year now. I play for local team, the Vikings," he said.

"I play once a week, which is just the normal game, and on Saturday we have a premiership game in the afternoon, then on Sunday we start our elite Futsal Academy training."

North Queensland Futsal Director of Coaching Tony Cifuentes said Gibson was working hard to reach his potential.

"He's just enjoying an elite football academy which covers indoor and outdoor soccer and we're training three times a week for the next six months," Cifuentes said.

"At this stage, his Brazil chances are quite good, it's just whether the coaches feel they're going to be competitive over there. If they're not going to be competitive, it can work the wrong way.

"We'll have a better idea in

three or four months whether we think it will happen, but at this stage with the squad the way it is, they're more likely to go than not."

Gibson's mother, Mary-Joan Dorante, said she followed all the games and was proud of her eldest son, who was setting a great example for his younger brothers.

"It keeps my kids off the streets, they don't get into mischief, it gives them something to do, it's healthy for them and they love being active," she said.

"I'm very proud of him. His dreams have just gone from this much to that much. His dream was to go on a big plane down south to play football and then he went to Melbourne, and now he's looking at Brazil.

"I was so nervous for him and so excited for him at the same time because my oldest son is actually going further."

In Brazil the players will attend games, train where the Brazilian national team trains and work with coaches, including Milan Jankovic and Colin Junna.

The name 'futsal' combines the Spanish words for 'Hall' – Sala and 'Football' – Futbol into futsal, a game played with hockey-sized goals and a smaller ball with reduced bounce.

High skills are needed for the game which, according to national and international websites, 'places considerable demand on technique, movement, tactical awareness and fitness'.

The sites claim players such as Luis Figo, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Robinho and Roberto Carlos honed their skills playing futsal.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 26 March 2008



National Native Title Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. **Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests**

recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 25 June 2008. After 25 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 25 June 2008, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 204/1117900

Federal Court File No: NSD1478/2007

The area subject to this agreement is the land in Lot 204 in Deposited Plan 1117900 which covers about 0.88km² and is located along Wyee Road in the vicinity of Murrumbidgee Lake and is approximately 40km south-west of Newcastle, as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Local Government Authority of Wyong Shire Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Lands (NSW).

For assistance or further information contact Carissa Kok on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 9 April 2008



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12007/035 Ewamian Copper Strike Einasleigh ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 1,103km² and is located in the vicinity of Einasleigh, approximately 240km south-west of Cairns, as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Local Government Authority of Etheridge Shire Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Copper Strike Ltd
ACN 108 398 983
C/- Samantha Cranwell,
Level 9, 356 Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Einasleigh Mining Pty Ltd
ACN 120 488 986
C/- Samantha Cranwell,
Level 9, 356 Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Ewamian People #2 (QC99/13) and
Ewamian People #3 (QC01/16),
North Queensland Land Council
Native Title Representative Body
Aboriginal Corporation,
C/- Martin Doré, PO Box 679N
CAIRNS NORTH QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

7. CONSENT TO FUTURE ACTS

2.1 On and from the date this Agreement is registered on the

Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements, the parties consent to the doing of the Agreed Future Acts.

7.3 The Parties agree that Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the doing of the Agreed Future Acts. (Relates to the right to negotiate).

[Agreed Future Acts are defined in the agreement and include the grant of certain tenures, including mining leases, and the creation of certain rights, easements and other interests to the Proponents relating to mining and exploration over the area of the agreement. The Proponents are Copper Strike Ltd and Einasleigh Mining Pty Ltd.]

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns QLD 4870 by 9 July 2008.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources & Water, Queensland. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Gary Lui on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

1. KENSINGTON EXPLORATION PTY LTD (ACN 122 575 400) of 32 Beulah Road, Norwood, South Australia 5067 proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land

DESCRIPTION OF AREA 1 - EL 3851

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 55km west-south-west of Woomera, in the LAKE GAIRDNER NORTH AREA and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°06'S and longitude 136°02'E, thence east to longitude 136°19'E, south to latitude 31°32'S, west to longitude 136°08'E, north to latitude 31°11'S, west to longitude 136°02'E and north to the point of commencement.

Area of the land is approximately 926 km².

DESCRIPTION OF AREA 2 - EL 3869

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 60km southwest of Woomera, in the LAKE GAIRDNER SOUTH AREA and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°24'S and longitude 136°19'E, thence east to longitude 136°27'E, south to latitude 31°39'S, west to longitude 136°21'E, south to latitude 31°50'S, west to an eastern boundary of Lake Gairdner National Park, thence generally northerly along the boundary of the said National Park to longitude 136°14'S, north to latitude 31°32'S, east to longitude 136°19'E and north to the point of commencement.

Area of the land is approximately 678 km².

All of those latitudes and longitudes described in this notice being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette Number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

2. The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploration operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation, which may include

(without limitation) the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding, aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity, electrical and other geophysical surveying; geological mapping; geochemical sampling; water sampling; calcrite and rock chip sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation or diamond core drilling; downhole probing.

3. The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the following exploration authorities and/or production tenements under the Mining Act 1971:

Mineral Exploration Licences EL 3851 and EL 3869 all held by Kensington Exploration Pty Ltd.

4. KENSINGTON EXPLORATION PTY LTD seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

Note: If, two months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders-of, or claimants to, native title in the land, KENSINGTON EXPLORATION PTY LTD may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent KENSINGTON EXPLORATION PTY LTD as follows:

1. Contact telephone number: (08) 8132 0003

2. Contact facsimile number: (08) 8132 0766

3. If a company:

(1) A.C.N. No.: 122 575 400 (Kensington Exploration Pty Ltd)

(2) Contact person: Mr Greg English - Director



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, CA- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5188	Darlington Geological Services Pty Ltd	178.65ha	20km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°00' Long 121°02'	Coolgardie
15/5249	Peter Romeo Gains	16.73ha	29km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
15/5556	Lance Kingaby Moss	10ha	67km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°25' Long 120°45'	Coolgardie
16/2570	Raymond Kenneth Hawke	42.25ha	63km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°30' Long 120°45'	Coolgardie
24/4229-30	Kundena Gold Pty Ltd	148.3ha	27km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°37' Long 121°13'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4316	Tania Pedroni	176.07ha	56km Sly of Menzies	Lat 30°11' Long 120°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2000	Rubicon Resources Ltd	200ha	37km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2001	Rubicon Resources Ltd	43.30ha	39km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°43' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/3482	St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	145.82ha	9km NEly of Kalbarra	Lat 31°08' Long 121°44'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/3514	Kundena Gold Pty Ltd	6.09ha	17km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1816	Kandana Mines Ltd (ACN 053 530 057)	23.31ha	25km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1817	Kandana Mines Ltd (ACN 053 530 057)	39.04ha	24km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°33' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1846	Barrick/Kandana Ltd (ACN 010 511 789)	168.9ha	14km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1847-9	Rubicon Resources Ltd	590.01ha	44km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°33' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1872	Avoca Resources Ltd	145.77ha	113km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°38' Long 122°23'	Menzies
27/1874	Avoca Resources Ltd	152.25ha	113km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°38' Long 122°23'	Menzies
27/1900	Great Gold Mines NL	46.65ha	144km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°55' Long 122°45'	Menzies
27/1953	Paracorn Mineral Mining Corporation Pty Ltd	10.57ha	18km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°30'	Leonora
27/1951	St Samuel Mines NL	63.72ha	41km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°19' Long 120°51'	Leonora
27/1952	Satan Szybiak	46.1ha	42km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 121°29'	Leonora
27/173-4	Robert William Dedman	219.3ha	39km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°43'	Leonora
27/1745	Brian Anthony Muller	64.78ha	7km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°21'	Leonora
27/1746-52	Timor John Dixon	736.27ha	44km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 121°41'	Leonora
27/1747	Poss Frederick Crew	612.95ha	48km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°31' Long 121°06'	Leonora
27/1748	Christopher Crew				
27/1749	St Barbara Ltd	6.25ha	61km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°21' Long 121°09'	Leonora
27/1750-4	St Barbara Ltd	675.56ha	63km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°18' Long 121°00'	Leonora
27/1751	Peter James Rub	196.52ha	64km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°19' Long 121°11'	Leonora
27/1752	Peter Wild	116.52ha	53km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°19' Long 121°06'	Leonora
27/1753-24	Brenda Wild				
4/3/17228-7	St Samuel Mines NL	189.71ha	33km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°38'	Leonora
27/1728	St Samuel Mines NL	61.57ha	52km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°32' Long 120°58'	Leonora
27/1729	St Samuel Mines NL	51.33ha	50km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°24' Long 120°57'	Leonora
27/1730	St Samuel Mines NL	126.05ha	52km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°25' Long 121°03'	Leonora
27/1731	St Samuel Mines NL	116.01ha	53km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°30' Long 120°29'	Leonora
27/1732	Kookynie Resources Pty Ltd	119.01ha	14km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°26'	Leonora
27/1733	Christopher Crew	9.83ha	58km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°22' Long 121°11'	Leonora
27/1734	Poss Frederick Crew				
27/1735	Scott Walter Wilson				
27/1736	Poss Frederick Crew	71.62ha	40km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 121°04'	Leonora
27/1737	Christopher Crew	12.87ha	40km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°36' Long 121°05'	Leonora
27/1738-9	Tamooka Australia Pty Ltd	762.57ha	24km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°32'	Leonora
27/1739-72	Brambley Gold Ltd	1947.72ha	30km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°08'	Leonora
27/1740	Great Gold Mines NL	47.39ha	61km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°22' Long 121°06'	Leonora
27/1741	Tamooka Australia Pty Ltd	186.81ha	58km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 121°51'	Leonora
27/1742	Tamooka Australia Pty Ltd	180.4ha	53km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°04'	Leonora
27/1743	Tamooka Australia Pty Ltd	126.62ha	50km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°29' Long 121°05'	Leonora
27/1744-2	Tamooka Australia Pty Ltd	501.47ha	59km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°25' Long 121°04'	Leonora
27/1745	Tamooka Australia Pty Ltd	136.78ha	50km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°27' Long 121°08'	Leonora
27/1746-10	Tamooka Australia Pty Ltd	1230.67ha	61km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°23' Long 121°05'	Leonora
27/1747	Longreach Group Ltd	73.27ha	58km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°24' Long 121°05'	Leonora
27/1748	Longreach Group Ltd	14.25ha	59km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°23' Long 121°06'	Leonora
28/1753-5	Warwick John Pitt	504.89ha	131km NWly of Wiluna	Lat 25°30' Long 119°42'	Meekathana
28/1756	Warwick John Pitt	48.05ha	135km NWly of Wiluna	Lat 25°27' Long 119°44'	Meekathana
28/1757	George Francis Lee				
28/1758	John Francis Popham	23.3ha	4m SEly of Norseman	Lat 32°13' Long 121°48'	Dandarua
27/1759	Ranekus Resources Ltd	37.11ha	50km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°46' Long 119°34'	Naradine
27/1760	Foreman Gold NL	162.42ha	71km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°12' Long 119°40'	Leonora

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 26 March 2008.

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 26 June 2008. Any person who, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision B of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 26 July 2008), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6004, telephone (08) 9266 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3528.

Sport



Bill Blackley, left, and David Baira are excited about the new domestic Palm Island competition.

Rugby league returns to Palm Island

By ALF WILSON



FORMER star Palm Island Barracudas rugby league player David Baira has thrown his support behind

the first domestic competition on the north Queensland Aboriginal community in a decade.

The last Palm Island competition was held in 1998 and the 2008 season will start with round one on 26-27 April. Skipjacks, Raiders, Jets, Butler Bay Bulls and Brothers clubs will battle it out over three fixture rounds before the finals series start in September.

A trial game between Brothers and the Bulls was held at Palm's Barracuda Park on 15 March to coincide with the local government elections and a big crowd was there.

Zina Prior is one of a committee of seven which will administer the competition, and already the teams have full numbers training.

"We have support for the competition from all around the island and should have a reserve grade comp and a younger grade as well," she said.

Palm Island Rugby League life member Bill Blackley said the whole community was looking forward to the competition.

"Most of the players will be locals, but we will also have police officers, government workers and others lining up in

the teams. The last domestic comp we had here was in 1998 and my three sons played in the Skipjacks winning grand final side," Blackley said.

Blackley was instrumental in starting a club competition on Palm Island more than 30 years ago with the late Barry 'Grasshopper' Gomersall, who later became a State of Origin and Test referee.

Former champion player 53-year-old David Baira will be involved in one of the clubs as a trainer or administrator.

Baira was a former champion winger, centre and second-row forward with the Palm Island Barracudas side which contested the Townsville rugby league competition.

"I played my last game 10 years ago at a Townsville All Blacks carnival in the over-35 grade," he said.

"This comp will be great for everybody on the island and we could have some Matty Bowens or Johnathan Thurstons running around here."

Previous domestic games on the island had attracted most of the population to watch and had lots of atmosphere.

The Palm Island representative side contests many All Blacks carnivals around north Queensland.

A Barracudas team was in the 2002 Townsville rugby league competition.

However, crippling travel and player insurance costs a year later forced the club to withdraw, leaving many talented youngsters with no football to play.

Netballers are off to Cook Islands

By ALF WILSON



THREE young Townsville Indigenous girls were selected in the Under-17 Combined Australian Netball Association (CANA) Australian side to tour the Cook Islands from 12-22 April, but one had to withdraw because of the lack of a sponsor.

Indigenous netballers Talisa Ross (goal shooter and goal attack), Jacinta Mitchell (centre and wing attack), and Timarah-Jo Kingston (goal defence and goal keeper) were selected, along with non-Indigenous player Natasha Strong (goal defence and goal keeper).

They were members of the Townsville Under-17 side from Corcoran Park Netball

Association (CPNA) which went to Tasmania last year for national trials.

Timarah-Jo works for family company Dreamtime Air, which runs daily flights from Townsville to the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island.

The quietly spoken Timarah-Jo can be found most days at Dreamtime Air's Palm Island office where she meets passengers with a smile.

"The netball trip will consist of three tours which is held within the Cook Islands," she said.

While Timarah-Jo is delighted to have been selected in what to her is the trip of a lifetime, she urgently needs sponsorship.

Jacinta had to withdraw from the team because she could not secure a sponsor to fund the trip.

In a bid to ensure she can



Timarah-Jo Kingston, left, in action.

make the trip, Timarah-Jo has written a letter to potential sponsors outlining her situation. "I am seeking support to help

contribute to the cost of the tour, as this is not funded by any governing body. Any support would be greatly appreciated as

the tour is costing \$2960.60, which includes the uniforms. I have attached a copy of the selection letter as well as the costing details for the tour. If there is any inquiries, please feel free to contact myself on 0404 621 557 and email timarah@live.com.au or Mrs Di Born the tour organiser on (08) 8337 9864," she wrote.

Her father, Kevin, an Aboriginal man who was born near the Roper River, in the NT, and his mother, Marisa, are regulars at All Blacks carnivals.

Dreamtime Logistics Charter Flights leases two Cherokee six-seater planes and a Beechcraft Baron from Queensland Aviation Services, which also services the planes.

The Kingston family are proactive in community events on Palm Island, where they are highly respected.

Edwards joins a growing list

Mundine to fight Soliman ... for the third time



WORLD champion Anthony 'The Man' Mundine will defend his WBA super-middleweight boxing title against compatriot Sam Soliman in May. Mundine, 32, who scored a unanimous points decision over

compatriot Nader Hamdan on 27 February, would fight Soliman at Melbourne's Vodafone Arena on 28 May, Mundine's manager Khoder Nasser said.

Mundine beat Soliman in a ninth-round KO in Sydney in March last year and Soliman had taken up an option clause in their deal for a re-match, Nasser said.

Mundine also beat Soliman in a split points decision in Sydney in 2001.

Mundine has won 31 of his 34 bouts, 23 by knockout, with three defeats. - AFP (through AAP)

By PETER ARGENT



THE list of Indigenous AFL footballers has grown again, as it has been

revealed Richmond's young small forward, Shane Edwards, has Aboriginal heritage.

"Yes, on my mother Tara's side, we are Aboriginal descendants," the Tigers second-year player said.

"Naturally, I am very proud of both sides of my heritage.

"It is great to be a part of the Aboriginal family which has played AFL football."

Edwards was already a third-generation SANFL league footballer before being drafted by Richmond as their second-round selection (number 26 overall), making his senior debut for Tigers early last winter.

Showing a willingness to work hard and back his ability, Edwards displayed plenty of character and desire in his rookie season, playing 16 games after making his first senior appearance in the traditional black-and-gold strip in the round-four match against the Western Bulldogs at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

This information brings the number of AFL Aboriginal footballers for the 2008 season on AFL lists from the 16 clubs to 72. This is just

over 10 per cent of the players in the competition.

Edwards, who arrived at the Melbourne-based club with a slightly-built 67kg frame, has worked hard to build up his physical appearance, adding 9kg already. He is aiming to reach 80kg.

When asked about his goals for the season, Edwards' simple reply was: "I am looking to take any opportunity by the scruff of the neck and to be consistent when I get my opportunities at the top level."

Chance

From a personal perspective, the former North Adelaide footballer would love to get a chance through the middle of the ground, as he played as a wingman for the Roosters in Adelaide, but is happy to play where the team needs him.

He also admitted that while it was frustrating to be on the sidelines for Richmond's initial NAB Cup pre-season fixture due to a nagging hip injury, there were a number of positives to come out of the game.

"It is about getting the processes right and the wins will come," he said.

Among the majority of AFL footballers who need to move interstate to start their AFL career, Edwards said he loved the lifestyle in Melbourne, but there was still no place like home.



SHANE EDWARDS

Women of league to come together



WOMEN involved in rugby league in any shape or form in the Cairns region are to come together to socialise.

The woman behind the get-together is Sheron McDougall, the administration assistant of the Cairns and District Junior Rugby League.

She says women perform many roles in rugby league as varied as playing at an elite level, coaching, refereeing, first-aid, administrative roles, helping out in the kiosk, washing the jerseys, or supporting the players.

"The opportunities to socialise and network with women who have the passion and interest in rugby league from throughout the district are infrequent during the busy football season," she said.

"With this in mind, we would like to introduce regular get-togethers, the first being a lunch to be held on Sunday 30 March, at noon at the Cairns District Junior Leagues Club."

Details are still being organised, but women interested can contact Sheron on (07) 4054 2298 (a/h) or 0417 741 170 or email admin@bigpond.com by 26 March.

Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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We all love this time of the year

THERE is something special about the first game of the season. I felt the same thrill and rush preparing for last week's opener as I did preparing for my first season as a Rookie.

I am pleased to report that whatever the result of the game turns out to be, the whole team is approaching the game with the same sense of expectation.

Indeed I cannot remember when the team has had the same level of focus we appear to have as we approach this new season.

Part of the reason for this, I believe, is the way we have approached our preparations from the start.

In October last year, as we reviewed a season in which the toll from five successful years was extracted from exhausted bodies, the coaches and our leadership group made some tough decisions and one pledge.

We decided as a club that loyalty and reputations would not be put ahead of the club's need to reinvigorate its list.

We then took this philosophy one step further in our preparations for the first game.

"Regardless of whether we could or couldn't change our playing list, there would be new players in round one," Paul Roos said as coach.

We certainly stuck with that pledge when 19-year-old debutant Craig Bird, as well as Jarrod Moore (22, nine games), Kieren Jack (20, two games) and Heath Grundy (21, 14 games), were included in the team the season opener against St Kilda at Telstra Dome.

While injuries to regulars such as Nick Malcoski, Nic Fossdike, Peter Everitt, Ted Richards and veteran Jared Crouch have opened the door, this infusion of youth into our team represents, if not a new beginning, then certainly a transition from the days of premiership glory to whatever lies ahead.

"We sensed as a coaching group that they were trying as hard as they possibly could, they were a bit like the Little Engine That Could near the end of the year," said Roos of our eventual loss in the first week of the finals.

"So we sat the players down and asked where we should go from here."

The feedback confirmed the impression Roos and his assistants had that it was time to revitalise our team that, because of success, low

attrition rate and lack of top-flight rookies, had been unusually stable.

Co-captain Brett Kirk summed up our new approach.

"We really looked to revitalise, re-energise, change a few players over," he said.

While giving youngsters already on the list more opportunities was the easy part of that strategy, the more painful process was trading members of the tight-knit premiership team.

Inevitably, that meant that good mates in Adam Schneider and Sean Dempster left, to St Kilda, while Adelaide's Martin Mattner, another fresh face in tomorrow's team, arrived from the Crows, along with Geelong's Henry Playfair, who is injured.

"We won't have wholesale changes in the way we play our football," Kirk says. "But we just felt we had stagnated a bit and we needed to make a few changes.

"At one time we knew any one of the players in the room might not be there the following year.

"As hard as it is, we needed to make those decisions to make a better footy team."

The important thing for team harmony is that individually all new players will be given a good chance to cement their places.

Bird, a midfielder from Nelson Bay, has been particularly impressive in pre-season, wearing

It will be the first time we have faced one of our premiership-winning teammates, but as Kirk said, we will not be sentimental.

"I think as soon as you step out there you've got that competitive nature, and it doesn't matter who it is," he said.

"I'll shake his hand and wish him the best of luck."

It will be the same for the rest of us.

What seems certain is that, with



Down but never out ... Adam Goodes pictured last year. He says he is back to his best after a horror run in 2007. "Nothing's holding us (the Sydney Swans) back," he said. "I love this time of year."

frustrating beginning to last season.

Adam recently spoke about the difficulties he faced last season.

Initially, Goodes said, he believed he was merely failing to come to terms with the rigours of a long 2006 season in which the Swans lost the grand final by a point, as well as the extra responsibilities that came with a second Brownlow Medal.

"That made me a little bit more tired going into the season and, losing by a point, I took that pretty hard," he said.

"Before I knew it, I was playing on Chris Judd in round one (in 2007) and it just didn't work. That didn't get the season off to a very good start and it went pretty crappy for me."

As one poor game followed another, Goodes' frustration grew.

"I was fit, I was strong, I was running personal-bests, but I couldn't touch the footy," he said.

"It was frustrating because nothing I tried worked. It wasn't just that I wasn't playing the football I can play, I wasn't even playing a small role in the team, which made me angry as well."

It was not until halfway through the season that Goodes finally got up the nerve to seek help.

"I knew something was terribly wrong and I needed to do something about it because it could have kept spiralling down," Adam said.

"There was help from within the club, from my friends. You know they are always going to be there for you."

"It's just a matter of trusting in them to be there for you."

"At the best of times, I like to keep things to myself. This taught me that if I do that, it could have a drastic effect."

Adam's message is important for us all - particularly for teenage boys and young men who sometimes feel it is a sign of weakness to ask for help.

Troubles that are bottled up only tend to deepen and intensify.

Seeking help is not a sign of weakness - it is a sign of strength.

Adam's spectacular return to form is just one example of how turning to others can turn your life around.

By the end of the season, Goodes was playing with his characteristic freedom and expression, imposing himself with that rare combination of size, speed and endurance.

"It was just natural again," he says. "I was just flowing, everything came to me again. I cleared that mental block I had in my head."

Goodes rates his form at the back end of 2007 as near his best football.

Coach Paul Roos goes further: "I reckon it's the best he's played, just the way he was moving and shaping the game."

That was six months ago.

Now, along with the rest of the team, Adam is talking about rejuvenation - how fresh the club feels, how fit everyone is.

Adam is godfather to his two-year-old daughter Taya and often baby-sits her and my new son James.

When I see him with my kids I see what a truly great person he is and why he is such an important part of our team.

It is great to see him so happy in himself and to anticipate what a year we might share together.

"Nothing's holding us back," he said. "I love this time of year."

So do we all! Until next time... Keep Dreaming!

'There was help from within the club, from my friends. You know they are always going to be there for you. It's just a matter of trusting in them to be there for you. - Adam Goodes

the famous No 14 of Bob Skilton and Paul Kelly.

The diminutive Moore has shown promising signs as a nuggetty ball-winner. Jack, the son of rugby league legend Garry Jack, has worked hard on his disposal. Grundy has demonstrated good goal-sense at the top level.

Collectively we have a tough test first-up against St Kilda, who won the pre-season competition - with Schneider starring

three extra weeks' rest than in the previous two seasons, and with some new Bloods beside them, we will be more energetic than in the draining final months of 2007.

"I feel a lot stronger at this time of year," said Kirk. "My body is a lot harder. But, when you come down to it, you don't really know until you start playing real games of footy."

Another 'veteran' looking forward to a fresh start is my good mate Adam Goodes, who had a

Two down, but a long way to go



Isaac Luke in action for the Rabbitohs against the Bulldogs last Friday. AAP Image

DEANO'S LEAGUE



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THE first two rounds of the National Rugby League competition have been disappointing to say the least. South Sydney's first-round loss against the Roosters was hard to take after an off-season dedicated to ensuring we got off to a good start.

Losing Craig Wing in the early stages of the game did not help, but we cannot use the loss of one player as a reason for deviating from our game plan.

Perhaps the build-up to the game distracted us from our purpose – I don't think this was the case, but it may have helped the Roosters focus on their start to the game.

In the second half we regained our composure and showed that we could play some decent football when we controlled our share of possession.

After the game we were disappointed rather than disillusioned and we entered the game against the Bulldogs with a great deal of confidence.

This confidence was rewarded with a display of controlled football that saw us lead 12-0 with a minute to go in the first half and arguably we should have been at least one more try up.

Then the game of rugby league taught us one of the most basic and painful lessons in the sport. That is – no matter how well you have played – all you have to do is relax for just one tackle or one pass and you will be punished.

So it was with the Bulldogs.

With 30 seconds to go we failed to number up in defence and they crossed to score.

This gave them confidence because, to their credit, they returned in the second half, and controlled the game as we had in the first half.

As pleased as I am to see my good mate Willie Tonga playing well, I wish he had left it to round three to rediscover his try-scoring ability because when he scored three minutes into the second half, the Bulldogs seemed to grow a second leg.

This makes our next game against the Panthers a critical one, but I am certain the team will regroup and meet the challenge.

As important as the leadership group will be in this process and as much as we will look to experience to try to help us break the losing sequence, I believe we could all learn a lot from one of our most inexperienced players in Isaac Luke.

Luke has been a revelation since he burst onto the scene last year, but few would be aware of the story of this shy young Kiwi.

Rabbitohs Coach Jason Taylor liked what he saw of Isaac when he was playing in the lower grades for the Bulldogs.

When he first came to the club, 'JT' was unsure what Isaac's best position was, so he lined him up against some of the big 'boppers' in the club.

"There was Joe Falema, who plays for the Dragons now, and Eddy Pettybourne. They were running at full pace but I managed to crunch them," Luke recalls.

"Then JT said, 'How would you go against Manase Manuokafoa?' I said, 'There's only one way to find out, bring him on'. After I managed to stop him, too, JT said, 'You can play hooker'. I actually wanted to play halfback, but halfbacks don't tackle."

Positives

As is indicative of Isaac's attitude, he looked to the positives of the situation and set his sights on first grade.

His NRL debut in Melbourne last June against Australian rake Cameron Smith was outstanding and it was hard to imagine that Luke hadn't played in the position all his life.

Even more amazing is the fact that when Souths recruitment manager Mark Hughes signed him for the Bulldogs as a 16-year-old in 2004, Luke was playing on the wing!

Luke caught his eye by scoring a hat-trick of tries.

"The things that he did in that game were no different to what he does now – he just ran hard and tackled hard," Hughes said.

"At the Bulldogs, he needed education in the halves but they assessed him as not going to be there and they tried him at fullback.

"I thought he would be outstanding at hooker and when I was moving on, I hoped I could get someone interested in him."

Taylor was and went to watch him play a Jersey Flegg match against Parramatta in 2006 and signed him, but a shoulder injury restricted his pre-season training last year and nobody was expecting him to suddenly emerge the way he has.

"We saw him as a hooker, but I remember thinking to myself, 'He's not very big, he's coming off a shoulder injury'," Taylor said.

"But the thing about Isaac is that he's prepared to work really hard."

An example of this is the way Luke stays behind at Erskineville Oval to practice his goalkicking after the rest of us leave.

Northern pride



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FOR many rugby league fans the State of Origin is the pinnacle of the game. Others will point to the grand final, while some traditionalists still cling to the hope that Test football will return to its former days of glory.

In the Telstra Premiership itself, however, there is one game over the past few seasons that has become a marquee game in its own right.

I am, of course, referring to the 'local derby' between the Brisbane Broncos and the North Queensland Cowboys.

Forget your 'Book of Feuds' and the hundred-year rivalry between the Roosters and the Rabbitohs – this is the game that raises the passions of fans north of the border.

It will sell-out Suncorp Stadium and will see a resurgent Broncos line-up against a favoured Cowboys side who will be on the improve after some much-needed game time for its stars.

The Broncos have been most impressive in their first two games and will also continue to improve as Darren Lockyer regains full form and confidence after knee surgery.

Justin Hodges has already laid claims to being the best centre in the game this year.

His attacking prowess is known to all, but I am equally impressed by his strong and aggressive defence which has the capacity to intimidate his opponents.

I am also thrilled by the early-season form of Sam Thaiday, who seems to have increased his speed and strength to go with his new streamlined frame.

They will come up against a Cowboys outfit determined to finally break the club's Premiership drought.

Carl Webb has obviously put in the hard yards over the off-season and I look forward to him performing on the big stage next week.



Sam Thaiday of the Broncos charges Paul Aiton and Luke Rooney during the NRL Rugby League, Round 1, Brisbane Broncos v Penrith Panthers match at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane. AAP Image

He was created for matches like this as well as Origin football and grand finals.

Already the Cowboys must be pleased that they have re-signed Justin Smith and that they have also supported Ty Williams through his horror run with injury.

Both players have shown glimpses of their best form and will also rise to the challenge when they meet.

However, all northern eyes will be on the two players who will be responsible for a fair percentage

Thurston are likewise fully acknowledged by all followers of the game.

In coming back early from shoulder surgery he has also displayed the physical and mental toughness that make him the true champion he is.

The fact that Thurston has been described as a 'speed hump' in defence by dual international Mat Rogers after the recent game against the Titans is a joke.

The Cowboys bristled at Rogers' claim that Thurston had

great comebacks in the match against the Titans returning more than a month early from injury to notch 14 points including two tries in the 36-18 loss.

But Rogers was adamant Thurston shouldn't be playing.

"He may have scored two tries but he was a liability out there in defence," Rogers said on his website.

"I even ran straight over the top of him – twice – and I never get to use anyone as a speed hump."

Rogers said using Thurston

"My good mate Scott Prince proved why he is the best halfback in the game – I'll say it again, the best halfback in the game," Rogers said.

"Johnathan Thurston is good, but there is no doubt in my mind that Prince is better."

It is this type of rivalry that the game of rugby league thrives on.

The return game between the Titans and the Cowboys is no certain to be a sell-out as well.

At this early stage of the NRL season, it is interesting to speculate who it will be that will finish top of the pile among Queensland teams in 2008 – the Titans, Cowboys or Broncos.

Greg Alexander, one of the great halfbacks in his own right, backs Thurston and his mates.

"I like the Cowboys," he said.

"They may have a tough few weeks while (Johnathan) Thurston sorts out his injury but in Travis Burns they have a great replacement if needed, the likes of whom they have never had in the past.

"They had a lot of players missing last year and it has left them in the great situation of having players like Luke O'Donnell and Carl Webb back.

"They will also have more punch on the edges of their backline.

"I wouldn't rule out the Titans finishing in front of the Broncos.

"The Broncos can't be written off, but it might take Darren Lockyer a month or more to get his confidence back in his knee."

Steve Walters, who many tip to be named ahead of Ian Walsh as hooker in the Team of the Century, is also a renowned judge.

"It's a good question because they all have good teams and could all make the eight," he said.

"From a State of Origin point of view, I am really pleased the Queensland players are spread between those three clubs and the Melbourne Storm which takes the pressure off all the clubs.

"I'll tip the Cowboys because they were top last year and still have improvement in them.

"It will be interesting to see Brisbane's new faces and I'm sure they will go well.

"Gold Coast could not have expected to do any better last year."

Meanwhile the 'Brick with Eyes' Glenn Lazarus has also put his considerable weight behind the Cowboys.

"I would rate the Cowboys the highest," he said. "They have the

best side on paper. "There are question marks over the Broncos forwards and the Titans' depth.

"It will be interesting to see whether (coach) Graham Murray leaving at the end of the year has any effect on the Cowboys."

So there it is – the Cowboys are overwhelming favourites.

Whatever the case, I will consider it a privilege to be there next week.

Bring it on!

Matthew Bowen excites in ways other rugby league players have not even thought of, let alone performed. And the sublime talents of the Cowboys' Johnathan Thurston are likewise acknowledged by all followers of the game.

of the ticket sales for next week.

I am, of course, referring to the most dynamic attacking partnership in the game – Matthew Bowen and Johnathan Thurston.

Bowen excites in ways other players have not even thought of, let alone performed.

His try to win the game in the corresponding match last season was worth the price of admission alone.

The sublime talents of

come back too soon from two shoulder reconstructions and was a defensive liability.

To add further fuel, Rogers rated his Gold Coast Titans halves partner Scott Prince the best halfback in the game ahead of the Cowboys playmaker.

To me the claims are more part of the gamesmanship of the new kids on the block as the Titans push their claims for credibility in the tough judging world of league.

Thurston pulled off one of the

now may come back to bite the Cowboys.

"Last year I made the same mistake of playing while injured, as did Prince and it didn't help us any," he said.

"I think maybe Johnathan should rest up and get himself right because if his shoulders are still hurting and he keeps playing they are only going to get worse."

Rogers didn't let up, heaping praise on in-form Gold Coast No 7 Prince.

The sky appears to be the limit for this budding north Queensland sportswoman

Zana tops at vigoro, volleyball

By ALF WILSON



TALENTED young sporting all-rounder Zana Sampton has been selected to represent Queensland at vigoro and North Queensland at volleyball.

The 15-year-old Zana attends Kirwan High School in Townsville, which has 500 Indigenous students in an enrollment of 2000.

Zana was in Sydney earlier this month with the Queensland under-18 vigoro side at the week-long Australian titles.

"I play B-1 grade women's competition vigoro in the Townsville comp for Tigers and we lost the final to Wests. I am honoured and excited to be going to Sydney," she said on the eve of her departure.

The Grade 11 pupil has descendants on Badu Island, in the Torres Strait, and had some special art crafted on a vigoro bat to take to the national titles.

Well-known Indigenous artist Shirley Collins did the painting of a turtle, which signifies that Zana is proud of her Torres Strait heritage.

"I have never been to Badu, but would like to soon," she said.

Zana is a quality vigoro fielder with a top batting score of 19 and best bowling – or pegging as it is known in vigoro – of an amazing 8-4 in an innings.

"That was at the recent State titles in Boonah," she said.

The jill-of-all-trades started volleyball for Kirwan High just last year and will represent North Queensland at the Queensland Secondary School titles on the Gold Coast in April.

"They are both enjoyable and fun sports," she said of vigoro and volleyball.

Sarina Getawan, the Community Education Counsellor at Kirwan High, was glowing in her praise of Zana.

"Not only is she good at sport, but a high academic achiever," Mrs Getawan said.

The sky appears the limit for this quietly spoken young woman.



Zana Sampton loves her volleyball, but on the other hand, is just as passionate about vigoro, which she plays with her personalised bat.

Pest Thurston wears down Cowboys coach Murray



NO-ONE doubts Johnathan Thurston's class. Two Dally M Medals puts forward a pretty convincing case.

But Thurston admitted he had to 'pester' North Queensland to pick him for their NRL season-opening clash at the Gold Coast on 14 March.

Not expected back until round five after two shoulder reconstructions, Thurston finally wore down Cowboys coach Graham Murray just days after being cleared for full contact work.

Thurston and Murray finally lifted the lid on the remarkable lead-up to the Cowboys skipper's shock comeback in their 36-18 loss against the Titans at the Titans' Skilled Stadium, on the Gold Coast.

The North Queensland halfback admitted he had to see a sport psychologist to get his 'head right' before launching his own campaign of mental disintegration on Murray.

"I got cleared for full contact on the Monday before the game and did a bit of contact each day (then) pestered the coaching staff," Thurston said.

But Thurston only started to twist Murray's arm after convincing himself he could play.

Nervous

"I was very nervous (before the Titans game)," he said.

"Coming back from two shoulder reconstructions, there's a bit of doubt in your mind.

"But I did some work with a sport psychologist over the past few weeks and got my head right to beat those demons."

Any doubts quickly evaporated after Thurston chimed into the first tackle of the match against Titans prop Michael Hodgson.

He was involved heavily in defence early, putting on some big hits.

Thurston didn't show any rust in attack either, sending Ash Graham over in the fifth minute only for the centre to be held up.

"Muz (Murray) said to me not to hide on the wing for the first set so I stayed at my spot," he said.

"Once I got that first tackle, my shoulder pretty much went out the back (of my mind) and I was ready to go."

One hour's notice

The Titans knew Thurston was playing just one hour before kick-off when the Australian halfback was pencilled in with the No 25 jersey.

The jumper number may have been different but there was no mistaking Thurston.

He still showed his trademark class to carry the Cowboys on his reconstructed shoulders, scoring all but four of North Queensland's 18 points, including two tries.

Ben Harris scored the only other try for North Queensland – set up by that man Thurston.

"We won't leave him out of No 7 from now on," Murray said.

Decision 'simple'

The Cowboys mentor said picking Thurston came down to a 'pretty simple' decision.

"The specialist cleared him to do contact. He's as strong as he's ever been, even stronger than last year," he said.

"The basic principle was his (specialist's) confidence in Johnathan. Every day he got more and more confident, and every day he pestered the coaching staff.

"He's a tough bloke. He played through last season with bung shoulders and now he's back with us."

After exorcising his demons, Thurston looked forward to raising hell with his new halves partner, Manly recruit Travis Burns.

"As a team we've got a lot of improvement in us. For me and Travis that was our first week together, we can learn a lot from that," he said.

Murray added: "They will only get better in the halves." – AAP

Back to where it began

By CHRIS PIKE



DURING his 193-game AFL career with the Sydney Swans and Fremantle Dockers, Troy Cook won

over football fans with his tough-as-nails approach, never-say-die attitude and determination to succeed despite not having the skills of those around him.

To play almost 200 games was a great achievement, and now the 31-year-old returns to where it all began — the Perth Football Club in the WAFL.

Cook retired from Fremantle last year after 150 games and another 43 with Sydney.

He has elected to return to Perth to help lead the club to its first finals series since 1997 and hopefully its first premiership since 1977.

Perth junior

Cook came through the junior ranks of Perth and played league football with them before Sydney drafted him in 1996.

He is delighted to be back and didn't think of playing for any other club.

"It's definitely good to be back at Perth and I can't wait for the season to start now," Cook said.

"Perth is the club where it all started for me. I always said that's where I would go back to play once my AFL career was over and that's what I'm doing. Loyalty is a big thing for me and I could never play anywhere else."

To be named captain is something of which Cook is deeply proud and he is confident that Perth can rebound for a strong season after receiving the wooden spoon in 2007.

"It is a great honour for me to be captain. I certainly never thought I would captain the club when I first played here in 1994, but I am really looking forward to it. The club has also been down for a long time now and it would be great to lead them to success in the next year or two," he said.

"We have a young side that was unlucky in some ways last year, but there were good signs and with myself and Ross Young, we feel we have bolstered the midfield and are confident the guys we have in the spine can do the job."

Cook is desperate to see things through with Perth and will play until at least the end of 2009. Once he stops playing, he certainly feels he has plenty to offer in a coaching capacity.

"My body is still in good shape and I have signed with

Perth for two years, so I will play for at least that long," he said.

"Coaching is an option after that and I feel I would have something to offer the game. Whether that's at WAFL level or juniors only time will tell. I will do a little while I'm playing with Perth, but not too much, and then once my playing days are over I will see how I can help in the coaching area."

When looking back on his AFL career, Cook is proud of what he achieved despite the constant doubters. He won Fremantle's best-and-fairest in 2000 and carved out a remarkable career.

'Great ride'

"I had a great ride for 11 years. There were certainly a lot of ups and downs along the way, but the highlights were being drafted, my first game, winning a fairest-and-best with Fremantle and in some ways my best and worst game was the 2006 preliminary final against Sydney. We lost, but were so close to getting to the grand final," he said.

"For someone of my ability who was constantly criticised for being too slow and couldn't kick to squeeze out over 190 games

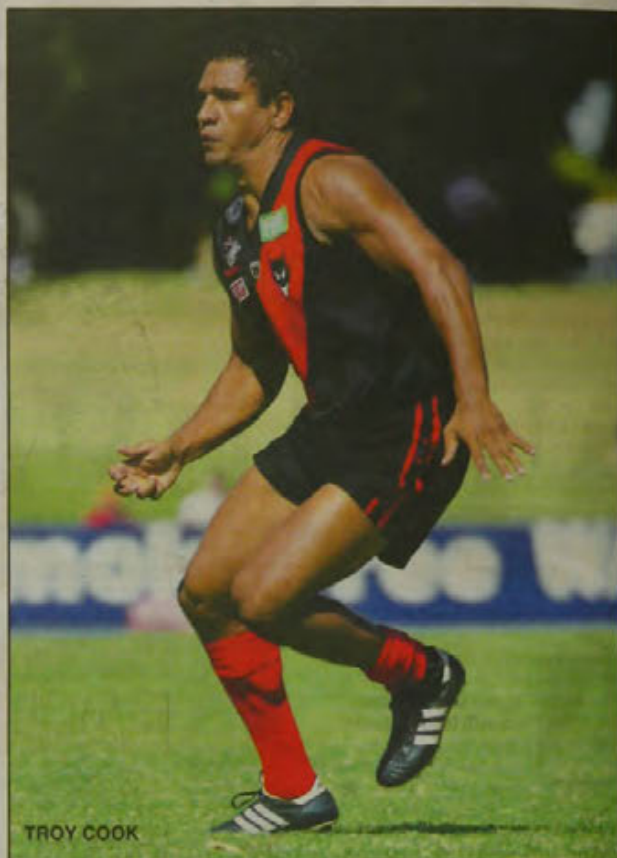
was a pretty fair effort. To have stayed in the system for so long is something I'm very proud of."

WAFL football is not a full-time job, and when not involved at the Demons, Cook is putting all his energy into working with the Wirranda Foundation, along with West Coast Eagles star David Wirranda.

"I'm working full-time with the

Wirranda Foundation as we share the same passion for helping young Aboriginal kids," he said.

"He (David) works on the educational side and I work in more of the health side. I'm putting together a health and fitness program which I am hoping can be implemented into schools and in rural areas where it is desperately needed."



TROY COOK

Freeman features in museum launch



OLYMPIC gold medallist Cathy Freeman and America's Cup-winning skipper John

Bertrand hope Australia's first fully-dedicated sports museum can inspire the country's youth to believe in themselves and achieve their dreams.

The pair were joined by AFL greats Ron Barassi and James Hird as well as Olympic hero Betty Cuthbert and Winter Olympic gold medallist Steven Bradbury at the launch of the National Sports Museum at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 12 March.

Freeman, Barassi and Hird have been named as ambassadors of the museum, along with the Collingwood Football Club, netballer Liz

Ellis, swimmer Shane Gould, cricketer Shane Warne and media personality Tony Charlton.

The museum showcases a range of sporting subjects and holds a collection of sporting memorabilia.

The collection includes the suit worn by Freeman in winning the women's 400-metres at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

The museum opened to the public on 13 March.

Meanwhile, Freeman features in a new TV commercial for the Earth Hour power-conservation campaign, racing through the streets of Sydney switching off as many lights as she can.

Some of the world's largest cities will take part in this year's energy-reducing initiative, to be held on the

night of 29 March. The WWF climate change campaign involves people and businesses turning off their lights and appliances for one hour to send a message about the need for action on global warming.

The promotional ads show Freeman running through Sydney turning off as many lights as she can in an hour, stopping off at the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and other landmarks around the city.

"We wanted to find a way of illustrating how much of a contribution one person could make," WWF Executive Director of Earth Hour Andy Ridley said.

"Despite a massive storm on the night, Cathy managed to turn off 6399 lights in one hour." — AAP

Boys offered short-cut to rugby's elite



PATHWAY short-cuts have opened up for two promising Indigenous rugby union players. Brenton Cochrane, of Ballina, and Aaron Lai, from La Perouse, have been invited to train with the Australian Sevens rugby union team.

They were identified as standout performers at the inaugural Ella 7s Rugby Union carnival organised by the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) at Coffs Harbour in 1 March.

Cochrane played with the Northern United Rugby League Club that entered a rugby union team in the Ella 7s, and Lai turned out with the La Perouse Rugby League Club, which also made the conversion to rugby union.

The Ella 7s attracted ten male and three female teams.

The male competition was broken into two groups of five, with the group winners meeting in the final.

In the final, the Waterloo Storm beat Northern United 22-7.

In the men's plate final, the Darwin Taipans beat Penrith 22-15.

The three female teams played a round-robin format, with Waterloo Storm beating Coffs Harbour 24-10 in the final.

The famous Ella brothers - Gary and older brother Mark and Glen - attended the Coffs Harbour event.

The Ella 7s evolved after an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander team took part in an International Rugby Board second-tier tournament last year in Port Moresby.

Other countries participating were Tonga, Samoa, Niue, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands.

The competition was very strong with the Australian Indigenous team only winning two games.

Following the event, the LMRDT received an invitation for the next four years.

Back in Australia, officials knew that for the Australian team to be competitive, they had to search for the best players.

The Ella 7s tournament is part of that process.

The LMRDT wants the Ella 7s to be an annual event and organisers are confident that next year, there will be 24 men's teams and eight women's teams.

Meanwhile, LMRDT executive officer Tom Evans is keen to hear from under 16 boys who wish to join the LMRDT program. Evans said LMRDT would be fielding under-16 teams this year at tournaments at Berry, Tamworth, Melbourne, Mackay and Darwin.

Youngsters can contact Evans at tm.evans@rugby.com.au



The winning Waterloo Storm team who beat Northern United in the final.

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Stephen Bunn, from the Darwin Taipans, sops on a loose ball in the plate final.

Still a family affair



CHAMPION Indigenous kayaker Jake Lee is spending a year in Austria as a Rotary exchange student. Lee, 18, is the younger brother of

Forster-Tuncurry triathlete Brett Lee, 22. Remarkably, in 2004, the two brothers were ranked in the world's top ten in their chosen sports.

While triathlons have taken a back seat for Brett while he studies full-time at Newcastle University, Jake has been powering ahead in kayaking.

Jake is highly regarded in the Forster-Tuncurry community and has an exceptional list of achievements for academic and sporting attainments.

He is proud of his Indigenous heritage and his successes include a number of firsts: He is the first Indigenous Great Lakes College captain, the first Indigenous person to represent Australia in slalom kayaking, and the first Rotary Exchange student from Rotary District 9650.

For four years Jake has been a member of the NSW kayaking team and has competed at the Australian championships, taking home medals every year.

Jake has represented Australia on two occasions – first with the Australian

Junior Development team that toured New Zealand in 2005 where he won one gold and two silver medals at the New Zealand All-Schools Championships.

Then he represented Australia in the C2 class and achieved fifth place in the Youth Olympics Festival.

While Jake is an accomplished K-class (two blades) kayaker, he excels in the C-class (one-blade).

Jake was captain of Great Lakes College last year and received the prestigious Minister for Education Award for Excellence in Education. In the Minister's address, he placed Jake in the top six in the State for outstanding excellence in education. Thirty-two students received the award from a possible 65,000 HSC students in 2007.

At the 2007 school presentation evening, Jake received the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Award for Demonstration of Outstanding Leadership skills.

In the 2008 Australia Day festivities, he was also awarded the Great Lakes



Jake Lee, the Rotary exchange student now in Austria.

Young Citizen of the Year Award for his sporting achievements and his contributions to Great Lakes College and community.

Jake has been selected by Rotary to be an exchange student to Austria. He is spending a year in the Austrian Alps town of Graz, studying German and French at a business college. He will spend a total of 12 months in Austria, staying with four families each for three months.

He has been invited to train with the Austrian kayaking team.

Meanwhile, older brother Brett is studying to be a primary teacher and cannot yet find the time to squeeze in the four hours a day training required to return to the elite level of triathlons.

His career highlight

came in 2004 when he finished ninth in the junior sprint category at the 2004 ITU Triathlon World Championships and set the fastest bike time at Madeira, an island off Portugal.

But his rising triathlon career came to a screaming halt on 26 May 2005 when he slammed into a parked car at Forster and spent two days on life support in Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

While making a steady recovery, he spent some time at Southern Cross University in Lismore, but now is at Newcastle University, specialising in Aboriginal studies.

Recovery from the accident has been slow, but in the meantime, Brett has been playing soccer and also enjoys body surfing – so much so that he now is ranked with the elite body surfers in Australia.

— GRAHAM HUNT



Jake Lee, of Forster, in action in a K1 on the slalom course.



Brett Lee before his triathlon training mishap.

He's the face of black golf

Amputee to promote sport

By GRAHAM HUNT

NSW INDIGENOUS golfer Brad Hardman returned the best net score at the Australian Amputees' Golf Championships in Canberra earlier this month, and now officials of the sport want to use him to entice other Indigenous Australians to take up golf.

Hardman was the only New South Welshman at last year's Australian Indigenous Golf Championships in Alice Springs and that point did not go unnoticed by NSW golfing officials.

He said he had been having preliminary talks with the NSW Golf Association and he wasn't sure at this stage what his involvement would be.

But Hardman told *The Koori Mail* that a starting point to entice more Indigenous people into golf in NSW would be to organise a State Indigenous tournament.

"No-one seems to know how many Indigenous golfers there are," he said.

"I am more than happy to help the NSW Golf Association promote the game within the Indigenous community.

"Like all sports, the place to start is with the kids."

Left-hander Hardman, who lost his leg as a 15-year-old in a car crash, finished well behind outright winner Geoff Nicholas at the Australian Amputees' tournament at the Federal course in Canberra, but he had the best net score of one-under-par 212.

Nicholas, the gross winner, carded 223 off the stick to win by eight strokes over 54 holes.

● Indigenous people wanting to express an interest in golf can email Hardman at bradhardman81@hotmail.com



Amputee left-handed Indigenous golfer Brad Hardman, pictured here at Olympic Park, Sydney, where he attended the Ignite Golf Clinic. The Australian-developed Ignite Golf uses the latest computer and digital technology to improve a player's swing.

Six months' jail for man who assaulted Gillespie

A MAN who assaulted former Test cricketer Jason Gillespie has been sentenced to six months' jail.

Matthew Zaffina, 29, from Morwell, in eastern Victoria, repeatedly punched Gillespie outside a Traralgon nightclub after demanding money.

The Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court was told Zaffina had been charged with recklessly causing serious injury, intentionally and recklessly causing injury and unlawful assault.

Gillespie was in Traralgon after a one-day game between South Australia and Victoria in January.

He had been on a night out with teammates after the game when he was assaulted.

Zaffina was charged with 26 offences, including unrelated traffic and theft charges, for which he was sentenced to three months' jail, to be served concurrently.

Last month, Zaffina was granted bail on the condition he live with his parents but it was revoked when his parents said they did not want him living under their roof. — AAP

Tahu out for six weeks

ELECTRIC Waratahs back Timana Tahu faces up to six weeks on the sidelines in a bid to rid himself of a persistent hamstring problem 'once and for all'.

The rugby league convert to rugby union missed the Super 14 match against the Brumbies three weeks ago with the complaint, but was expected to be back for his side's key clash with the Crusaders in Christchurch last Friday.

But it was then revealed that the 27-year-old has had some ongoing problems with his hamstrings and a 'biomechanical' solution was needed, with changes to his running style and training regime.

"There's a bit of a loop happening in terms of the injury site, and the way it's occurring," NSW coach Ewen McKenzie said.

"Looking at how we need to play the game and how it's occurring we need to change a little bit so we'll train (him) slightly differently.

"What we don't want to do is keep having the same cycle. To break that cycle will take a little bit longer and we'll get it right once and for all."

Tahu said he was obviously disappointed with the prognosis but felt it was better off to get the injury sorted.

"It's just not right at the moment, and the medical staff don't want to push it too much so we just need to get it right first and make sure its 100 per cent," said Tahu.

"I'm going to be here for four years. I'm not going anywhere so I think if I get can get everything right, and not have this problem of always having hamstring problems, maybe next year I can get back for a full season instead of having hiccups along the way." — AAP



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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

A big year in rugby league



INDIGENOUS players will be in the spotlight as part of this year's Australian Rugby League Centenary

celebrations. Amongst a host of special activities to mark the 100 years since league was first played in Australia are:

- The naming of the Indigenous Team of the Century at the South Sydney v North Queensland Cowboys NRL round-eight clash (2-4 May).

- An Indigenous Under-18 side to play the curtain-raiser to the Australia v New Zealand Centenary Test on 9 May.

- The Reconciliation Cup clash featuring the Bulldogs and the Cowboys at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, in early August.

- The national Indigenous team to play New Zealand Maori in the 'Welcome to Country Game' World Cup curtain-raiser at the World Rugby League Cup opening ceremony on October 26 before the first-round Australia v New Zealand clash.

Who will be in the Indigenous League Team of the Century?

Who do you think will make the Indigenous Rugby League Team of the Century?

We want you to name a starting XIII only, nominating a player for each position. We want you to name a player and nominate his team position.

Send us your line-up to sport@koorimail.com, fax it to (02) 66 222 600 or mail it to PO Box 117, Lismore, NSW, 2480, and we'll be happy to print it.

Remember to write your name and address on the back of your envelope.

The selection panel for the Indigenous Team of the Century is already on the job, with league historians currently compiling a list of our early top players. This will be added to more recent and current players selected by the ARL Hall of Fame Committee members, with a panel of experts to then name the final 17.

Their job will not be easy.

The great Arthur Beetson is a virtual shoe-in for the Indigenous side, and is also a hot favourite for selection in the National Team of the

Century, to be named next month. Canberra legend Laurie Daley and Rabbitohs' great John Sattler are also in contention for the national team after being named in the final 100 from which the side will be selected.

A host of current and former greats of the game will be vying for the Indigenous team places, and *The Koori Mail* will print the short-list as soon as it is announced.

The Welcome to Country Game for the World Cup will go some way towards making up for

disappointment that an Indigenous Australian team was not allowed to play in the mainstream competition.

Indigenous team selectors again will have a wide pool of talent, but our line-up will be missing — all things being equal — likely Australian players Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis and Justin Hodges. Other Indigenous champions in contention for the national squad at this early stage would include Sam Thaiday, Greg Bird, Matt Bowen, Scott Prince and Carl Webb.

The good news is that there are scores of other talented Indigenous players to select from, and the Welcome to Country clash against NZ Maori shapes as a great showcase of Indigenous talent.

Our up-and-coming players will also be featured when the Indigenous Under-18 side runs on in a curtain-raiser to the Australia v New Zealand Centenary Test on 9 May.

And the Reconciliation Cup clash between the Cowboys and the Bulldogs takes on a special significance after the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Mills, Jawai key men for Boomers



NATHAN JAWAI



AUSTRALIAN coach Brian Goorjian is tipping Indigenous teenager

Patrick Mills to be a 'very, very important' part of the Boomers' Olympic basketball campaign.

Nineteen-year-old Mills and north Queensland sensation Nathan Jawai are among a 33-man Olympic squad to be whittled down to 12 for the Beijing Games in August.

Mills, who has been excelling in the US college competition, was among a dozen overseas-based players named.

Goorjian said Mills' skill in the point guard role was a key asset.

"It's an important position for us, we've got a lot of depth in a lot of positions, but that position we are a little concerned about," said Goorjian.

"So not only do I see him being a part of it, I see him being a very, very important part."

"I think he's got to take a lot of credit for us qualifying, you know, he had a huge impact on the team in the qualifying series against New Zealand."

"He's gone to America and performed great and he's also a young Aboriginal boy who's a tremendous role model."

The 208cm 128kg Nathan Jawai has been a sensation on the Australian basketball scene and is being tipped to

have a career in the world's most elite basketball competition, the US-based National Basketball Association.

Jawai, who grew up in the remote far north Queensland community of Bamaga and plays for the Cairns Taipans in the Australian National Basketball League (NBL), is considered a certainty to be picked up in the NBA draft in New York on 26 June.

If he is drafted, he is almost certain to get paid nearly \$1 million a season.

Mills and Jawai are just two Indigenous Australians in contention to represent their country at the Beijing Olympics in August.

— AAP and GRAHAM HUNT



PATRICK MILLS

**And the
winner of
our Jason
Gillespie
cap is ...**

H Lamb, of the Newcastle suburb of Adamstown, is the winner of our Jason Gillespie limited edition cricket cap competition.

He or she will receive the cap in the mail soon.

The cap has been produced by the Adelaide Cricket Club — Gillespie's home club — to commemorate the former Test star's most amazing feat — scoring 201 runs as a night watchman in his final Test appearance for Australia. That was against Bangladesh at Chittagong in April 2006.

Gillespie won the man of the match award, but that was to be his final Test appearance.

He has since announced his retirement from first-class cricket in Australia, although he will play in the Indian Cricket League Twenty/20 series and still may play county cricket in England.

Gillespie's father, Neil, arranged for the commemorative cap to be made available to *The Koori Mail*.

Only 201 caps have been produced — one for each run scored in Jason's final Test innings. We were provided with cap No 189.

Thanks to all our readers who entered the competition.