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## 'Black Elvis' at Blues



MELBOURNE-based Dan Sultan was a crowd-pleaser at the 19th Annual East Coast Blues and Roots Festival, or Bluesfest 2008, in Byron Bay. About 70,000 blues fans made the pilgrimage to the five-day festival held on Arakwal country over the Easter long weekend. This has already been a busy year for rising star Sultan, dubbed 'The Black Elvis' by fellow Australian musician Clare Bowditch, with performances in Sydney and at WOMAdelaide 2008 with The Black Arm Band, and at Melbourne celebrations marking the national apology to the Stolen Generations. Also on the Byron Bay bill were Golden Guitar winner Troy Cassar-Daley, Darwin's Leah Flanagan and her band and John Butler, among many others. *Photo by SOLUA MIDDLETON*

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# Stolen wages 'insult'

## We'll sue you, Govt warned



FURIOUS Indigenous Queenslanders have lashed out at their State Government's decision to divert more than \$20 million of a reparations offer for stolen wages to Indigenous education scholarships.

They declared the Cabinet decision nothing less than 'disgusting' and 'an insult', with the level of fury highlighted at protest meetings in Brisbane, Townsville, Ingham, Rockhampton, Normanton and Mapoon.

And now they have threatened legal action to stop the plan and reclaim the millions of dollars in unpaid wages withheld through the controls imposed by successive State governments.

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Pastor John Anderson made his message clear at the Townsville stolen wages protest rally.

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# My FAMILY Deborah Savage, Townsville

The Koori Mail happened upon Townsville mum Deborah Savage with her children outside Cranbrook State Primary School, Townsville, recently.

Deborah has family on St Pauls, Thursday Island and a number of other islands in the Torres Strait. The Koori Mail rattled off the names of a number of the Savage clan living in the Torres Strait and she knew them all. The mention of others in Townsville was met with a similar response.

"Oh, yes, that lady is my cousin," she said.

There are literally thousands of members of the Savage family over three and even four generations in north Queensland.

Many came from the Torres Strait to work in the railways at various places, including the western line out from Townsville.

Here, Deborah tells us more about her smiling young family:

I was born in Townsville 1972, my mother is from Moa Island (St Pauls) and my dad is from Moar Island (Rennell Island). My parents are both Torres Strait Islanders born in the Torres Strait.

As children, they moved down south in the early 1950s with their parents in hope for a better life which meant better education.

My three brothers and I plus a dozen or more Murri kids were the first Indigenous kids to start at Cranbrook State School when it was first established in 1985. I am now taking my daughters to Cranbrook State Primary School.

My eldest daughter, Kayhanna Savage, is in Year Seven and will be graduating this year. Her one and only older brother, Jordan (not pictured), graduated from Cranbrook after attending there since



Deborah Savage (in black shirt), holding one-year-old Danni-Ella Savage. Pictured with her are her children Kay-Hanna Savage, 11, Joemeikah Savage, 9, Leslie Savage, 5, and Gracelyn Savage, 4.

pre-school and is now doing Year Eight at William Ross State High.

Lesleigh has just started prep and Gracelyn will be at home for another two years until she joins her sisters at school. Then there's Joemeikah. She is in Year Five and will turn 10 this year.

Last but not least, there's Danni-Ella, the baby of all the family who is one year old.

All my children have started at Cranbrook and will be graduating from this school. From personal experience, Cranbrook State Primary is a fine school and I wouldn't send my children anywhere else.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Indigenous netballer Bianca Franklin pictured with children at the Aboriginal community of Areyonga, near Alice Springs. Franklin joined the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) Indigenous Sport Program (ISP) and the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation to deliver swimming equipment to Areyonga.

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# Knowledge shared in new book



ABORIGINAL people from Western Australia's Kimberley region are sharing their cultural knowledge with the world through the publication of a new book.

The Ngarinyin, Worrorra and Wunambal language groups share advice on a range of handy skills, from making damper to the identification of timber to make musical instruments and fashioning a boomerang, in the *Jigeengadi Bush Camp Book*, launched in Perth at the end of March.

The book, described by WA Department of Indigenous Affairs Acting Director-General Jackie Tang as 'a wonderful educational and cultural resource for all West Australians', grew out of a bush camp held in the Kimberley.

"The book's producers, from the Mowanjumb Artists Spirit of the Wanjinia Aboriginal Corporation, have beautifully recorded a range of traditional and contemporary bush harvest and tool-making techniques," Ms Tang said.

## Series of workshops

The book was developed following a series of workshops held over a seven-day camp. The 65 people participating in the camp came from a range of groups, including the Ngarinyin, Worrorra and Wunambal language groups, and representatives from the Kimberley Land Council, the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Kimberley Aboriginal Language and Culture Centre.

One of the most attractive aspects of the book is its pictorial display of bush harvesting and tool making.

The *Jigeengadi Bush Camp Book* project was part of the Looking After Country program, a joint initiative between the Aboriginal Lands Trust and the Indigenous Land Corporation to support Indigenous community efforts to rejuvenate, maintain and protect country across the State.

The *Jigeengadi Bush Camp Book* will be distributed by the Mowanjumb Art and Culture Centre, and all proceeds will go towards its projects and activities.



Project consultant Mary Anne Jebb with Mowanjumb Artists Spirit of the Wanjinia Aboriginal Corporation Elder Janet Ooobagooma and the *Jigeengadi Bush Camp Book*.

# I'll make a progress report: PM



THE Labor Government will report at the start of Parliament each year on the progress it has made in closing the gap on life expectancy for Indigenous Australians. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced the measure during the start of his four-day visit to London at a Progressive Government Conference as he recounted the various measures instituted by his Government since it won office, including the apology to the Stolen Generations.

"I've decided each year in the Australian Parliament that on the first working day we will mark that with a prime ministerial reporting on progress on closing the gap on life expectancy, closing the gap in terms of infant mortality and closing the gap on

literacy and numeracy outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," he told the conference. "Each year we must as a Government know, and as a people and a country know, what progress has been made in closing this gap."

"We should not in our country underestimate the size of this challenge."

## Guarantee

Last month, the Government pledged to close the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians by 2030. The Government plans to guarantee Indigenous people will get health services equal to those enjoyed by the rest of the population within the next 10 years.

In a statement released later, Mr Rudd said closing the gap was a core priority for his

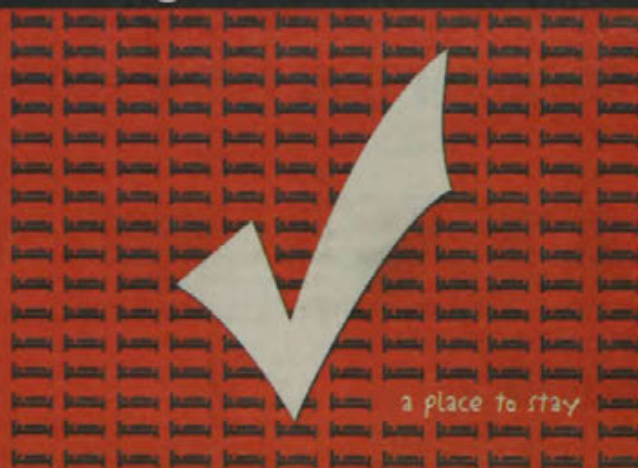
Government. "There is no reason that the Australia of today, a successful developed nation with a modern and prosperous economy, should accept a 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians," he said. "There is no reason that Indigenous children in Australia should have less opportunity for education or health care than the opportunities provided to non-Indigenous kids."

"This gap has no place in a modern Australia."

Mr Rudd said the statement would add motivation to the challenge for government.

"This annual statement will greatly increase the pressure on my Government to make progress on closing the gap," he said. "That is exactly why I am announcing it." - AAP

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# Crime-fighting nan steals limelight

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



PAMELA Pederson is one granny you don't want to mess with. This 64-year-old Aboriginal woman from Eltham, Victoria, chased down two women who had allegedly just robbed a suburban children's clothing store. Did we mention that she's 64 years old?

Mrs Pederson had only just put away the cash she had withdrawn from a teller machine when she heard the cries of a woman yelling 'stop these thieves'.

Instinctively, Mrs Pederson in her sandals, with her 'big handbag' and key card still in her hand gave chase to the two females.

"I saw these two girls running in and out of the cars and so I thought, 'Right, I'm after you'," she said.

"So I start chasing them in and out of the cars, and past the Coles supermarket car park.

"There were people pushing their trolleys, and I was saying stop those girls, and no-one was taking any notice, they were just watching me run through the car park.

"I just kept running after them because I thought, 'you are not getting away'.

"Then one of the girls started to get puffed, then she stopped for a second or so and I said, 'give me back those clothes', then she started running again.

"As we were running down the street I passed a couple of shops and I was yelling 'can someone help me, or call the police?' or something to that effect and then she turned around and punched me in the face.

"Then she tried to go again and then I caught her by



Super granny Pamela Pederson competing in a triathlon. Her athletic prowess held her in good stead when she successfully pursued two clothes thieves.

the back, and down she went. Then I jumped on her and sat on her."

The police eventually arrived and couldn't believe that the 150cm (just four feet 11 inches in the old scale) woman had caught one of the girls.

"I couldn't believe that I did what I did," she said. "I didn't think anything, I just looked at them and they were looking back at me, and the blonde-haired girl kept looking back at me because I think that they really feared that I wasn't going to let up.

"And I wasn't going to let up. I was thinking to myself, they don't know who is chasing them, they haven't got a hope."

If you are wondering how this 64-year-old kept up with the girls, she is an athlete.

Mrs Pederson competes in national swimming titles, triathlons and duathlons, and trains at swimming and running three times a week. She was named the 2005 NAIDOC Sports person of the Year.

Mrs Pederson spoke to the girl she caught and asked her why she had stolen the clothes.

"She said it was because she needed the money, and I asked 'was it because she was a single mum?' she said 'no', and I said 'well get a job'," Mrs Pederson said.

Faced with the same situation again, Mrs Pederson said that she would possibly do the same thing.

"If I see someone who needs help I would always come to their aid if possible, because that is the type of person that I am," she said.

Mrs Pederson told *The Koori Mail* that the shop owners had retrieved all the stolen clothing, worth more than \$700, and as a token of appreciation was going to provide some clothing to the refuge that Mrs Pederson was involved with.

Mrs Pederson said she couldn't believe it caused so much reaction in the community; she has now become a recognised face, with people coming up to her in supermarkets and asking if she was the lady in the paper.



**'If I see someone who needs help I would always come to their aid if possible, because that is the type of person that I am'**

*— Crime-fighting grandmother Pamela Pederson, 64, of Eltham in Victoria*

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# Services fear funding cuts

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL Legal Services across the country say they may be forced to withdraw

some legal representation for Indigenous people facing courts as the Federal Government refuses to say whether it will honour its election pledge to 'strengthen' funding to the sector.

The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in South Australia said last week that it would withdraw such services in regional areas for May and June if more funding was not forthcoming.

The NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service also is considering scaling back services because it says it simply cannot afford to continue with current funding.

The heads of services will meet in Canberra on 22-23 April to discuss mounting a national media campaign against the Rudd Government, and the State governments.

"We will encourage a national withdrawal of services and also discuss lodging a complaints to the United Nations' human rights council," Neil Gillespie, of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in SA, told *The Koori Mail*.



NEIL GILLESPIE

A spokesperson for Bob Debus, the Minister responsible for funding Aboriginal Legal Aid, said the Government was committed to providing high-quality legal services to Aboriginal people, but actual funding to Aboriginal legal aid after years of neglect from the Howard Government.

Mr Gillespie said the Labor Party went to last year's Federal election promising to strengthen funding to Aboriginal legal aid.

Yet despite that promise, and a plea from services earlier this year for an immediate 30 per cent increase in annual funding, bureaucrats from the Attorney General's Department were saying there would be no extra funding, he said.

Mr Gillespie said that unless

an immediate injection of funds was provided to ALRM it would be forced to reduce services throughout regional South Australia, including the APY Lands.

"For the months of May and June the courts in SA will be significantly disrupted as ALRM will not have the resources to send legal staff to the various jurisdictions throughout the State," he said.

"Static funding from the Australian Government to ALRM since 1995 has forced this unfortunate situation. In contrast mainstream legal aid funding has increased over 120 per cent.

Mr Gillespie had been hoping that the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG), which met in Adelaide last week, would see 'common sense and reason and force an agreement not just in SA but nationally, where Aboriginal legal aid receives an immediate injection of funds'.

The SA service had asked the State Government to top up its funding but that request has been declined.

Meanwhile, Trevor Christian, head of the NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service, said funding negotiations were continuing with the Government, but 'they are saying there's no more money'.



# Queensland Stolen Wages outrage



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## Fund sparks legal threat

By KIRSTIE PARKER  
and ALF WILSON

**QLD** ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders are considering legal action against the State Government over its decision to divert more than \$20 million of a reparations offer for stolen wages to Indigenous educational scholarships.

At protest meetings held in Brisbane, Townsville, Ingham, Rockhampton, Normanton and Mapoon last week they declared the Cabinet decision 'disgusting', and 'an insult' which treated claimants 'like children' and amounted to 'another theft' of their hard-earned wages.

They say the plan shirks the Government's responsibility for education, and puts young people who might be in receipt of scholarships in an unfair position.

The issue was further inflamed last week when a north Queensland Federal MP reportedly urged stolen wages campaigners to 'get over' the issue for the sake of Indigenous children.

In 2002, the State Government announced a \$55.4 million Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations (IWSR) Scheme to help address historical injustices suffered by Indigenous Queenslanders through the controls imposed by the



Marchers on their way to the Townsville rally.

successive governments over their wages and savings from the 1890s to the early 1970s.

More than 3200 people who applied for payments under the IWSR Scheme were refused because government records, many of which have been lost or destroyed, did not exist to back their claim.

A total of 5553 people were assessed as eligible, with 4211 receiving \$4000 and 1342 receiving \$2000, leaving about \$35 million.

During consultations by the Government last year, Indigenous community members considered a range of options and expressed an overwhelming preference for the remaining funds to be distributed to claimants.

On 25 March, Premier Anna

Bligh and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr announced that about \$15 million of the remaining IWSR funds would be paid to the past successful claimants (a further \$3000 for those who had received \$4000 initially and a further \$1500 for those who had received \$2000 initially). The payments would be rolled out from next month, with priority given to the old and the sick.

The remaining \$21.2 million would be added to \$10.8 million from the defunct Aborigine Welfare Fund (AWF) to provide about 140 scholarships to Indigenous young people each year under a new Indigenous Queenslanders Foundation, starting by the middle of the year.

The Premier said the scholarships of up to \$20,000 per recipient would allow Indigenous students to seize educational and sporting opportunities that might otherwise be out of their reach.

"I passionately believe that the new scholarship funds present a real opportunity for the youngest generation of Indigenous Queenslanders to break out of disadvantage and seize educational and training opportunities which would otherwise be denied to them," she said.

"We must close the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and that means improving general health, education, employment and housing outcomes, and to tackle the hard issues in the remote communities like alcohol and welfare reform.

"While some older Indigenous Queenslanders may be initially disappointed in the final payments for 'stolen wages', I urge them to support the Foundation to give their children and grand children the opportunity of the best possible education."

Ms Nelson-Carr said the final payments from the IWSR Scheme were an acknowledgement of the wrongs and harms caused by past government policies.

"No amount of money could really compensate those Indigenous Queenslanders who suffered under the 'Protection

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Grace Roma Hegarty travelled from Cherbourg to attend the Brisbane meeting. "I'm sick of my money going from one fund into another. The Government promised us when they came to Cherbourg to give us our money. This offer? Well, they can wipe their behinds with it."



Auntie Ruth Hegarty ... "Once again the Government has treated us like children... We are very, very angry. They may have used and abused us when we were kids, but we will no longer let that happen. Seven thousand dollars is all we are worth after all of the work we have put in, me from 14 years or age and others from 12 years."

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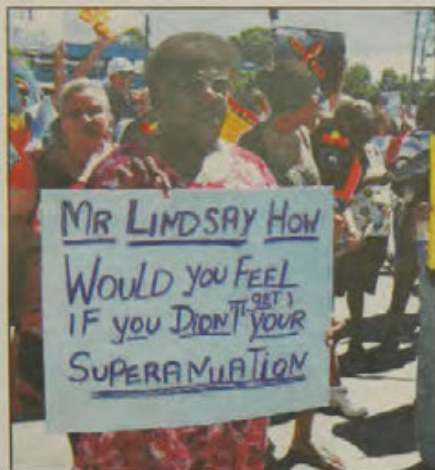
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# Queensland Stolen Wages outrage



Dulcie Isaro made her feelings known at the Townsville rally.



Stolen wages campaigner Elverina Johnson (right), pictured at Yarrabah last week with Elder Alice Yeatman said: "The amount of money they are offering does not even scratch the surface of what is needed. It is just not good enough."



Campaigner Florence Onus makes a point at the Townsville rally.

## We'll sue, Govt told

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Acts," she said. "The Government's focus is on ensuring that Indigenous Queenslanders have the same prospects as all Queenslanders."

Last Monday, 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and supporters attended a meeting at St Teresa's Church, Townsville, where they slammed the Government's decision.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and community members are outraged by the recent Cabinet decision to rip-off those recipients whose stolen wages are still owed to them," said meeting co-ordinator Yvonne Butler.

"We slam the State Government for their continued patronising actions towards our people and we call for immediate action."

The meeting recommended that an injunction be sought on the distribution of the remaining IWSR Scheme funds to stolen wages claimants 'who have the right to make their own decisions on how this money will be spent according to their individual needs', and a class action be mounted against the Queensland Government for full compensation of stolen wages (estimated to total more than \$500 million).

The meeting also called on the Government to identify all mainstream public houses paid for using stolen wages and the AWF, and for the families of deceased claimants to be entitled to claim reparations on behalf of their Elders.

On Friday, more than 300 people marched peacefully on Minister Nelson-Carr's Townsville electorate office.

Many of the protesters carried placards and stickers bearing the words 'Stolen Wages built this State' and chanted that they wanted stolen wages, had lost lives and wanted compensation immediately.

A delegation comprising Gracelyn Smallwood, Yvonne Butler, Dulcie Isaro, Pastor John Anderson, Felicitas Ernest, Carl Wacando met with the Minister and handed her a petition.

Ms Nelson-Carr said after the meeting she understood that elderly Indigenous Queenslanders were still carrying pain over the manner in which they were treated under the 'control legislation' in the past.

However, she said the Cabinet's decision was final.

"The Cabinet decision on this matter has attempted to strike a balance between recognising the wrongs of the past and trying to give young Indigenous Queenslanders opportunities for the future," she said.

On suggestions that stolen wages campaigners may sue over the matter, Ms Nelson-Carr said "I indicated that that was their right and a course open to them in consultation with their legal advisers".



Randall Ross and children Kedar Ross, 2, and Namum Ross, 5, makes his message clear.

Asked whether the Government would provide campaigners with funds to help them test the matter in court, she said the matter was outside her portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Attorney-General.

The Townsville rally also criticised Federal Member for Herbert Peter Lindsay, who told the *Townsville Bulletin* newspaper the day before that Indigenous Elders fighting for stolen wages compensation should focus on 'what you can change, not what you can't change' and 'just get over it'.

"It's time to forget about the past. The past has happened, nobody wanted it to happen but it's happened," Mr Lindsay was reported as saying.

"The community is fed up with the constant claims for money from Indigenous leaders. Their answer to everything is 'just send us money' and nothing ever happens."

"There wouldn't be an Australian taxpayer who wouldn't want to see the problems the Indigenous disadvantaged are facing to be addressed."

Mr Lindsay said stolen wages campaigners had to adopt a strong leadership role 'to realise they're part of the solution'.

Elder Alice Barney wept as she told that a brother of hers had died in custody while in jail many years ago and had been owed wages.

"Peter Lindsay wouldn't give up his own

superannuation which is a lot more than the stolen wages we want which is a pittance," she said.

Gracelyn Smallwood told the rally that Mr Lindsay wouldn't want to abolish Anzac Day because it 'had already happened'.

"Is he saying that we should move on without compensation and forget the past but it isn't the same for every other Australian?" she said.

About 20 people who gathered in Rockhampton on Monday also rejected outright Government decision.

"Many people are still disappointed and feel that they are entitled to a more appropriate compensation - equal to what had been taken from the wages that they had honestly earned through hard and sometimes backbreaking work," the group said in a statement.

They rejected the educational fund, saying education was the Government's responsibility, and said family members of deceased claimants should be able to submit claims on behalf of those deceased relatives.

"This money should be distributed in full to all those previously successful applicants, who through hard work, blood, sweat and tears, rightfully earned it but wrongfully had it taken from them in the first place," they said.

Another rally is expected in Brisbane soon, possibly this week.

Last Monday, however, about 80 mostly elderly people gathered at the Jagera Arts Centre to hear details of the Cabinet decision. Also there were Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett, who said the Government should return all unspent IWSR funds to claimants and their descendants, and representatives of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR).

Grace Roma Hegarty, who successfully claimed \$4000 under the first payment offer, travelled from Cherbourg to the Brisbane meeting. Now aged 60, as a child she worked as a domestic servant or 'slave labour'.

"I came to speak for my money," she told *The Koori Mail*. "I'm disgusted. I have six children and 22 grandchildren and I would rather see them benefit from my money from my hard-earned wages."

"I'm sick of my money going from one fund into another. The Government promised us when they came to Cherbourg to give us our money. This offer? Well, they can wipe their behinds with it."

During the meeting, Auntie Ruth Hegarty reported back on discussions she and other representatives had with Minister Nelson-Carr following the Government announcement.

"The announcement came as a shock, it's not fair at all to any of us," she said.

"Once again the Government has treated us like children... We are very, very angry."

They may have used and abused us when we were kids, but we will no longer let that happen.

"Seven thousand dollars is all we are worth after all of the work we have put in, me from 14 years or age and others from 12 years."

"All we wanted was to have some closure on this whole thing... That money belongs to Aboriginal people directly, it is our endowments, our wages."

Auntie Ruth said she'd be disgusted with any Indigenous person who agreed to sit on the Indigenous Queenslanders Foundation. She urged young people to reject the money offered by the new body through scholarships.

"We want our young people to stand up with placards saying 'Don't give us our old people's money'," she said.

Alex Davison told the meeting the Government was 'doing an about face, they're trying to do us out of the rest of this money'.

"We are Elders, we are leaders in the community. We don't need to be treated like this," he said.

Reverend Alex Gater told the meeting that 70 first-round claimants had died since receiving their payments.

"We are not going to take this. We have to go national and international and make the biggest noise," she said. "That's our money. It does not belong to (Premier) Anna Bligh or (former Premier) Peter Beattie. No more talk, we need action."

Before the Brisbane meeting, ANTaR Queensland President Monique Bond said the Government's decision was 'mean spirited, insulting and racially discriminatory'.

"Incredibly, the Government is repeating the same mistake that led to the scandal of stolen wages in the first place - creating a trust fund because it doesn't believe that Indigenous workers are capable of managing their own money," Ms Bond said.

"We need to remember that the money in dispute is not taxpayers' funds but the wages earned by Indigenous workers and never paid to them because of government negligence and fraud."

"No other group of Queenslanders would be treated in such a heartless way by a Government that claims to stand up for the rights of working people."

The Brisbane meeting resolved to seek an injunction against AWF money being rolled into the educational foundation; to write to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin; to explore avenues of support under the United Nations; to hold a state or national forum on the issue; and to organise demonstrations and protests, also mobilising non-Indigenous support.

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# Elder's death brings action



WA Corrective Services Minister Margaret Quirk

## Measures are designed to ensure safety of prisoners

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE WA Government has announced a raft of measures designed to ensure the safety of prisoners, following an internal Corrective Services review of prisoner transport

regulations. The Government says all of the 18 measures, which include more frequent checks on prisoner welfare, 'fit to travel' provisions, replacement of some transport vehicles and installation of vehicle air-conditioning across the board, are already implemented or will be in place by 31 May.

WA Corrective Services Minister Margaret Quirk announced the review in January after Warburton Elder Ian Ward collapsed in the back of a prison van in heatwave conditions while being transported between Laverton and Kalgoorlie.

Mr Ward was taken to Kalgoorlie hospital but died soon after being admitted.

Witnesses claim that the back of the van was like an 'oven' and that there was no air-conditioning in the vehicle.

Prisoner transport in Western Australia is carried out by British-owned private

security company GSL under contract to the WA Government.

Ms Quirk said the review contained 18 recommendations, all of which were in the process of being implemented with varying deadlines, including a requirement by prisoner transport officers to log all observations and occurrences every 15 minutes.

Prisoner transfer journeys of two hours or more will also require the prisoner to be supplied with at least 1.5 litres of water before departure and that welfare checks be undertaken every two hours.

Ms Quirk said the most contentious issue was health checks of prisoners before transportation, and 'fit to travel' provisions were being studied in other States 'to develop best practise in the acceptance of prisoners in custody from police lock-ups'.

At present only Victoria and South Australia undertake physical assessment

a prisoner that they're in a fit state to travel, and frankly until that issue is resolved GSL has some discretion if there are any doubts at all, not to pick up a prisoner."

Ms Quirk said there were some basic checks that police officers could undertake to ensure that a prisoner was in a reasonable condition to be transported.

"Let's face it, police officers for years before we had blood alcohol machines were making assessments about people's sobriety," she said.

"So I think that they are able to make some basic observations about people's motor skills and other physical signs which will be indicators of whether someone is fit to travel."

The Aboriginal Legal Service in WA (ALSWA) and the WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) had both called for the replacement of the current GSL fleet, especially for prisoner

"There is no point in replacing them with the existing type of vehicle if, for example, the ALS and other people think another kind of vehicle is more appropriate."

"So this has been an opportunity for us to look at the kinds of vehicles we're using before we go to the expense of replacing some of the vehicles that are currently scheduled to be replaced."

DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse said he was writing a formal response to the WA Government on the review and the new regulations, and would be insisting that prisoners be given formal medical clearance before transportation, particularly for long journeys.

"Surely and obviously, to do a medical assessment of someone, that should necessarily involve a medical practitioner," Mr Newhouse said.

"Currently the system is that a 16-point self-assessment check is done, which is entirely unacceptable, particularly when

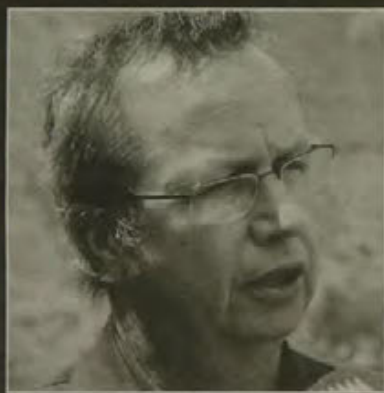
it's done by a non-medical person, and particularly given that in regional areas the vast majority of people who are transported are Aboriginal people."

Mr Newhouse said that in remote regions, prisoner transport should not involve road vehicles at all, a position taken in a review of prisoner transport by the WA Inspectorate of Custodial Services earlier this year.

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**'Our view, and the Watch Committee's position, is that we support the Inspectorate's recommendation that in remote areas where there's long distances involved and harsh conditions that air transport must be used, and large-style vehicles that can transport prisoners humanely'**

**— WA DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse**



of prisoners to be transported, and Ms Quirk said she was still negotiating that issue with the WA Police Service, which had objected to officers being required to act as medical supervisors.

"We are looking at the health checks in other jurisdictions, and I'm confident we can work through it with police, but I believe that the current system is not robust enough," Ms Quirk said.

"GSL need to know when they pick up

transport in remote regions.

Ms Quirk said the WA Government was considering the replacement of at least some of the 40-vehicle fleet, and ALSWA officers were travelling with Corrective Services officials in other States to look at the type of vehicles being used.

"We have a schedule to replace them, and this trip where they're going to the eastern States is about looking at the vehicles we're currently using," she said.

we support the Inspectorate's recommendation that in remote areas where there's long distances involved and harsh conditions that air transport must be used, and large-style vehicles that can transport prisoners humanely," he said.

Other provisions in the new regulations included air-conditioning to be fitted to all vehicles and proper temperature gauges and monitoring systems be in place by 31 May.

# Coloured Diggers march on Anzac Day



THE second Coloured Diggers march will be held in Sydney's inner-city suburb of Redfern on Anzac Day 2008.

The 25 April event recognises the service by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander war veterans and the treatment they received upon their return to Australia.

It will start at The Block and conclude with a service at the inner city suburb's St Saviour's Church.

Last year's inaugural Coloured Diggers march caused some controversy. RSL national president Bill

Crews called the march 'alternative', and said he would prefer that Indigenous war veterans took part in the main Anzac parade in Sydney.

"It's unfortunate they don't feel they will get the attention they need at those services," Mr Crews told Fairfax.

People intending to take part in the Coloured Diggers march should assemble at The Block at 1pm for a 1.15pm start. The service will start at 1.45pm and is scheduled to finish at 3.45pm, followed by afternoon tea in St Saviour's Church Hall from 4.30.

Transport available for those unable to march but



Flashback to Anzac Day 2007 and the first Coloured Diggers march in Redfern.

wanting to travel with the marchers. For any general inquiries about the march and service, contact Harry

Allie on (02) 8255 7614  
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will also be held after the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

The Indigenous ceremony will be held at the Aboriginal Memorial plaque on the side of Mount Ainslie from 6.30. The ceremony is conducted to remember those Indigenous Australians who have served in the Australian Forces since 1901, and is hosted by members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association, an Indigenous Veterans Advocacy group. It is open to all.

For further information contact Gary Oakley

on (02) 6243 4532.

The broader National Anzac Day Ceremony at the War Memorial begins at 10.15am.

An RAAF aircraft will fly over at the end of the ceremony, from which time the Memorial will be open until 5pm.

People are invited to lay a single poppy at the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier at the completion of the ceremony.

Anzac Day 2008 is the 93rd anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. The Gallipoli campaign resulted in the deaths of thousands of Australians and in the creation of an enduring 'Anzac legend'.



# Indigenous list named for

## Who'll be there

Listed below are the people named to take part in the 2020 summit's 'Options for the future of Indigenous Australia' session.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1. Mr Wayne Bergman
2. Mr Mark Bin Bakar
3. Ms Julie Cobb
4. Ms Adele Helena Cox
5. Mr Patrick Dodson
6. Ms Kate George
7. Mr Bill Hart
8. Associate Professor Colleen Patricia Hayward
9. Mrs Dot Henry
10. Dr Christine Jeffries-Stokes
11. Ms Shirley McPherson
12. Professor Fiona Juliet Stanley
13. Mr Barry Taylor
14. Mr Ian Richard Trust
15. Mr Peter Yu

### VICTORIA

16. Ms Carolyn Allport
17. Professor Ian Anderson
18. Ms Muriel Bamblett
19. Professor Wendy Brabham
20. Father Frank Brennan
21. Mr Paul Anthony Briggs
22. Ms Janina Gawler
23. Ms Karen Michelle Milward
24. The Honourable Alastair Nicholson
25. Mr Bruce Pascoe
26. Ms Georgia Symmons
27. Ms Darcel Russell

### TASMANIA

28. Mr Rodney Scott Dillon

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

29. Mr Alfred Parry Agius
30. Dr Veronica Arbon
31. Ms Susan Pamela Boucher
32. Professor Peter Buckskin
33. Ms Alison Carroll
34. Ms Renee Kay Coffey
35. Ms Anne Murren Dunn
36. Ms Eugene Elizabeth Hooi Lee (Eugenia) Flynn
37. Ms Tanya Louise Hosch
38. Commissioner Klynton Wanganen

### QUEENSLAND

39. Mr Graham Hamilton Dillon
40. Ms Mary Graham
41. Mr Stephen Hagan
42. Ms Sana Nakata
43. Dr Rae Norris
44. Mr Noel Pearson
45. Mayor Napau Pedro Stephen
46. Dr Mark Wenitong
47. Ms Tammy Williams

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

48. Mr Neil Michael Willmet
49. Mr Damien Djerrkura
50. Ms Jeannie Nugeryai Egan
51. Professor Edward Shane Houston
52. Associate Professor Teresa Sue Lea
53. Ms Makinti Rosalind Minutjukur
54. Ms Yananyimul Mununggurr
55. Dr Marika Raymattja
56. Mr Thomas Jangala Rice
57. Mr David Ross
58. Ms Patricia Ann Turner
59. Mr Wali Wunungmurra

### NEW SOUTH WALES

60. Dr Mick Adams
61. Mrs Leah Marie Armstrong
62. Ms Megan Jane Davis
63. Ms Marcia Ella Duncan
64. Mr Darryl Gardiner
65. Mr Daniel Thomas Gilbert
66. Mr Gary John Highland
67. Ms Terri Janke
68. Dr Marlene Kong
69. Mr Danny Lester
70. Dr Sarah Maddison
71. Mr Jeff McMullen
72. Mr Bill Moss
73. Professor Nicholas Martin Nakata
74. Ms Kirstie Parker
75. Ms Hetti Perkins
76. Ms Susan Pinckham
77. Mr Tyson Yunkaporta

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

78. Professor Jon Altman
79. Ms Brenda Louise Croft
80. Ms Caroline Edwards
81. Mrs Christine Fejo-King
82. Mrs Matilda House
83. Mr Steven Raymond Larkin
84. Ms Barbara Mary Livesey
85. Professor Ann Margaret McGrath
86. Mr Romlie Mokak
87. Ms Bronwyn Nimmo

### GENERAL

88. Mrs Nicolas Margaret Forrest
89. Dr Richard Hazelwood
90. Mr Vince Mundraby
91. Mr Shane Phillips

# They'll be looking to our future



FOR most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people most of the time, few roads lead to Canberra. Next week, though, about

100 Indigenous Australians will make their way to the national capital to be part of the Rudd Government's Australia 2020 Summit.

They're amongst 1000 leading Australians selected to attend the two-day summit on 19-20 April, which is designed to capture ideas and critical thinking that will help meet the challenges of and shape Australia's future.

The summit will see Indigenous Australians consulted in a way virtually unheard of since the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) in 2005.

Most of the Indigenous participants – including health workers, teachers, Elders, lawyers, traditional owners, policy-makers, artists, young people, Stolen Generations members and reconciliation advocates – will join the 'Options for the future of Indigenous Australia' session, to be co-chaired by historian and former Reconciliation Australia co-chair Jackie Huggins.

The Indigenous session, one of ten key sessions of the summit, will debate and develop ways to forge a new partnership between black and white Australia, promote economic development in remote Australia and Indigenous economic independence, improve access to mainstream programs by Indigenous Australians, and promote and preserve Indigenous culture, languages and traditions. And it will examine the role of the Northern Territory intervention and Cape York welfare reforms.

The agenda hasn't pleased everyone, with one prominent advocate, Les Malezer, warning any Indigenous person considering accepting a place at the summit to 'think seriously about their participation and goals, given the intent of the Government of Australia'.

He said last month that the summit would prejudice the rights of Indigenous peoples because the agenda set out limited options and no opportunity for Indigenous self-determination.



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The full list of participants in the Indigenous session, including a number of non-Indigenous people, is shown on this page. However, we'll also be represented in other specialist topics. For example:

● Pat Anderson (NT), Dr Ngilare J Brown (NT) and Mick Gooda (NT) in the session on 'A long-term national health strategy'

● Warren Mundine in the session on Australia's future security and prosperity in a rapidly changing region

● Joe Morrison (NT) and Joe Ross (WA) in the session on 'Population, sustainability, climate change and water'

● Galarrwuy Yunupingu in the

'Strengthening communities, supporting families and social inclusion' session

● Professor Jeannie Herbert (NT), William (Sam) Jeffries (NSW), Professor Marcia Langton (Vic), Tanya Major (NSW), Dr Chris Sarra (Qld) and Mandawuy Yunupingu in the session on 'Productivity Agenda' (education, skills, training, science and innovation) session

● Professor Larissa Behrendt (NSW), Wesley Enoch, Margo Neale (ACT), Stephen Page (NSW), Rachel Perkins (NSW) and Ivan Sen in the 'Towards a creative Australia' session.

Chair of the Summit Steering Committee Professor Glyn Davis said the participants, chosen from more than 8000 applications, were very representative of the Australian population, with every State and Territory and a wide range of professions represented. Fifty-one per cent of those named as participants were women.

"The Australia 2020 Summit will harness the best ideas across the nation, in a forum for free and open public discussion in which there are no wrong answers," he said.

South Australian participant and Co-Chairperson of the SA Reconciliation Committee Professor Peter Buckskin said he believed the Summit would provide a great opportunity.

"With high-calibre Indigenous delegates throughout all areas of discussion, the Summit is well-placed to listen to strong, diverse Indigenous voices," he said.

Indigenous current affairs program *Living Black* will be presented from Canberra on Wednesday 23 April to reflect the significance of the summit. Host Karla Grant will interview Jackie Huggins about the Indigenous session's outcomes.

Summit participants have been invited in their own right rather than as institutional representatives from any particular organisation.

Individuals, schools, groups, and organisations were also invited to contribute written submissions focusing on one of the ten identified areas to the Australia 2020 Summit. The closing date for such submissions is today.



# 2020 summit

'... we should honour and revere people like Bennelong in NSW and Yagan and Jandamarra in WA and the list goes on right through to Charlie Perkins of the modern era, and the late Rob Riley'

— Summit delegate Mark Bin Bakar



## Big names spell out their goals

By KEN BOASE in Perth

THE current West Australian of the Year and a former Australian of the Year will address the Indigenous forum at this month's 2020 Summit in Canberra and say they'll make some strong recommendations around Stolen Generations and national history issues.

Kimberley Stolen Generation Corporation Chairman Mark Bin Bakar, the current West Australian of the Year, and former Australian of the Year Dr Fiona Stanley are amongst 78 people from WA invited to attend the summit on 19-20 April.

Mr Bin Bakar said he would argue that the true history of the colonisation of Australia should be told in full in schools and other forums across the country, and it was time that Australians in general overcame their 'cultural cringe' about the truth of what happened during European settlement.

"As a nation we should be acknowledging and owning it and teaching our kids about the atrocities that happened in the name of progress and colonisation of this country," he said.

"I'm talking, of course, about the massacres and we all know about the Stolen Generation scenarios and poisoning of waters and the hunting of Aboriginal people, and Australia has to have a sense of ownership of the wrong-doing that was imposed on Aboriginal people."

Mr Bin Bakar said that Australians should be proud of



FIONA STANLEY

the Aboriginal warriors who stood up and died fighting against British settlement, and they should be honoured in the same way that Australians honour their war dead.

"We so strongly retain, and rightly so and we must continue to do so, the sacrifice of our men and women who fought in the wars, but we fail to recognise the sacrifice of the Aboriginal people," he said.

"The whole essence of who we are as a nation is determined by our history, and we've got to be able to move forward and acknowledge that we're dealing with important people who stood up culturally, appropriately, who fought for the rights of our people and the recognition of our people."

"And that means that we should honour and revere people like Bennelong in NSW and Yagan and Jandamarra in WA and the list goes on right through to Charlie Perkins of the modern era, and the late Rob Riley."

Dr Stanley, who heads the Institute for Child Health

Research in Perth, said she would recommend that the Federal Government look seriously at setting up an Aboriginal Healing Foundation (AHF) for the Stolen Generations, based on the Canadian model.

"Some of its activities I think are really worth looking at from the point of view of a post-sorry or a post-apology set of strategies," she said.

"They give grants out to communities for a whole host of things, everything from healing, cultural healing and making more people aware of the power of Aboriginal culture."

"It can also be an avenue for spiritual renewal, alcohol rehabilitation, all of those sorts of things, and some of them have been very powerful."

"So I think we should look at it, so that's one thing I'll be recommending."

Dr Stanley said compensation for the Stolen Generations should be treated as a separate issue to the foundation, again copying the Canadian model, which awarded \$1.9-billion in compensation as well as setting up the \$350-million foundation.

"The AHF in Canada did a study of compensation, and they found that compensation was lacking and it lacked really what a lot of Aboriginal people felt they needed," she said.

"So it might not be that compensation alone is what is required, and it may well be that there are many other things that following the forcible removal of people from land and family, that there are other things that are required for that healing."

## 'Ban it for another 20 years'

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



ALCOHOL restrictions in the Kimberley town of Fitzroy Crossing should be extended by 20 years, according to one Fitzroy leader, and the WA Government is pushing

for an extension of at least three years after a university report found that it had dramatically positive results in the town.

The ban on the sale of full-strength alcohol from the takeaway outlet of the Crossing Inn came into force in October last year after local leaders and Elders appealed to the Government for action over a coronial inquest into alcohol and drug-related deaths in the Fitzroy Valley.

The Liquor Licensing Commission is due to hand down its findings on the six-month restriction next month and has given the licensees of the Crossing Inn and the Fitzroy River Lodge an extra month to lodge their submissions.

Notre Dame University was commissioned by the WA Government to investigate what effect the restrictions have had on the local community and what impact it has had on other towns in the region, especially Derby, Halls Creek and Broome.

The report found that there had been a 28 per cent reduction in domestic violence in the period October 2007 to February 2008 compared with the same period a year previously, and a 48 per cent reduction in alcohol-related hospital admissions.

Admissions to sobering-up shelters in nearby towns showed that there had been no impact in Derby or Halls Creek, but during December and January 62 Fitzroy residents had presented at the Broome shelter, representing 16 per cent of total beds available.

The report also found that there had not been any significant increase in hospital admissions in nearby towns, and there was also a 14.4 per cent

## Kimberley leader's grog call

increase in school attendance in Fitzroy.

Overall, alcohol sales at the Crossing Inn had reduced by 77 per cent although bar sales at the Crossing Inn and the Fitzroy River Lodge had increased about 45 per cent over the same period.

Claims that the alcohol ban would adversely affect the local supermarket because of a mass exodus of local residents was not supported by statistics, which showed only a .35 per cent decrease in sales in the period October to December.

The Managing Partner of the Crossing Inn, Wayne Bowen, claimed that the alcohol ban had resulted in a rise in crime not directly related to the restrictions.

"The way many of the incidents are being reported in hospitals or to the police since the

moratorium went in place has changed," he said.

"There are many more incidences being reported to the police in other areas such as juvenile crime, break-ins, people looking for alcohol, and they have gone up significantly since the moratorium went into place."

A local police officer said that was not the case and that there had been a significant decrease in overall crime since the ban was put in place.

Fitzroy Valley and Bunuba leader Joe Ross said there was always a spike in juvenile crime during non-school periods, which was reflected throughout society in general in WA.

"We do as a matter of course each

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JOE ROSS

## Our Place, Our Future funding initiative



The Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation has funds available for rural and remote communities to build and strengthen their capacity to shape their community's future. This includes enhancing community strengths such as leadership, networks, organisation, infrastructure and relationships within communities and with other areas.

The funding is offered regularly for communities located within the Blueprint for the Bush target area.

For further information, please contact your local Rural Communities Officer.

Information packages including the contact details of Rural Communities Officers are available from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation website at [www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au](http://www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au) or by telephoning 1800 136 851.

Funding submissions must be lodged with the department by 4 pm on the following dates for the 2008 funding rounds: 2 June, 1 September and 24 November 2008.



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# Miner backs down over name change

By DARREN COYNE



A MAJOR Australian mining company appears set to change its name following an ongoing battle with an Indigenous family. Maria Malay, on behalf of her family, has been locked in a dispute with Sally Malay Mining Ltd, which operates a nickel mine in the Halls Creek region of the Kimberley, and has nickel interests in other regions of Australia.

The company is believed to be the third largest nickel producer in Australia, with a market capitalisation understood to be nudging \$1 billion.

The name of the mine is the same as Maria Malay's late father, Sally Malay, a leading cattle stockman who worked on stations in the same area, and who, according to family members, was born within 12km of the site of the present mine. He died in 1989 in Halls Creek.

Ms Malay told *The Koori Mail* that her family had never been consulted when the company first chose the name, and had gained no benefits from the mine. She said the issue came to the fore some years ago when family members saw the name of their late father at the entrance to the miner's nickel operations near Halls Creek.

Following pressure, the company changed the name of its Kimberley operations to 'Kimberley Nickel Mine'.

"This had been our first knowledge of the use of our late father's name, and we assumed that the name change had also been carried out across its entire operations," Ms Malay said.

However, this was not the case.

She said the family soon learned that the name was still being used at the company's offices in Perth, through the Press, on television and on the stock exchange.

Despite several meetings between the company and Ms



MARIA MALAY

Malay, as late as 21 February, the company had indicated that it had no intention of changing its name, despite hearing from the family that it was culturally inappropriate.

"My late father's name has been used for blatant commercial advantage, and one that provides no benefits to our family," Ms Malay said.

"Never has my family been approached by the company with offers of employment. Never have we been asked to join with the company in honouring our late father's name, in spite of offers from us to do so.

"There is a widespread belief amongst many Indigenous people that in some way our family has been profiting from the use of the name, which is untrue."

Ms Malay said her family had been left out of negotiations between the company and the Kimberley Land Council which had led to 'deeds of co-existence' with other families.

In a release on 13 March, Sally Malay Mining Managing Director Peter Harold maintained that the company and employers were 'very sensitive to Aboriginal indigenous culture', and admitted 'we have been unable to achieve a mutually agreeable position'.

Mr Harold said the company had received requests for a 'financial arrangement as a solution' and had offered to 'assist the Malay family in making an application for funding under the procedures available within the existing Deeds of Co-Existence'.

He said other requests on the company 'include demands that could not be decided on quickly due to many corporate, cultural and operational considerations, however we intend to maintain an on-going dialogue on these matters'.

Ms Malay denied simply asking for money. She wanted employment opportunities for her large family, just compensation, and a share in the mine – and says everything was under negotiation.

However, five days after publicly stating an intention to 'maintain ongoing dialogue on these matters', the Board of Sally Malay Mining bowed to a demand by Ms Malay to 'do the decent thing and scrap the use of the name'.

In a letter to Ms Malay's consultant, Jerome Frewon of Desert Management Pty Ltd, Mr Harold confirmed that a new name would be chosen.

"Please advise Maria Malay that at a board meeting of the company held on 18 March it was resolved, subject to shareholder approval, to change the company name," he wrote.

"We are planning to put the new name to shareholders for approval at a general meeting of shareholders tentatively scheduled for June 2008.

"At the same time we will also be changing the Sally Malay Project name and the name of the building in Perth."

*The Koori Mail* was told last Friday that Mr Harold was unavailable for comment, and that there would be no further comment on the matter.

Ms Malay said, however, that the fight was not over. She said even if shareholders agreed to the name change, her family would be seeking compensation through the courts.

"The decision to change the name of the company may resolve the matter after June of this year. But it does not wash away the hurt, suffering and distress that my family has had to endure for the past eight years," she said.

# Martu people set to mine a rich reward



THE Martu people of the Eastern Kimberley/Western Desert region have negotiated a potentially lucrative equity stake in an

exploration company in return for allowing the mining of potash in the Lake Disappointment region.

It is believed to be the first time stock options have been included in a native title agreement.

The Martu's agreement with Perth-based Reward Minerals Ltd, announced last week, gives them an equity stake of more than 10 per cent of the company, delivering not just royalty payments from the project but ownership and involvement.

The deal is believed to encompass \$3.5 million worth of options and additional cash payments based on project milestones. It paves the way for a comprehensive mining agreement, allowing Reward full access to test and ultimately develop their potash development.

Potash is one of three primary nutrients for plants. It has no substitute as a plant nutrient and is used primarily as an agricultural fertiliser.

Australia currently imports 100 per cent of its potash needs.

Indigenous Energy Pty Ltd (IndiEnergy), an exclusive commercial adviser for the Martu people, said that the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC) had agreed to terms with Reward Minerals Ltd.

The WDLAC is the prescribed body corporate holding on trust the determined native title rights and interests of the Martu people, the traditional owners of the land upon which Lake Disappointment is located.

IndiEnergy said the Martu people fully supported Reward Managing Director Michael Ruane in his endeavours to accelerate the project to reach its full potential in a timely fashion.

"These excellent commercial terms were recently accepted at a full community meeting after lengthy negotiations over an eight-month period," said IndiEnergy Principal Joe Proctor.

Mr Proctor is an Aboriginal investment banker and was formerly a member of the Howard

Government's National Indigenous Council. "We believe the presence of a generous Indigenous equity component as part of the transaction is the way of the future in mining negotiations," he said.

"Reward has offered equity in a bid to align the future interests of both parties – an innovative strategy which also acknowledges the strength of Martu rights."

"This outcome clearly demonstrates that progressive companies like Reward are respectful of the Martu's rights and that Reward also appreciates the Martu's ability to act in a professional and commercial manner."

WDLAC Chairman Teddy Biljabu, community leader Brian Samson and WDLAC Chief Executive Clinton Wolf issued a joint statement:

"We fought long and hard to secure the Martu's native title rights and now reap the benefits of standing united," they said.

## Proud group

"The Martu are a proud group of traditional desert people who possess significant native title rights. We expect honesty and fair value in exchange for our co-operation, along with an underlying assumption of equity in any project on our land."

"By signing the term sheet with Reward, we have clearly demonstrated that we will support companies who respect us as the rightful owners, who offer fair value and who act in a transparent, professional and commercial fashion."

"This agreement signals the end of us being treated like we are speed bumps in our own country."

"We are pleased and excited to be moving forward with Reward on this project and will do everything in our power as true business partners to accelerate project development."

The WDLAC holds native title rights and interests, including the right to exclusive use, occupation and possession of the determination area, which brings with it a right to control access to and within that land. These rights and interests further include the right to control access of 136,000 square kilometres of land within the Central Western Desert region.

# Ban the grog another 20 years – leader

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year in the school holidays have a bit of a spike in burglaries with young children that are not being engaged," he said. "That always happens over the Christmas period."

Mr Bowen said he would support the restrictions continuing only if it was also applied to other towns in the region and if there was a limited lifting of the restrictions on a weekly basis of several hours to allow local residents to 'stock up' on their liquor supplies.

Mr Bowen said it was unfair to target only Fitzroy Crossing and it should apply to other towns, including Broome.

"The difference though is that there is a

significant non-Indigenous population in Broome, and therefore a lot more people to upset than there is in Fitzroy," he said.

"So Fitzroy and Halls Creek and the other small remote towns are an easy target and they provide an opportunity for the Government to be seen to be doing something without actually doing something that they are saying is the right solution."

Mr Ross agreed that some restrictions should be applied to other towns, but favoured a wider discussion on the impact of alcohol on Indigenous communities throughout the Kimberleys.

"This model applies to Fitzroy Crossing and it's successful here, and there might be

variations on this model that could apply to Broome, Derby or any other town and it could come from a minimal restriction right through to the restrictions that we have on takeaway sales."

Mr Ross said the lifestyles of community members in the Fitzroy Valley's 3500 residents had improved dramatically since the alcohol restrictions were put in place.

"Oh it's fantastic. Elders are being able to sleep at night without being humbugged," he said. "Families are supporting their young children going to school, people are now going out and having a much more healthy social life, in that they're going out fishing and hunting and just living life as it should be and

it should not be engulfed by alcohol."

While WA Attorney General Jim McGinty welcomed the Notre Dame report and supported an extension of the ban for at least three years to allow the restrictions to gain wider acceptance, Mr Ross said it should be implemented indefinitely.

"I think it should be a minimum of 20 years to give us a chance to turn around the generational impact that it's had on our community, and it's going to take that long to bring our community up to healthy normal standards that every other Australian citizen enjoys," he said. "And if we should go back to the old system with the takeaway sales then someone's got to justify that."



# Fears for girls in NT mining town

## Elders say it's time to name and shame

**NT** TRADING young Aboriginal girls for sex has been happening for at least 15 years in a Northern Territory mining town, one of Australia's most powerful Aboriginal leaders says.

Galarwuy Yunupingu said the sex trade had been operating for the past 15 years in Nhulunbuy, and at least 12 girls were currently engaged in it.

"Everybody here knows what has been going on, and the time has come for us to put an end to this once and for all," he said.

"It has been let go for a while and it should be about time that somebody in authority comes and stamps it out."

Mr Yunupingu told *The Australian* newspaper that, in response to senior Yolngu women raising the topic in front of more than 100 people at the annual general meeting of the Gumatj Association, he had "immediately arranged for the girls to have the safety and security to tell their story and for the appropriate authorities to be advised".

It's understood Elders have asked police to investigate a group of non-Indigenous men in the town who they say have been abusing the girls for years. Police have been provided with the names of the alleged offenders.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson later conceded that police had known about the shocking allegations for "a significant period of time".

Despite this, and the intervention to combat child sexual abuse announced in June last year, there had been no arrests over claims of child prostitution at Nhulunbuy,

650km east of Darwin.

Non-Aboriginal people working there are believed to be exchanging cash, drugs, taxi rides and alcohol for sex with teenagers, some as young as 13.

Reports indicate that one girl was paid \$500 to have sex with a white ex-miner.

Mr Henderson defended the NT police, saying they could not respond to a general allegation of just "everybody knows".

"Police have, over a significant period of time, heard of these allegations but it's been very hard to provide specific evidence to get people before the courts," he said.

NT Acting Assistant Police Commissioner Colleen Gwynne said officers had only recently become aware of the allegations aired nationally. But claims of a similar nature had been known for several months.

### Task force

Following the media reports, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced a child abuse task force was being sent to the Arnhem Land town.

Australia's most senior Aboriginal politician, NT Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour, denied the allegations reflected badly on the Federal intervention.

"We are lifting the lid finally on child abuse in remote Aboriginal communities," she said.

Leon White, a former school principal at the Arnhem Land community of Yirrkala, said there had been "allegations (of child prostitution) for decades".

"It is good news that police are going to conduct an investigation into this," he said.

"There has been a conspiracy of silence." — AAP



Elders are speaking out against a sex trade involving teenage girls and white men associated with the mining industry in Nhulunbuy, in Arnhem Land.

## Improving health 'the key'

By DARREN COYNE

**A**N Aboriginal Health service in Arnhem Land is calling for the Commonwealth Government to urgently develop adequate primary health-care services to combat child sexual abuse and prostitution.

The community-controlled Miwatj Health in Nhulunbuy also said that an almost doubling in the mining workforce in the past four years had placed further stress on the community, and brought in thousands of single men.

Miwatj Health CEO Eddie Mulholland told *The Koori Mail* that the service's board had chosen to speak out following revelations last week that children were prostituting themselves to non-Indigenous mining staff in exchange for alcohol, drugs and money.

Mr Mulholland said Elders from the region had a long

history of opposing the takeover of their land and communities, as well as the introduction of alcohol and other drugs.

"Galarwuy Yunupingu's father was one of the leaders who opposed the takeover of their land decades ago by the Commonwealth Government and a mining company. Now we see the results that takeover in the form of poor social, emotional and health outcomes for both Aboriginal children and adults," Mr Mulholland said.

"In an area of low socio-economic background you can expect incidents of sexual abuse. It happens in all societies. You'll find white kids in Kings Cross doing the same thing."

"Child abuse happens in both black and white communities all around Australia. What makes the situation different in this region

is that Aboriginal people have been denied the opportunity to be in charge of their own lives.

"We're almost at the end of community control here. The old ATSIC has been disbanded and there's little opportunity to voice concerns."

"That's why we're saying, through organisations like us, that if we are adequately funded and supported, people will win back their lives."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the revelations at Nhulunbuy confirmed what the *Little Children are Sacred* report said — that non-Indigenous people were often responsible for abuse.

Mr Calma said the previous Coalition Government had been very quick to target and vilify Aboriginal people as the abusers, when the report indicated that abuse was often at the hands of white men.

## Yunupingu calls for dormitories in remote areas



Former Australian of the Year Galarwuy Yunupingu



**NT** NORTHERN Territory Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour has cautiously backed plans for child dormitories, but cautioned against 'returning to the days of the past'.

Her comments followed calls by former Australian of the Year Galarwuy Yunupingu for government authorities to urgently build boarding accommodation in remote Aboriginal communities.

He said the system would ensure children were fed, clothed, bathed and attended school.

"The missionary days were good. The missionaries looked after the kids much better than the government does today," Mr Yunupingu said.

The prominent Aboriginal leader's

stance was greeted with scepticism by some who felt parents should be taught to take responsibility for their own children.

Ms Scrymgour said, however, that he was not suggesting a return to a missionary-style education dominated by religion.

"It's not about going back to the past, but looking at what worked in the past and let's try and put it into the future," she said.

Barbara Shaw, from Tangentyere Town Council in Alice Springs, said removing children from their parents would be 'going backwards' and she was surprised such a proposal would surface so soon after the apology to the Stolen Generation.

"This is talking about taking the kids, moving them out of their home environment and away from their families," said Ms Shaw, who is also a member of the Intervention Rollback Working Group.



Marion Scrymgour

"I support helping the mothers become more responsible ... not chucking the kids into homes again." — AAP



# NT action lacks legitimacy – report

# Intervention

# cops a blast



Minister Jenny Macklin ... 'We will consider the report'.

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government says it will consider a report by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner recommending substantial changes to the Northern Territory emergency intervention.

In his fourth annual Social Justice Report, Commissioner Tom Calma says the legislation underpinning the controversial intervention should be substantially amended to maximise protection of children from abuse while respecting the human rights of Indigenous people and treating them with dignity.

The intervention was developed and rolled out of the former Howard Government in response to the *Little Children are Sacred* report, with the then-Labor Opposition's support.

The Rudd Government scrapped the intervention's planned abolition of the permit system for Aboriginal land but is hanging on to most other measures until they've been in place for 12 months.

One of the most contentious aspects of the intervention has been the half quarantining of all welfare payments in prescribed communities. The measure is designed to ensure income is spent on essential items but also affects pensioners as well as people managing their money well and sending their children to school.

The Social Justice Commissioner's report, produced annually by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, considers the impact of government activity on the exercise and enjoyment of Indigenous people's human rights.

Officially launched in Sydney last Monday, the 2007 report supports the intentions of the intervention but not its methods.

"In putting forth this plan, I note that the new Federal Government has emphasised the importance of ensuring that the NT intervention is consistent with Australia's human rights obligations," Mr Calma said.

"But the fact is, as long as the Northern Territory intervention allows the conduct of racially discriminatory actions it will lack legitimacy among Aboriginal people and communities as well as the broader Australian society."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the report highlighted the need for measures to protect children against violence and sexual abuse.

"The shocking levels of child sexual abuse in the *Little Children are Sacred* report compelled urgent and sustained action to protect children in remote Northern Territory communities," she said.

"We need to help protect children from alcohol- and drug-fuelled violence where they are at risk of abuse."

Ms Macklin reconfirmed the Government's commitment to conduct an 'independent and transparent' review of the intervention in the second half of this year. And she said the findings in the Social



Justice Commissioner's report would be considered as part of that.

Mr Calma said the involvement and input of Aboriginal people from the communities affected by the intervention would be fundamental to the success of the review.

Specific concerns identified in his report include:

- Consistency of the income management regime with the rights to social security, privacy and non-discrimination
- The consistency of the alcohol management regime with the right of non-discrimination
- The absence of effective participation of Indigenous peoples in decision-making that affects them.

Mr Calma's report includes a ten-point action plan that says Parliament should immediately repeal all aspects of the intervention which deny procedural fairness and external merits review, and reverse those measures which suspend the protections of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. The Government should also be required to obtain consent before taking over the management of Indigenous property and guarantee 'just terms' compensation for the acquisition of property, it says.

The report also recommends reviewing the operation and effectiveness of the intervention's alcohol-management schemes, and

increasing Indigenous participation in it.

Mr Calma detailed 19 case studies as evidence of what can be achieved in the fight against child abuse and family violence in Indigenous communities when there is true engagement with Indigenous people, and 'sometimes by a single person with little or no government support'.

"Violence and abuse is a scourge that is damaging families and communities, traumatising women and children and tearing at the fabric of Indigenous culture," he said. "Over the last 18 months we've seen sustained media coverage of these issues but we've rarely seen or heard how Indigenous people and communities across Australia are taking positive steps to respond to family violence, abuse and neglect."

## Case studies

The case studies cover different approaches ranging from community education and development initiatives, to healing services, alcohol management, safe houses, family violence perpetrator programs, to initiatives aimed at building the self-esteem of men and creating support structures for men, through to innovative processes for the interface with the care and protection system and supporting women in raising their children.

West Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert called the report an 'influential and pivotal document', which should have a

**'...as long as the NT intervention allows the conduct of racially discriminatory actions it will lack legitimacy among Aboriginal people and communities as well as the broader Australian society'**

– Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, launching his fourth annual Social Justice Report in Sydney last week

major impact on the Government's review.

"The rights-based approach taken by Tom Calma to addressing the complex issues involved in monitoring and assessing the benefits and unintended consequences on the NT intervention provides a solid basis for Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to progress her commitment to an evidence-based approach to policy in the NT," Senator Siewert said.

The day after the report launch, Minister Macklin announced that the Government had started quarantining the payments of an additional 1190 people in the NT communities of Galiwinku, Atitjere, Engawala and Nguu.

The measure brought the number of people affected by welfare quarantining to more than 7700 in 29 communities and town camps in and around Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs.

"Early indicators are showing that, through income management, families are purchasing more of the goods and services essential to improving their children's health and well-being," Ms Macklin said.

"An initial survey of 10 community stores in remote NT communities found that six have recorded an increase in turnover since November."

The Social Justice Report 2007, community guides and media information are available online at [www.humanrights.gov.au/social\\_justice/sj\\_report/sj\\_report07/](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/social_justice/sj_report/sj_report07/)





National Native Title Tribunal President  
Graeme Neate



National Native Title Council Chair  
Brian Wyatt



QC and Former Federal Court judge  
Ron Merkel



Professor Marcia Langton, from the  
University of Melbourne.

# Native title is in gridlock: Calma

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Australian native title system needs a major 're-fit' and a national summit to discuss ways to improve its operation, according to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma. Speaking in Sydney last Monday at the launch of his 2007 Native Title Report, Mr Calma said the Native Title Act 1993 might have been intended to protect and promote the rights of Indigenous Australians, but the system was now too complex, too legalistic and effectively gridlocked.

"The system does not seem to be effectively recognising and protecting native title," Mr Calma said. "We need to rethink the entire system with an open mind and focus on increasing the recognition of native title and strengthening its protection."

The Social Justice Commissioner reports annually to the Federal Attorney-General on major changes and challenges in the native title system over the past year.

The native title system was established following the High Court's 1992 Mabo decision which recognised the native title – a 'bundle' of rights and interests – of Eddie Mabo and several other plaintiffs from Mer (or Murray) Island in the Torres Strait, based upon their uninterrupted connection to the area.

The Native Title Act established a recognition regime applicable throughout the country. Since then, the Act has undergone several major revisions which many Indigenous people believe scaled back their rights.

At last week's launch, Mr Calma said the Native Title Act, and the systems set up under it, were essentially not fulfilling their objectives, which were to gain recognition and protection of native title for Indigenous people and, through this, to enable them to fully exercise and enjoy their human rights.

## Native Title Discussion Panel Where to Native Title: How can the system deliver?

Panel Moderator: Ray Martin

Panel Members:

- Brian Wyatt, National Native Title Council
- Professor Marcia Langton, University of Melbourne
- Hon. Ron Merkel QC
- Mr Graeme Neate, National Native Title Tribunal

Mr Tom Calma, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner



The Native Title Discussion Panel members, from left, Tom Calma, Graeme Neate, Marcia Langton, Ron Merkel and Brian Wyatt.

"It is vital to Indigenous people and their future that their rights and interests in country according to their traditional laws and customs are recognised," he said.

"Recognition and protection of native title is critical to advancing reconciliation between Australia's past and present, and between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

Mr Calma also expressed concern that recent changes to the native title system aimed at improving efficiencies had enjoyed some success, but had not focussed on recognising and protecting Indigenous peoples' native title.

The Native Title Report 2007 found that Indigenous people around the country were using their land and culture to pursue economic, social, cultural and environmental outcomes.

The report profiles successful examples of sustainable development such as the Western

Arnhem Land Fire Abatement (WALFA) project, which uses traditional fire burning practices to reduce carbon emissions while generating income for local communities.

Mr Calma said Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) were another important tool of the native title system.

"The ILUAs and other aspects of the system should be examined closely by government to see how they can maximise the social, economic and native title outcomes for Indigenous Australians," he said.

The report launch also featured a panel discussion, 'Where to Native Title: How can the system deliver?', facilitated by TV presenter and former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation member Ray Martin and involving QC and former Federal Court judge Ron Merkel, National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) President Graeme Neate, National Native Title

Council (NNTC) Chair Brian Wyatt, and Professor Marcia Langton, from the University of Melbourne.

Mr Martin revealed to the audience that his great-great-grandmother was a Kamilaroi woman from western NSW.

Professor Langton was part of an Indigenous delegation, which negotiated heavily with the then-Keating Government in the lead-up to the passage of the Act.

During the robust panel discussion, she said it had always been clear that the first objective of the Act was not the protection of native title 'but the protection of settler title' and things had worsened over time.

"There was a system put in place in the original Act for what we hoped would be a non-adversarial approach to these issues," she told the audience.

"Unfortunately, during the past 15 years governments and the courts have progressively gutted the Act and the systems that were

put in place so that fewer and fewer people are obtaining the advantages than we originally intended."

Professor Langton said she had heard that it would take 500 years to clear the number of native title claims that are currently registered. "Justice delayed is justice denied," she said.

The professor said ILUAs were one of the few 'upsides' of the Act, although Indigenous people were not always able to negotiate the best possible deals, partly because of a lack of transparency in agreement making.

Ron Merkel agreed with Mr Calma's assessment that the Native Title Act needed to be re-worked, but said State and Federal governments had to recognise the existence and importance of Aboriginal people's connection to their traditional country before Australia could begin to solve the broader 'social, economic, cultural and self-respect' problems that existed in Aboriginal communities.

NNTC Chairperson Brian Wyatt said Indigenous people saw the Act as a way to assert their position and standing and recognition of cultural rights, but economic outcomes were still a major source of frustration.

NNTT President Graeme Neate conceded continuing delays under the current native title system, but said these were getting shorter and at the same time as looking at the system's flaws, its successes had to be acknowledged.

"The fact is that determinations have been made in about 109 cases around the country," he said. "Something like 830,000 square kilometres of land in Australia have been subject to native title determination, that's about 11 per cent of the land mass, and more than 300 ILUAs."

"I argue that were it not for the Native Title Act, people would not have been forced to try and work out these things and of course most of the native title determinations and all of the ILUAs are negotiated by agreement these days in a way that would not have been negotiated even ten years ago."



# Stolen Gens compo submissions set to close



**SUBMISSIONS** to the Senate committee inquiry into the Stolen Generations Compensation Bill

2008 close today.

The Bill, a Private Senator's bill introduced by Senator Andrew Bartlett, proposes a compensation model for ex-gratia payments to be made to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are

found to be eligible for such payments under the Bill.

The Senate referred the Bill to its the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee in March, a few weeks after the national apology to the Stolen Generations, for inquiry and report by 16 June this year.

Since then, the committee has been examining the viability of the Bill's proposed compensation model, considering existing

domestic and international compensation models, and reviewing any 'relevant' unimplemented recommendations of the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report.

## Powerful

National Sorry Day Committee Chairperson and Stolen Generations survivor Helen Moran said last week that the inquiry was potentially a powerful

vehicle and opportunity to keep not only compensation on the agenda but also the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report.

"There is a great deal more to this than compensation," she said, urging people to make submissions.

"Only one of the 54 recommendations has been fully implemented and fulfilled by the Government and less than one

third have been partially implemented.

"The Labor Party promised a comprehensive response to the *Bringing Them Home* report. Two thirds of the recommendations relate to reparations and this includes compensation."

The Bill, Explanatory Memorandum and Second Reading Speech are on the committee's website at [www.aph.gov.au/senate\\_legal](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate_legal)

# Forward Day...

By KIRSTIE PARKER



'Apology Day', 'Healing Australia Day', 'Forward Day', 'Day of Reflection' and 'Treaty Day' have all been

suggested by *Koori Mail* readers as possible names for any commemoration of the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's 13 February national apology to Australia's Stolen Generations.

Over our past few editions, we asked readers to share their views about a possible name for the anniversary, whether it should be a public holiday, and whether there should be any change to National Sorry Day on 26 May, which grew out of a recommendation in the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report into the Stolen Generations.

Not surprisingly, the responses we received by phone, email and on our online forum were varied but there was general consensus that any commemoration of the national apology should not replace National Sorry Day, which has been observed – although not marked by a public holiday – since 1998.

Running through many responses was the notion that the national apology was just the first step in achieving justice for members of the Stolen Generations and should be followed up with other measures including financial compensation.

NSW Sorry Day Committee Chair Marie Melito said via email that any changes to Sorry Day or commemoration of 13 February should be questions solely for Stolen Generations members themselves.

Canberra-based Stolen Generations Alliance member John Bond told *The Koori Mail* that he would like to see the day called by an Aboriginal name.

"To me, the day is devoted to the struggle for healing, truth and justice, and I hope words can be found in an Aboriginal language which express that," he said.

Sandra De Santis, a librarian from Koorimilda College in the Northern Territory, suggested 'Forward Day' as a possible name for 13 February commemorations. She said the anniversary should be declared a public holiday but said National Sorry Day should remain on 26 May.

"I think this day or date is already a reminder of the struggle and length of time it took for the Government to finally take the step to admit to 'our' history," she said via email.

Judith Macdonald, from Dunally in Tasmania, said she

## That's just one of the suggestions our readers made as names to commemorate the national apology to the Stolen Generations



In the weeks leading up to the national apology to the Stolen Generations, one committed reconciliationist organised for 'Sorry' to be written in the skies above Sydney, viewed here from Bondi Beach.

Photo by FELICITY JENKINS

thought the anniversary of the apology should be called 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day of Reflection'.

"It should be a national holiday and take the place of the Australia Day which is so offensive really," Ms Macdonald said.

"It would be a day (when) other Australians can reflect on the rights of the peoples who have belonged to this country for thousands of years."

"I think that senior members of our communities need to decide on

whether to keep the National Sorry Day in May as many people relate to this day for different reasons."

Brigitte Powell suggested 'Treaty Day' as a possible name for 13 February commemorations.

"I think the day should be marked as a public holiday in recognition of Australia coming together as a nation, a new beginning for everyone," she said.

Margaret Worth said via email that National Sorry Day should continue on 26 May to 'update the progress of the healing process,

recognise the apology anew each year and be part of the roots to support the anniversary of the apology'.

"The apology started back then by many groups in our communities and these groups' activities should be welcome to continue," she said.

However, she said a national holiday should be declared on 13 February, called something like 'As The Great South Land Heals' and marked with sports, music and cultural workshops.

Najella Green, from Palm Beach in Queensland, said she thought it would make sense to combine commemorations of 13 February with National Sorry Day.

"Sorry Day could be combined with Apology Day with meaningful respect to all ancestors who suffered, as well as Stolen Generations," she said.

"To me, Sorry Day is February 13, the day our new Prime Minister came out to publicly say it."

Responses to *The Koori Mail's* online forum included observations that the national apology was marred by the speech given afterwards by Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson. One blogger said Mr Rudd's speech was historic but 'nothing will ever compare to (former PM) Paul Keating's powerful speech in Redfern Park in 1993'.

"Rudd was not as hard-hitting as Keating and showed a more softer approach which, under the current climate, can be understood," one person wrote.

Separate to our enquiries, a Melbourne cleric suggested at Easter time 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 Reverend John Evans, the Uniting Church Minister at the Church of All Nations in Carlton, said that any day – not just Good Friday – could be suitable for a national reconciliation day and the date should be decided by the Aboriginal community.

## 10 Years of National Sorry Day

THIS year will see the 10th Sorry Day celebrated on 26 May, and the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) is currently seeking public views on possible names and themes for the day.

The organisation's co-chairs, Christine King and Phil Elsegood, said the name and theme should express both gratitude that at last 'Sorry' had been said and commitment to continue working for healing, truth and justice. If you would like to submit ideas, send them to Secretary SGA, PO Box 68, Palmwoods, Qld 4555 or email to [davidhollinsworth@westnet.com.au](mailto:davidhollinsworth@westnet.com.au).

Meanwhile, the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) is mounting a 'Walk Your Talk and Bring Them Home' 10-year anniversary campaign, incorporating the Australian Schools National Sorry Day on 26 May.

The committee is encouraging schools to hold a Sorry Day event. For ideas, go to [www.nsdc.org.au](http://www.nsdc.org.au)

Sorry Day flowers will be again available from the Kimberley Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation. For details, go to [www.sgalliance.org.au](http://www.sgalliance.org.au)

## Did you know...

**INDIGENOUS** Canadians, who suffered similar removal practices to Australia's Stolen Generations, will celebrate their National Day of Healing and Reconciliation on 26 May too. They chose this date in honour of Australia's Sorry Day, and their Day has been growing steadily since its launch in 2003.





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## Indigenous anger over new judge

By Townsville Correspondent  
ALF WILSON with AAP



THE public should have full confidence in Queensland's newest District Court judge, State Attorney-General Kerry Shine says.

Former Director of Public Prosecutions Leanne Clare was appointed to the bench last Wednesday during a formal ceremony in Brisbane.

But Ms Clare's elevation has angered many far north Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, still smarting over her controversial decision last year not to charge Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley over the death of Mulrunji.

Doomadgee at the Palm Island watchhouse in November 2004.

The 36-year-old Palm Island local died in police custody and a week later a riot erupted during which the Palm Island police station and barracks were torched.

In September 2006, Deputy State Coroner Christine Clements ruled that blows from Snr Sgt Hurley were responsible for Mulrunji's death.

However, two months later, then-DPP Ms Clare ruled that

there were no grounds from the available admissible evidence for Snr Sgt Hurley to be charged.

Protest marches and rallies against Ms Clare's decision were held in Thursday Island, Townsville, Palm Island, Cairns, Brisbane and others places.

Then-Queensland Premier Peter Beattie later ordered a judicial review by former NSW Chief Justice Sir Lawrence Street, and Snr Sgt Hurley was

eventually charged with assault and manslaughter. He was acquitted by a Townsville Supreme Court jury in June last year.

During her eight years as DPP, Ms Clare also came under fire for her handling of several high-profile cases including that of former Bundaberg surgeon Dr Jayant Patel.

Townsville activist Gracelyn Smallwood called Ms Clare's appointment a disgrace.

"I would like to know what she has done to deserve this," Ms Smallwood said.

Lilian Willis said it was not a popular appointment with Indigenous people "when we are crying out for a fairer justice system".

Dulcie Isaro said that Ms Clare should have been demoted, instead of appointed to a high-profile job.

"This is just another case of injustice towards our people," she said.

Ms Clare, however, said the adversity she had faced during her career had only made her stronger and more self-reliant.

"I think those things could be very helpful for a new judge," she said.

Outside the swearing-in ceremony, Minister Shine said the new judges (three were appointed) all had a wealth of life experience.

"People have a view that the life of law is very restricted in experiences, but that is not the case," he said.

"It is par for the course for the Director of Public Prosecutions to be embroiled in some controversy from time to time. It's just the nature of the job."



Flashback to a media conference in November 2006 when then DPP Leanne Clare ruled that there were no grounds to charge Snr Sgt Chris Hurley in relation to the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee. Velma Gara from Radio 4K1G (shown) was in the media scrum.

# Traditional owners to have veto

By DARREN COYNE



TRADITIONAL owners in the Kimberley must give their blessing before any gas-processing hub is built in the region. West

Australian State Development Minister Eric Ripper gave that assurance following a recent tour of the area with Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett.

The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) is conducting a consultation process with traditional owners to ensure they know exactly what is being proposed for the area.

KLC Executive Director Wayne Bergmann said any development proposal must demonstrate that it would protect cultural and environmental values, and ensure long-term benefits for the community.

To ensure that happens, four representatives from each of the 11 native title coastal claim groups in the region will be elected next month to sit on an Aboriginal task force. Those 44 Aboriginal people will then report back to their communities on details of any proposals so that locals have a say.

"It's been like a message stick process. We are giving notice of the clan group meetings to elect the four and we're hoping by May we can start the process to elect the four from each group," Mr Bergmann said.

He told *The Koori Mail* that the KLC had just completed a tour of the region with senior Elders, announcing the formation of the Aboriginal task force.

"Some environmental groups have claimed that the KLC has sold out but that's not true.

We are conducting a very complex, transparent consultation," he said. "Traditional owners are in a position that they have never been in before ... with the assurances from the Government that they will treat Aboriginal people with respect and not proceed without informed consent, TOs are in a very strong position."

Once formed, the Aboriginal task force would assess the various sites being proposed for a single gas-processing hub, which would process gas from three fields located about 400km

## Minister's assurance after visit

north-west, off the coast of Broome in what is known as the Browse Basin. The fields are called Torosa, Brecknock and Calliance and together contain an estimated 20 trillion cubic feet of gas. Australia produces about two trillion cubic feet of gas each year.

Proponents of the development say its life span is expected to be about 40 years. It is a joint venture involving Woodside in partnership with BP, BHP Billiton, Chevron and Shell.

are adamant that development must not jeopardise the unique environmental and cultural values of the Kimberley."

A spokesman for Mr Ripper told *The Koori Mail* that the WA Government was committed to ensuring the proposed gas hub had the backing of local Indigenous people.

"We will not develop LNG (liquefied natural gas) in the West Kimberley unless we have the informed consent and the substantial economic participation of traditional owners," he said.

The single processing hub has been backed by the WA Government as more desirable than multiple processing sites.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett told *The Australian* newspaper during his visit to the Kimberley region that the Commonwealth also preferred a

single hub.

Mr Garrett said the Federal Government had joined WA's assessment process for the LNG hub because it wanted to make sure 'that we don't have ad-hoc intrusive or inappropriate development taking place in a region of great national and international beauty'.

"I think ... we all agree that it would be better for there to be one place where this processing was undertaken rather than a number of them," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Bergmann said traditional owners would not be rushed with any decisions.

"Better than anyone, we understand the values of our region. We are looking to see if there is a way of balancing our values with establishing an independent future for our people," he said.

"The Kimberley Land Council is currently conducting a consultation process to ensure Kimberley TOs have enough information to be able to make informed decisions about how development should proceed.

"This is a complex process and requires time, because so much is at stake. If it is not done properly the consequences will be intergenerational.

"Once the consultation is complete, traditional owners will be able to engage with the State on the suitability of possible site locations in terms of cultural and environmental values."

'Some environmental groups have claimed that the KLC has sold out but that's not true'

- KLC's Wayne Bergmann



'We will not develop ... unless we have the informed consent ... of traditional owners'

- Spokesman for WA Minister Eric Ripper



'...it would be better for there to be one place where this processing was undertaken, rather than a number of them'

- Minister Peter Garrett



Mr Bergmann said the informed consent from TOs was crucial to ensure long-term benefits from the development flowed on to the community.

"This gas development presents unprecedented opportunities for real social change and economic independence for Indigenous communities across the Kimberley, including jobs and education. Our biggest challenge is finding a balance between development and looking after country," he said.

"TOs will not accept development at any cost. People



# \$30,000 reward over child threat

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council has offered \$30,000 for information

leading to the arrest and conviction of any truck drivers sexually abusing Aboriginal children and youths. The peak land body wants the NSW Government to match the reward, a call to which Police Minister David Campbell has yet to respond.

The Australian Trucking Association has declined a request for it, too, to match NSWALC's reward, to the disappointment of

NSWALC North West Region Councillor Steve Gordon, whose region includes the northern NSW community of Boggabilla which sparked allegations aired on national television last month.

"A larger reward offer would obviously increase the possibility of people coming forward with information leading to the arrest and conviction of these perpetrators of sexual abuse and violence," Mr Gordon said on Monday.

"It is difficult to believe that this would be allowed to happen, allegedly over a long period of time, if it were non-Aboriginal children and youths who were being the target of sexual predators. It is long past time that governments all over Australia made it clear that these crimes will not be tolerated and they take stronger action to stamp them out."

Claims that Aboriginal girls as young as eight were being persuaded to have sex with truck drivers for cash, drugs and alcohol aired on ABC TV's *Lateline* program prompted calls for a radical government intervention into some NSW communities.

At the centre of the claims was a truckstop on the outskirts of Boggabilla, where thousands of interstate trucks travelling between Victoria, NSW and Queensland pull up every week for meal and sleep breaks.

Local Goomeroi Elder Madeline McGrady and another resident, Judy Knox, contacted the ABC to expose abuse which they and child advocate Marcia Ella-Duncan say has been going on for years at Boggabilla, but also at Moree about an hour's drive away.

Ms McGrady and about half a dozen other people from Boggabilla and nearby Toomelah told *The Koori Mail* that about

Local police said they were frustrated because they had heard rumours but none of the girls allegedly being abused by truck drivers would report the matter so that charges could be laid.

Meanwhile, some other Boggabilla residents say they know of no such incidences.

Manager of a local community development corporation called Winangali, Heather Decaux, contacted *The Koori Mail* last week.

She said a meeting in the town last week attended by about ten people including Elders rejected the allegations and wanted to call a bigger

driver in their right mind would do that to an eight-year-old because of the consequences?" she said.

"All we know is there was one girl going up there and tormenting the truck drivers for a smoke, she's 15 now.

"As far as we know, they have not gone up there and sold themselves for money and have not had their drink spiked.

"We do know of some instances where there has been child abuse in the community, but not with any truck drivers. It's a small community and if something happens here, we know about it."

Ms Decaux said there had been a backlash against local Aboriginal children, with one woman reporting that a police officer had asked a young boy walking along the street if he was prostituting himself, and a local businessman telling a 13-year-old girl 'oh, you can go up to the service station now, where the truck drivers are'.

"I cried when I heard that because of the implication," Ms Decaux said.

When Madeline McGrady spoke to *The Koori Mail* last month, she predicted some residents would be unhappy that she and others had spoken out about the alleged abuse.

"...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," she said.

Ms Decaux declined to be drawn publicly on why anyone would make such allegations if they weren't true.

Local police and the Department of Community Services have urged anyone with information about these allegations or any other abuse of children to contact authorities. The DoCS Helpline is on 132 111.



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Heather Decaux ... "Some of the community Elders were really upset that this story had gotten out without any consultation."



NSWALC Councillor Steve Gordon ... "It is difficult to believe that this would be allowed to happen ... If it were non-Aboriginal children who were being the target of predators."



A semi-trailer on its way into Boggabilla, northern NSW.

five girls aged up to 15 years were being persuaded to have sex in exchange for amphetamines, ICE, marijuana, cash or alcohol.

"The girls from Boggabilla and Toomelah are saying they have had yamdi and money in exchange for sex - such as one girl who is about 15 now and she started when she was nine," Ms McGrady said.

There was also talk of girls having their drinks spiked and waking up in other towns showing signs of rape.

gathering to discuss community consultation.

"Some of the community Elders were really upset that this story had gotten out without any consultation with the community," Ms Decaux said. "They are up in arms about how this was presented."

She said that some at last week's meeting knew about a couple of women prostituting themselves at the truckstop, 'women with mental illness'.

"But they're saying they are as young as eight. Which truck

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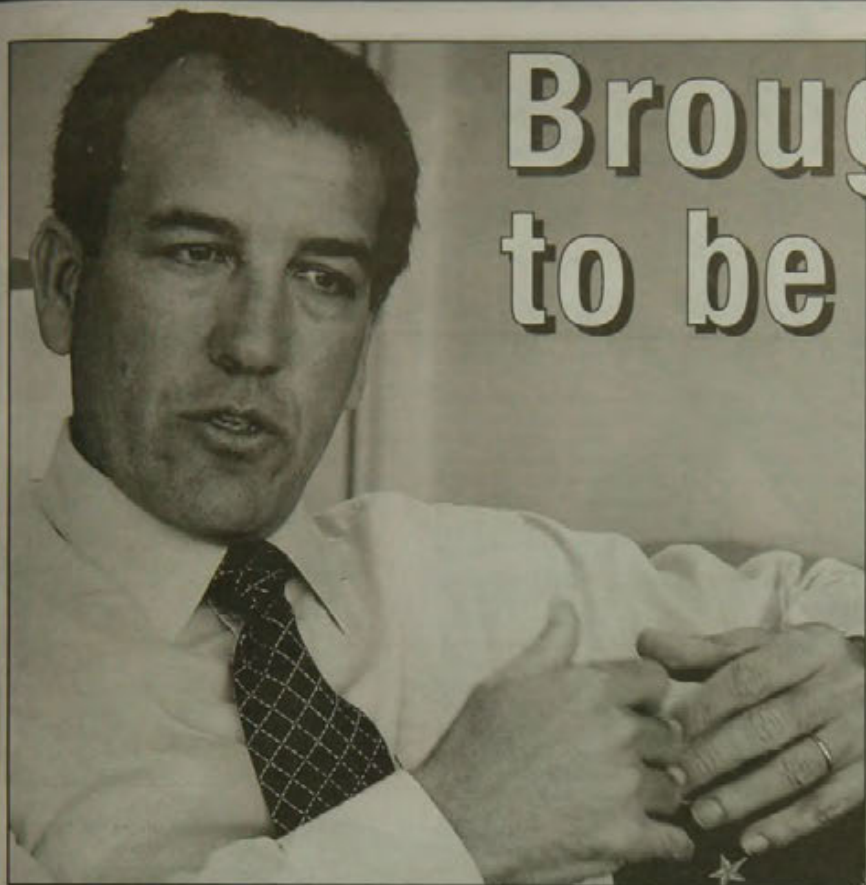
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# Brough wants to be president



Mal Brough during his days as Indigenous Affairs Minister in the Howard Government.



**FORMER** Howard Government Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has confirmed he will challenge for the presidency of the Queensland Liberal Party.

Taking aim at the factionalism in his party, amid claims one-time party powerbroker Santo Santoro was again flexing his muscles, Mr Brough said: "I'm not interested in playing games with anybody, and I'm putting myself forward on that basis." *The Australian* newspaper reported last Wednesday.

Mr Brough, who is credited by many as the architect of the controversial Northern Territory emergency intervention, lost his seat of Longman at last November's Federal election.

Federal Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson said the Queensland Liberal Party would

benefit greatly if Mr Brough took on the presidency.

"I would encourage and strongly support Mal Brough throwing his hat in the ring to serve the Liberal Party in any way, shape or form," he said in Brisbane.

"Mal Brough is a fair-dinkum, hard-working, intelligent man."

## Final say

Mr Brough, who is on holidays in Scotland, also called for Liberal Party members to have the final say on a proposed merger with the Nationals.

"Those sorts of issues will have to be decided by the membership," the former Minister said.

At the end of March, the Liberals' State Council decided to refer the merger to a working party of Federal Liberals and Nationals, which will report their findings to the May State convention. —AAP

# Child sex report awaited

SA

HAVING exposed systematic sexual abuse of South Australian foster children, former judge Ted Mullighan is now finalising a report on child abuse in tribal Aboriginal lands.

Mr Mullighan will complete his report into sexual abuse in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia's far north by the end of the month.

The report will then be delivered to the State Government for tabling in Parliament.

Mr Mullighan was asked last year by the Government to investigate reports of widespread child sex abuse in the APY Lands. The Lands, Australia's oldest self-governing tribal lands, were returned to a form of white governance when Premier Mike Rann's Labor Government intervened in May 2004 in a bid to stop alarmingly high rates of petrol sniffing.

The APY investigation was performed concurrently with Mr Mullighan's Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry, which uncovered what the former judge described as a 'foul undercurrent' of sexual abuse of state wards.

The state wards inquiry found sexual abuse of foster children occurred in every type of care, with

Mr Mullighan hearing from 792 people who said they had been abused by 1733 alleged perpetrators from the 1930s to the present.

Mr Mullighan said the APY Lands investigation was a 'very different sort of inquiry' to the state wards commission. "All I'm prepared to say at the moment is that I don't think it's the same as has been found here (the state wards commission) or similar," he said.

Hundreds of former foster children are expected to lodge compensation claims after Mr Mullighan's commission found widespread child sex abuse in government and church institutions, foster homes and youth shelters.

Victims can also seek compensation through the Victims of Crime Fund, where payments were capped at \$50,000 each.

SA Premier Mike Rann said last Wednesday that the fund currently had \$22 million available.

"Survivors who want to pursue a civil settlement against the State and other non-government organisations that may be involved in their case are free to do so through the court process," Mr Rann said.

"The Government is committed to acting as a model litigant, and any civil claims by survivors will of course be dealt with compassionately and expeditiously." —AAP



## I AM NOT LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.

ROSLYN SACKLEY. Teacher, Campaigner for Indigenous Disability rights.

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Nominate someone like Ros for the National Disability Awards at [idpwd.com.au](http://idpwd.com.au)



# Call for a black ARIA



A PANEL of Aboriginal musicians have called for greater recognition at Australia's national music awards, with the return of an ARIA for Indigenous music.

A forum discussing reconciliation through music at the inaugural Song Summit Sydney conference on Friday was told that an Indigenous ARIA award would raise the profile of Aboriginal music in mainstream society.

"We should bring back the Indigenous Award at the ARIAs for Indigenous music," hip-hop artist Brothablack said.

"We've got our Deadly Awards, but we need mainstream Australia to support us."

"We are a part of Australian society, but we are not reflected within mainstream music."

The idea was supported by other members of the panel, including Gunditjmarra/Googatha songman Dave Arden, and singer and actress Ursula Yovich.

Aboriginal music was recognised at the ARIA awards with a best Indigenous release category until 1998.

Mark Grose, the director of Aboriginal music label Skinny

Fish Music, said he was not sure why the category was dropped from the ARIA Awards, and backed the idea to reinstate it.

"What happens in the ARIAs at the moment is most Indigenous stuff gets put into the world music category," Mr Grose said.

"I think it is probably time for ARIA to revisit what they do, because there's a huge cross-section of Indigenous artists who are incredibly supported by their own community."

Mr Grose said a group like The Saltwater Band, who came from Elcho Island, off the coast of north-east Arnhem Land, had sold more than 20,000 copies of their second album, but had not come to the attention of the wider music industry.

"For us as a label, we want the artists to be recognised for their music first and who they are second," he said.

"But there's no escaping the fact that the music they sing, even the guys down (in southern Australia), sing from a uniquely Indigenous perspective."

"So I think in recognition of the Indigenous communities as much as the Indigenous artists, it would be a great thing to have an Indigenous ARIA." - AAP



Brothablack performing at the PBS Concert in Melbourne last year: "We need mainstream Australia to support us." Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

# Croc Fest misses out on funding

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



THEY say one party's loss is another one's gain, and that is exactly the case with this year's round of Commonwealth funding for Indigenous festivals.

This year for the first time, funding under the Commonwealth Government's Community Festivals for Education Engagement Program was put out to tender.

The organisers of the popular Croc Festival, Indigenous Festival Australia (IFA), rejected a \$2.3 million first-round offer because they said it was only enough to run five events rather than their normal schedule of eight.

Last week, the final successful tenders were revealed and will see a total of 15 events held by five organisations around the country - none of them associated with Croc Fest.

The Australian Government provides \$3.05 million annually under the Indigenous festivals program to support targeted events that encourage school attendance, retention and healthy lifestyles

for all young Australians, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The successful organisations are:

- Vibe Australia in NSW, Old, WA, SA and Victoria with festivals in Coonamble, Rockhampton, Kalgoorlie, Port Augusta and Mildura.

- Music Outback Foundation with festivals in the NT at Laramba, Tanami and Alice Springs;

- Broome Aboriginal Media Association with a festival in Broome, WA;

- Wakakirri Limited with festivals in the NT and Old at Yuendumu, Bloomfield and Cunnamulla; and

- TAFE NSW North Coast Institute in New South Wales at Lismore, Coffs Harbour and Taree.

## Promote culture

The festivals will promote contemporary and traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, with activities including access to role models, and workshops focusing on literacy, numeracy, confidence-building, teamwork, sustainability and tolerance.

There will also be information and

advice on health and well-being, careers and educational opportunities.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations told *The Koori Mail* that the \$2.3 million offered to Croc Festival organisers constituted three-quarters of the total program funding, and would have enabled the organisation to hold to a festival in the five states where it held festivals last year - Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, and the Northern Territory.

"This offer was the outcome of an open, competitive selection process conducted with the assistance of an external probity adviser," the statement read.

"On 3 March 2008 IFA declined the offer of funding from the Australian Government to produce five festivals in 2008."

"The department wished to ensure that in funding Indigenous community festivals, the maximum benefit would be delivered to Indigenous communities in various locations, and that best value for money was obtained. Following an open competitive selection process, a number of successful festival event providers were identified."

Vibe Australia's Executive Producer of Vibe 3on3, Gavin Jones told *The Koori Mail* that his team were excited about securing funding to hold five 'Vibe Alive' events, which would feature elements of the 3on3s, but would be similar to a mini-Olympics featuring, dancing, art, basketball, music, spelling competitions, and careers and health events.

"We are so excited to get the opportunity after working so hard for this," he said.

## Something new

Mr Jones said that Vibe Alive would offer something new and different, with the same aims as previously run Croc Festivals.

He said a special community forum was already planned for the first event, at Coonamble.

The North Coast TAFE Festival will be called 'Deadly Days' and will be facilitated by TAFE's North Coast Aboriginal Learning Partnerships (NCALP) as a TAFE-Schools-Community initiative. It aims to engage young Aboriginal learners with education, employment and training and healthy lifestyle messages.



# Karu on last legs

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AN organisation that helped to reconnect Northern Territory members of the Stolen Generations with their families for more than two decades is on the brink of closure, after losing its Link-Up funding.

The Karu Aboriginal Family Support Agency learned in February that it had lost a long-held tender for the service, under which it previously received about \$360,000 a year from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

The successful tenderer was the NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (NTSGAC), which counts hundreds of Stolen Generations survivors amongst its members.

However, a major dispute has brewed between Karu and the Commonwealth, with the former steadfastly refusing to hand over about 1100 personal client files to the department.

And the department, through its Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH), is refusing to hand over the organisation's March operational funds of about \$28,000, approved under a service agreement signed last July.

Karu Director Natalie Hunter said on Friday that her staff had not been paid since the end of February. "I have four staff and they continued to work until 19 March when our worker's compensation expired. We have would have been in breach after that," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"I was in tears yesterday because I could not bear to see my staff suffering," she said. "One of them had to go to the Salvos yesterday to get a food voucher and because they could not pay their electricity."

Ms Hunter said OATSIH had failed to fund Karu to an appropriate level for a number of years and failed to assist when the organisation asked for help.

Now, she said, "OATSIH are not even allowing us to wind Link-Up up legally and appropriately".

Ms Hunter said she'd obtained a barrister's advice that Karu could not legally hand over its client files without express permission from those clients.

"These files are very sensitive, very old and identify things that have happened to people as children," she said. "They cover situations like where women have fostered children out and did not want to be contacted."

## Responsibility

"Our QC is saying to us 'did people perceive when they walked through your door that their information would be treated as confidential?' and the answer is yes. So we have a responsibility to our clients and members."

Ms Hunter said the barrister had advised that the request to hand over the files was an important justice issue for all Indigenous organisations because it involved many government Acts, including on privacy and information, as well as confidentiality common law.

She said the organisation had developed an authorisation form for surviving clients to complete if they wanted their files to be transferred from their current location in the National Archive's Darwin centre to the Commonwealth, for passing on to the new service provider.

She said that none of 60 forms so far distributed to clients had been returned.

The Link-Up program was Karu's last major funded operation program, with the organisation having lost its Out of Home Care program in April 2006, and a Family Support program last year.

Ms Hunter countered criticisms that Karu had failed to link up enough people. She said she joined the organisation in August 2005 when the organisation was in deficit and after it had carried out just two link-ups in 2004/05. She said the figure had increased to 22 in 2006/07.

Despite questioning - after Karu lost the Link-Up tender - whether the NTSGAC had the experience or resources to

successfully run the program, Ms Hunter said there was no dispute between the two community organisations.

"Our beef is not with the new Link-Up service provider. It is with the OATSIH and the process they have taken," she said.

*The Koori Mail* contacted the Department of Health and Ageing in Canberra for comment. We had not received a response at the time of printing, however, in March the department assured Karu clients that their personal files would not be transferred anywhere without their consent.

"The department is attempting to work with Karu and NTSGAC to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of Link-Up services in the Top End," a spokeswoman told *The Koori Mail* on 7 March.

About the same time, NTSGAC Chairperson Cynthia Sariago conceded that the corporation was somewhat 'green' in terms of some of its new responsibilities, but said it had secured the services of a highly experienced senior Link-Up officer and the CEO of the Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Corporation, Jackie Baxter, had agreed to act as a consultant to it for three months.

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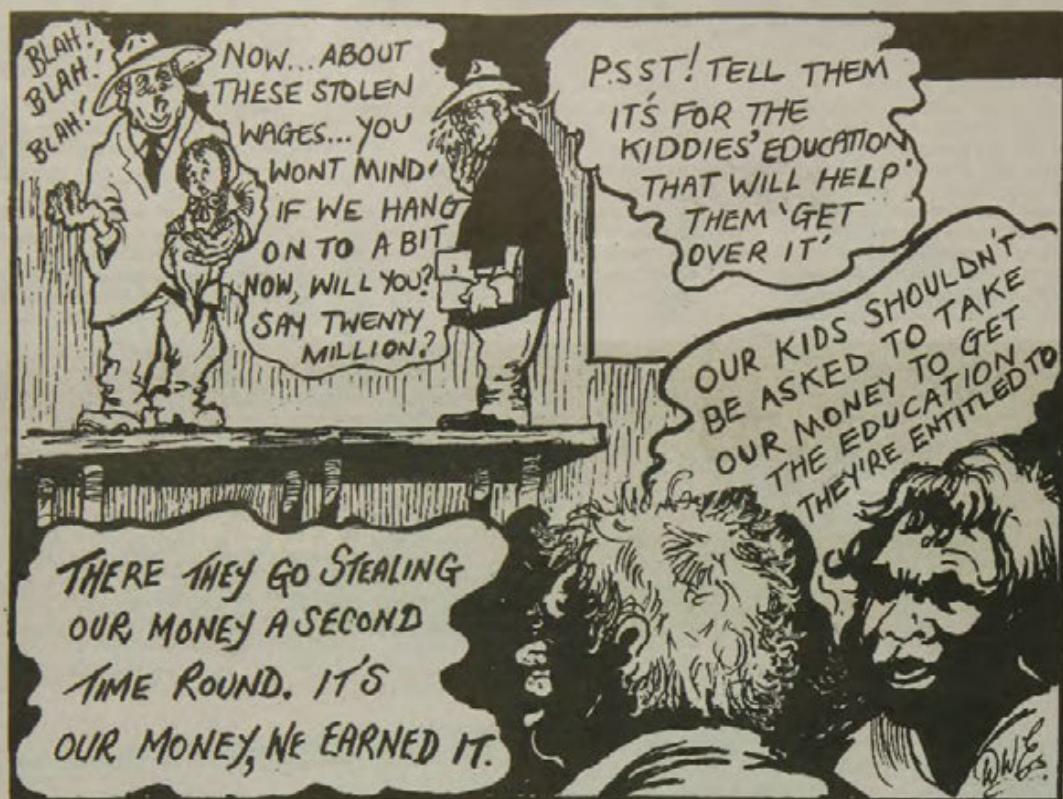








## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



**Jeanette Battese**  
(Brown and Thomas family)

Launceston, Tasmania

Favourite bush tucker?  
Kangaroo Stew

Favourite other food?  
Stirfry

Favourite drink?  
Beer

Favourite music?  
Country and Western

Favourite sport/leisure?  
Watching Football

Favourite read?  
The Examiner (Launceston's local newspaper)

Favourite holiday destination?  
Eddystone Point, north-east Tasmania

What are you watching on TV?  
CSI New York

What do you like in life?  
Listening to people

Favourite Memory?  
Ones with my grandkids and family

Who would you most like to meet?  
My youngest sister, Jennifer Walters. I haven't seen her in 25 years

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?  
Ernie Dingo, Cathy Freeman and Jeff Fenech

Who/what inspires you?  
Wendy Pitchford, she's culturally minded and full of life, and that wicked laugh...

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?  
Just listen to them.

## Quote



**'I'm sick of my (stolen wages) money going from one fund into another. The Qld Government promised us when they came to Cherbourg to give us our money. This offer? Well, they can wipe their behinds with it.'**

— Grace Roma Hegarty  
(see report Page 5)

## Unquote

## Inconsequential? To us, it is not

It can be easy to make decisions about other people's money. Especially when the amount in question would seem inconsequential to the person holding the purse strings.

The Queensland Cabinet's recent decision on stolen wages is unfair, and the anger and despondency felt by many claimants is justified.

In the simplest terms, the remaining \$35 million set aside in the Indigenous Wages and Savings Repatriations (IWSR) Scheme belongs to those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who worked for it, often in the cruellest of circumstances. And then some.

The fact that the true amount stolen from our Elders is likely to be ten times that of the entire original fund should not be forgotten either.

If it were not for the dignity and spirit of these Elders, the whole stolen wages saga since 2002 would have rendered them beggars. But there's no doubt, many of them are flagging, emotionally and physically.

Many are asking what the point of last year's community consultations was if the Government intended to disregard the views of most of those who dragged themselves along for an attempt at getting justice.

If past governments had cared about Indigenous children in Queensland, they would have ensured that their parents and grandparents received their dues which would most likely, in turn, have helped to create the kind of legacy that many non-Indigenous Australians take for granted.



## OUR SAY

A modest family home, perhaps some financial nest egg to pass on to children and grandchildren. Or perhaps, just the chance for Elders to spend their sunset years (which come an average 17 years earlier for Indigenous Australians) relaxing and enjoying the fruits of their literal labour.

Those people who say that a few thousand dollars would make no real difference to the lives of the stolen wages campaigners obviously have much more money than the average Indigenous person.

While there may be good intentions behind the current government's decision to use more than half of the remaining IWSR Scheme funds to set up an educational fund for Indigenous kids, it is misguided.

It also places children, young people or older people attempting to gain a better education as mature age students in an unenviable position.

Stolen wages claimant anger about the fund does not show that they don't care about their children's future.

It shows that they do care because it shows their children that it is important — even when it would be easier not to do so — to stand up for what is right.

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# Aspirational goals

"Don't be afraid to take a big step. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps." — David Lloyd George, Britain's only Welsh Prime Minister (1836-1945)

LAST week I received a letter from the Prime Minister, as did 1000 other Australians, inviting me to attend the Australia 2020 Summit to be held at Parliament House, Canberra on 19-20 April.

The 1000 delegates who will converge on Canberra for the weekend summit will be spread evenly throughout the 10 session topics on offer.

I was delighted to receive the official invitation to travel to the nation's capital and be part of the Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia session.

This session will be attended by 100 Indigenous and non-Indigenous delegates who have been recognised for their contribution in the field of indigenous engagement and advocacy.

I must say I was somewhat amazed to see non-Indigenous people listed for this session and after viewing their names — Fiona Stanley, Frank Brennan, Jeff McMullen, Bill Moss, Bill Hart, Janina Gawler, Jon Altman and Barbara Livesey to name a few — I now understand and appreciate their inclusion for the leadership and vision they will offer on specific topics at the summit.

Some might argue that these non-Indigenous faces have robbed other Indigenous people of a chance to be present at this once-in-a-lifetime summit.

Others, including the selection panel, might contend that knowledge and expertise as an exact attribute is not defined by race alone.

The other big surprise on the Indigenous summit list was the lack of representation from the old ATSIC and the National Indigenous Council (NIC). It would appear that only Rodney Dillon (Tas) and Klynton Wanganee (SA) will take their seats at the summit table as former ATSIC Commissioners, while Tammy Williams (Qld) remains the sole representative from the now defunct NIC.

To say I was surprised to be in receipt of formal correspondence with Australia 2020 letterhead would be an understatement as I didn't consider myself as having much of a chance at being on this hotly contested list. The reason I say that is because I'm not aligned to any particular Indigenous faction, nor am I partial to any specific interest group's activism.

Perhaps that says more about the even-handedness of how business is done today than what transpired with Indigenous-specific gatherings in the past.

This refreshing approach to Indigenous affairs may well herald the dawning of a new era.

Having said that, I am nevertheless excited to be on the list and I look forward to networking with other delegates as well as being pro-active in

summit deliberations. In particular, I'm eager to meet and hear views from delegates whose names are unfamiliar to me from a national perspective. I'm sure their vision and vitality will resonate with seasoned campaigners like Pat Dodson, Peter Yu, Pat Turner, Shirley McPherson and David Ross as well as with prominent quiet achievers such as Hetti Perkins, Brenda Croft, Wayne Bergman, Megan Davis and Terri Janke.

The more illustrious delegates will undoubtedly revel under the glare of media spotlights, but I suspect the new faces won't be overawed by their presence and will continue to impress at the summit table in the same fashion as they've demonstrated with distinction in their respective communities.

Disappointingly, this is not an all-expense-paid trip, as delegates have been advised, or ought to have known before they were nominated, that they have to make their own way to the summit.

Delegates are expected to pay their return travel costs to Canberra from all parts of the country and cover all accommodation and meals. I note that morning tea and lunch (boxed lunch) will be provided on both days and a bonus on the second day of a boxed breakfast (tea/coffee and a muffin) will be on offer — presumably for those whose organisation/business is



Stephen Hagan

## HAGAN'S VIEW

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South Australian Klynton Wanganee (left) and Tasmanian Rodney Dillon (right) are former ATSIC commissioners invited to take seats at the Australia 2020 Summit's Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia session.



not covering their expenses.

On page 5 of the official handout is a section under the bold heading, Requests for Financial Hardship Allowance, asking those who need financial support to tell them why they should be provided with assistance in 500 words or less. To support their claim delegates are encouraged to attach letters or documentation (eg, from their GP or local MP) to further assist in the assessment process.

I hope that those who have financial concerns still wishing to attend are not put off by the predicament they are placed in of having to argue their case of financial hardship.

One would have thought that a Government that boasts of a projected savings of \$20 billion this year could well afford to have a pool of money that needy Indigenous applicants could access through ways other than

barring their personal circumstances to public servants in Canberra.

I trust that those seeking assistance to attend the summit will gain favourable responses.

The letter of invitation co-signed by Glyn Davis, 2020 Summit Co-Chair, said the ideas discussed at the Summit will 'drive the national strategies and solutions to tomorrow.'

## Critical podium

If the PM and Glyn Davis are true to their words, this summit could well present that critical podium that Indigenous people have been seeking for so long to have their views recorded and used as a blueprint for future policy directions to address the parlous state of Indigenous affairs in this affluent country.

All delegates have been asked to submit issues of concern that they wish to raise in their

session before the summit.

For what it's worth, I will submit the following in no particular order.

**Health:** Indigenous health inequality is a national shame with life expectancy 17 years lower than other Australians, infant mortality three times higher; and death rates for Indigenous Australians twice as high across all age groups.

**Recommendation:** We need to set targets and provide significant financial incentives for Indigenous people to become doctors and nurses and get our people to think and act in a healthy manner. Prevention is better than cure.

**Incarceration:** Indigenous Australians, including youth, are the fastest growing prison population in all States and Territories. Indigenous males comprise 46 per cent of the total national male juvenile detention population and Indigenous females comprise 57 per cent of the total national female juvenile detention population. We all know these figures are very conservative.

**Recommendation:** Decriminalise public drunkenness, fine defaulters, obscene language, and a myriad of other minor offences that have been used to incarcerate our mob.

**Family Violence:** In Tjuparni: Family Violence in Indigenous Australia, family violence is defined as behaviours and experiences including beating of a

over reported that they were participating in the labour force (meaning that they were engaged in mainstream employment or participating in CDEP). This compares with 53 per cent in 1996. The participation rate was higher for Indigenous men (60 per cent) than Indigenous women (45 per cent). And yet some communities have as high as 90 per cent of their working age population unemployed.

**Recommendation:** Revert to the 1985 Miller Report and make all public sector organisations set target dates to guarantee Indigenous employment equity (2 per cent of total employment). In instances where work is available for able-bodied workers in the mining, agricultural, tourism or pastoral industry and they fail to report, they should have their benefits forfeited.

**Housing:** From the 2001 Census, 63 per cent of households with Indigenous person(s) were renting (compared with about 27 per cent of other households); 19 per cent were purchasing their home (compared with 27 per cent of other households); and 13 per cent owned their home outright (compared with 40 per cent of other households).

**Recommendation:** Provide first home owners with higher first home owners grant (20 per cent of total value) and lock in fixed-term monthly repayments of 5 per cent for the entirety of the loan.

**Education:** From the 2001 Census, the retention rate for Indigenous students fell from nearly 90 per cent in Year 10 to 67 per cent in Year 11. By comparison, the rate for non-Indigenous students falls less dramatically from Year 10 to Year 11 from 99 per cent to 87 per cent.

**Recommendation:** Cease means testing of Abstudy for all Indigenous people and raise the weekly rate by \$100. Increase funding of the tutoring assistance scheme.

**National Indigenous representation:** With the abolition of ATSIC and the NIC by the Howard Government and the new Rudd Government respectively, there is no national Indigenous body currently advising the Government on Indigenous-specific issues.

**Recommendation:** That delegates at the summit meet in their State or Territory groups on the second day to elect a representative to an interim national Indigenous advisory body to assist the Government in the design and implementation of replacement body for ATSIC that they promised would occur in their first term in office.

The 2020 Indigenous Summit is an excellent opportunity for those invited — and who carry with them the heavy weight of national expectation — to heed the advice of David Lloyd George, who once said: "Don't be afraid to take a big step. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps."



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Applications close 5pm

Monday 14 April 2008



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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### DRAFT AQUACULTURE (ZONES - FITZGERALD BAY) POLICY 2008

Pursuant to Section 12 of the Aquaculture Act 2001 notice is hereby given that the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries has released the above-mentioned draft aquaculture policy for public consultation. The policy has been developed in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 of the Aquaculture Act 2001.

Policies made under the Aquaculture Act 2001, provide an opportunity to develop planning practices that better reflect the needs of the aquaculture industry, government and the community in South Australia.

The Draft Aquaculture (Zones - Fitzgerald Bay) Policy 2008 has been developed to ensure the ecologically sustainable development of aquaculture in the Upper Spencer Gulf region. This policy has been developed to replace the existing Fitzgerald Bay Aquaculture Management Policy (2004) and aims to provide certainty for industry stakeholders, improve community confidence and facilitate opportunities for moderate aquaculture development.

Section 29 of the Development Act 1993 enables the Minister for Urban Development and Planning to amend a development plan in accordance with an approved aquaculture policy under the Aquaculture Act 2001.

It is proposed to amend the Land Not Within A Council Area (Coastal Waters) Development Plan subject to the approval of the above-mentioned policies. The proposed amendments are:-

(a) Establishing a new 'Aquaculture (Fitzgerald Bay) Zone' with associated Objectives and Principles of Development.

The draft policy and policy report will be available as at Thursday 3rd April 2008 from PIRSA Aquaculture, 14th Floor, 25 Grenfell Street (GPO Box 1625), Adelaide 5001, on the internet at [www.pirsa.gov.au/aquaculture](http://www.pirsa.gov.au/aquaculture), by telephoning (08) 8226 0314 or by faxing (08) 8226 0330.

Written submissions in relation to the draft policy and/or proposed amendment to the Land Not Within A Council Area (Coastal Waters) Development Plan are invited from the public and should be made to PIRSA Aquaculture, GPO Box 1625, Adelaide SA 5001. Submissions must be received by 5pm on Friday the 6th day of June 2008.

[www.pirsa.gov.au](http://www.pirsa.gov.au)

# Wanted: A mane man

FOR a while now I've been waiting for by black prince to come and sweep me off my feet. I got meself an h'education, a job and a car. Well, just 'cos it's been unregistered for two years and she's broken doesn't mean I don't have a car!

But still my man eludes me. I'm sure my ego and intelligence scares off some fullas, but surely not all of them.

I've been thinking that maybe I'm doing something or saying something that isn't quiet helping me. Anyways, I've come up with two hairy questions for your mob's advice.

Okay. First question. As you know, I've got some big hairs. It can take up to ten whole minutes to brush it (I know, I know!), so sometimes I've been known



**Ms KOORI  
LOVE**

[mskoorilove@koorimail.com](mailto:mskoorilove@koorimail.com)

to let nature take her own course.

But maybe my free range, wholegrain hair is turning off potential suitors. I could see how my beautiful mane could be seen as messy and unkempt. I'd prefer to call it

under-brushed and free flowing, but could it really be turning guys off?

Is hair that powerful? So my question is: How many days can you get away with not brushing your hair and still be alluring?

The big-hairs thing is me, but I've noticed a no-hairs trend with you brothers out there.

I've seen heaps of fullas with their silky shiny legs like they just stepped out of a CLEO centrefold.

I think I even saw some fake tan on some legs.

True God! I would agree

my legs could do with a whipper-snipper now and then, but with a face like mine, who would have time to look at my legs?

Surely my saltbush legs couldn't be turning guys off.

Aren't legs too far south

for guys to look at?

My second question is for all those fullas with their unshaven legs. You look fab with your gleaming legs, but what do you think about a chick who has hairier legs than you? Are hairier-than-your-legs a no-no?

Two hair questions later and I'm starting to think I need to get myself some shares in (hair-removal product) NADS... or better yet, maybe I could get me a hairdresser/beautician man. I (Deputy Prime Minister) Julia Gillard can get one, surely I can too!

Discuss your answers at my group or better yet, email me your tips. Now all I gotta do is work on saying instead of spraying!

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

# Dancers shine at Eel Festival



THE twilight puppet spectacular integrated with an Indigenous dancing and smoking ceremony was the highlight of the Lake Bolac Eel Festival, held on the foreshore at Lake Bolac, in Western Victoria.

A pair of giant brolgas, a giant kangaroo and a spectacular 14-metre-long eel took centre stage to tell the story of Lake Bolac and its link to the eel migration story.

The puppets, created by the community under the leadership of Artist in Residence Ian Cumming and project facilitator Nolene Fraser, were accompanied by lanterns, fire and music.

The music and script were developed by the community. Organisers said the performance was spectacular, but more important they said was the community-building which developed along with the puppets.

Earth Hour was celebrated around the camp fire, with musicians playing one song each.

Neil Murray kicked it off with *My Island Home*, followed by Lee Morgan, Bronnie Ware, Andy Alberts, Chloe Hall, Greg Arnold and Rachel Taylor, who sang an acappella about forests.

## True Believers

Carus and the True Believers wound up the acoustic session before heading back inside the festival marquee to hear the last sets for the evening - Liz Stringer, followed by Carus.

The music program from the Festival Stage encompassed a range of styles, with Neil Murray, Liz Stringer and Carus the highlights. Kimberley band Fitzroy Xpress were a late inclusion to the program, and delighted the audience with their country rock sound.

To start the day, the Environmental Forum was attended by more than 170 landholders and other interested people. Keynote speaker Dr Christine Jones spoke on soil carbon.

To cap it off, there was an art exhibition with works by local and regional artists, and a recycled art competition which was won by Anne McMaster.

Children enjoyed the rock-climbing wall, heard fairy stories with a difference from 'Alice Mary - Fairy', and were fascinated by the Connies and their environmental cards with information about the flora and fauna of the district.

The festival was sponsored by VicHealth, Festivals Australia, Parks Victoria, Pacific Hydro, Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Ararat Rural City.



Pictured above and left are some of the many activities held at this year's Lake Bolac Eel Festival in Victoria.



# YOUR SAY



John Heath, of Bonny Hills, NSW, sees the triumphs of Socceroo and Newcastle Jets captain Jade North (pictured) as motivation for many Indigenous people. Read John's letter on Page 24.

## Back to the old days



SOME Indigenous people do have a drinking problem, some of us don't.

By banning alcohol, it seems that we're under the Act again in the 1960s when Indigenous people had to report to the Government for permission to be allowed to do anything.

I thought that when (Prime Minister Kevin) Rudd said sorry we were recognised as people and that we could do what everybody else does.

CLARA (Surname withheld upon request)  
Yeppoon, Qld

## YOUR POETRY

### My Bro Bart Willoughby

The 1st thing 2 my sight  
Is your eyes,  
Your ever curly brown hair  
When your smile lights up the  
whole room  
Glow like firelight  
We C anotha from afar  
Last time we met on America's  
Cup turf  
Neva got to say we'll see you  
again  
Been crying a lot, don't wanna lose  
my friendship wid u broda.

The White Australian Government  
has really mucked it up  
Don't want u 2 b sad  
Wanna make u and many more  
happy  
With jokes, yarns, music.  
Miss all our young ones 4 I know  
We will get what is ours. Inner  
peace,  
At 1, forgiveness, love, truth.  
Play the crying game, just never  
forget, hope  
Is just around the corner.

2 me and my girlz we pray and live  
With a special name called faith.  
If faith hits u head-on don't fight it!  
4 we are Swan River Spirit Women  
And 2 us faith is believing in who  
we are.  
What we are Indigenous know  
Your creator, your mother, and the  
lores.  
O dis beautiful island home.

MIMI MAUREEN  
'WINDJUNDA'  
FAITH ESTA  
KATH LEE  
ROSE STACK-BANHAM  
Bibra Lake, WA

## More mainstream media negativity on Yarrabah

I AM writing to you about a story which appeared in the *Cairns Post* newspaper (north Queensland) on Thursday 27 March titled 'Yarrabah ranked as State's poorest'.

Where does the 'socio-economic Indexes' get this information from, to back this ludicrous claim about Yarrabah being the poorest centre.

The Census information about our communities in Queensland is not accurate – not one bit. We might look the poorest, maybe because we're the closest 'black people' to Cairns, it might seem.

I think those guys need to get off their backsides and go into the community to hear it first-hand from the grassroots people who live in Yarrabah or other Indigenous communities about what the major problems are, instead of negativity and media claims which are complete crap.

Do you know how much damage the 'stolen wages', the missionary-influenced bastardisation of under-rationed payments paid to our forefathers instead of money, and the Stolen Generations has done to our forefathers through the discriminatory dormitory system?

We are dying so young because of the neglect of generation after generation through the old missionary workers.

I think the 'white-fella' wouldn't even be around today if we put things on the 'flip-side'.

If we (Yarrabah) and other communities are the poorest towns in Qld and Australia, it is real and showing proof of how much the Government neglects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially those from former missionary communities like Yarrabah, Palm Island and Kowanyama.

Finally, to those Aboriginal leaders backing Galarrwuy Yunupingu's dormitory plan: What 'brainless nonsense'.

A lot of bad memories were created in those dormitories. It was 'no-good'.

If the Government gave us mainstream facilities from day one, like all other small towns, maybe we won't be so disadvantaged in the white man's eyes.

Bringing dormitories back would bring the stolen wages and the Stolen Generations back in a very major way.

The dormitory system must be opposed. Don't go backwards, move forward.

It isn't the answer. We're in the new millennium, 2008. We're not flora and fauna any more. 'Fight the Power'.

B HIGGINS  
Yarrabah, Qld

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

this will increase your chances of being published.

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

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

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

– EDITOR



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The NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon. Paul Lynch MP invites Aboriginal community organisations to lodge submissions for grants of between \$5,000 and \$25,000 for community language projects.

The \$200,000 program is aimed at preserving and revitalising NSW Aboriginal languages. The types of projects that are eligible include recording, documenting, teaching and raising awareness of Aboriginal languages across the State.

For further information, detailed selection criteria and application forms, please visit the Department of Aboriginal Affairs' web site at [www.daa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.daa.nsw.gov.au) or telephone the Department of Aboriginal Affairs' switchboard on (02 9219 0700).

Applications close: 9 May 2008.

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**Aboriginal heritage**

**Avoca Drive Upgrade between  
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The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) proposes to upgrade Avoca Drive between Sun Valley Road to Bayside Drive Green Point.



Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people with cultural attachments to the Gosford area are invited to register their interest in the project.

Registrations must be received in writing by **5pm on 2 May 2008**. All registrations received will be receipted.

To register your interest, please contact:  
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Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW,  
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## Your Say

# Jade you star!

JADE North's wearing of the Socceroos captain's armband during the recent match against Singapore and his outstanding form in the World Cup qualifier against China only a few days later were outstanding personal triumphs for this proud Goori who has Biripi tattooed on his forearm.

This tat was shown across the world when he triumphantly held high the Champions Trophy after leading the Newcastle Jets to victory in the recent A-League grand final.

Jade's successes are also seen as triumphs and motivators for many more of our people in all fields of life. He no doubt will be well recognised for his leadership qualities both on and off the field in the upcoming NAIDOC Awards.

Go the Jade.

**JOHN HEATH  
Bonny Hills, NSW**



**JADE  
NORTH**

## YOUR POETRY

### The Emerald City

Beneath the glossy  
brochures  
Found at tourist  
information  
Sydney's a toxic place  
That kills imagination.

People march like ants  
To the economy's tune  
And the lights are so bright  
They erase the rising  
moon.

Concrete and buildings  
And millions of cars  
Further wound the land  
Leaving an eternal scar.

Success is easy  
If you only care for yourself  
And dedicate your whole  
being  
To the pursuit of wealth.

Meanwhile the homeless  
Lie helpless in the streets,  
Worn from the battle  
And draped in defeat.

Down by the harbour –  
The birthplace of despair,  
The great spirit still  
protests  
"How is this fair?"

But no answer is given  
Not one eyebrow raised,  
People too busy working  
Voluntarily enslaved.

**JONATHAN HILL  
Old Erowal Bay, NSW**

### Light Years Away

My lifetime flickers  
In the fading light,  
I no longer have  
The will to fight.

The battle continues  
'Til my dying day,  
Forever forced to live  
The white man's way.

The songlines and stories  
The laws of the land,  
Deemed mythical  
nonsense  
By those in command.

Now lost to eternity  
Perished and passed,  
Making way for modernity  
A comical farce.

A culture bound  
By desire not need,  
Ruled by the wealthy  
Infected with greed.

The unifying power  
Of the setting sun  
Is proof humanity  
Is collectively one.

But such a realisation  
Is light years away,  
There's no profit to be  
made  
Living the peaceful way.

**JONATHAN HILL  
Old Erowal Bay, NSW**

# A long way to go

IN the aftermath of 'the apology', there is still much work to be done.

Action on the ground speaks much louder than mere rhetoric.

There still exists a major divide that separates 'the invaders' and 'the first Australians.'

The Koori Mail has made an enormous positive contribution in an attempt to heal these wounds of the past, but there still remains much more to be done.

We must now not just talk the talk, we must walk the walk together, side by side and hand in hand.

We must close the book at this last chapter, once and for all. This can only be achieved through discipline and mutual respect.

To this end, I have written to (Cape York leader) Noel Pearson and have attached a copy of this correspondence. You



**NOEL  
PEARSON**

have my permission to publish this letter.

**PAUL PENNAM  
Chairman, The Wiluna  
Mission  
Wiluna, Western  
Australia**

**Paul Penman's open  
letter to Noel Pearson:**

I write in the aftermath of 'the apology'. In my reflections on the overall issue of Aboriginal 'displacement', I wondered if a representative of the Aboriginal peoples will be making a formal, public speech, accepting Mr Rudd's apology on behalf of the Federal Government? And by so doing, moving on; leaving

the past behind and getting on with working in partnership with all Australians, disregarding race, class or creed.

If such a speech has already been delivered and I missed it, living and working with the Aboriginal people in this remote community, please forgive me. We are to some degree out of touch with much of what is going on in the wider world.

I am a 65-year-old retiree working here in education. I have left home and family in Melbourne in order to play my part in this small community, during my senior years.

In closing, I wish to say how much I respect your enormous personal attempts to pave a new reconciled future for this wonderful nation. If you were to consider entering Federal Parliament, I would be number one in your fan club.

# Decision for Stolen Generations

ALL over the country there is a great debate happening on (1) to move Sorry Day to the 13 February, and (2) to change it to the Journey of Healing.

There are two important things to remember: This is solely for Stolen Generations members to decide, and that National Sorry Day is part of the 54 recommendations that came out of the *Bringing Them Home* report.

The apology given by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was sincere and, for many of us, very emotional, but it was only the first step.

It has to be followed by justice and reparation – also part of the 54 recommendations.

Without this, it is meaningless.

Reflect on the apology from Japan to Australia for the atrocities of World War II. Does that mean they will change Anzac Day to that apology date? I don't think so.

As Aboriginal people, we want to be self-determined to make our own decisions and not be coerced by those who have repressed us for so long.

I therefore ask decision-makers to think carefully when making their decisions. It must come from our people and with consultation with all members of the Stolen Generations.

**MARIE MELITO  
Via Email**



## Searching for ...

### Great, great grandfather

I'M looking for any help I can find in tracing my great, great, great grandfather, named William Taylor.

He was the informant on my great, great grandmother's death certificate in 1869 at Bingara, northern NSW. Her name was Ann Lowe and her husband was Thomas Lowe.

They had six children, my great grandmother being one of them.

I have all that information, but I can't find William and Anne Taylor (nee White) anywhere in the Gamilaroi lands.

I was hoping your readers could suggest some ways that I don't know about.

I have tried Births, Deaths and Marriages and I've tried all the Aboriginal family history sites in the Gamilaroi land.

I would appreciate any help people could send my way.

CHARLES CROOK  
By email

### Old friend

I HOPE you can help somehow with your newspaper. I am trying to track down a friend whom I went to school with in the years somewhere 1981-1985.

He has Aboriginal heritage. His name is Ian King and he would now be about 35 years old.

We both went to primary school at Pennant Hills, NSW. He was living with his aunty (I think), in Fisher Avenue at Pennant Hills.

The reason for catching up is purely friendship and curiosity to see how he is and what he is doing.

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Mosman, NSW  
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## Call to help student careers tour

# Nelson's ideas about the Baby Bonus are wrong

OPPOSITION Leader Brendan Nelson's ideas about the baby bonus are completely off track.

Mr Nelson thinks that an education for Aboriginal infants will help Aboriginal mothers raise healthy Aboriginal children.

Have a look at the retention rates of Aboriginal children at school, Mr Nelson, then have a look at the high death-at-birth rates for Aboriginal babies.

If a pregnant Aboriginal

**'Once again the poorest and most disadvantaged are being attacked and marginalised by a white man's oppressive ideas.'**

woman's unborn baby is in danger through lack of health care and other necessary essential services such as clean water, effective waste control and social economical disadvantages, what use is an

education if the child is dead before they reach school years?

What the baby bonus is for is to help with the cost of having a baby hence BABY BONUS... and, of course, to encourage more births in this country.

Once again the poorest and most disadvantaged are being attacked and marginalised by a white man's oppressive ideas.

I a pakana luna (Tasmanian Aboriginal women) say to you Mr Nelson that what Aboriginal infants need is a sterile environment free of white man's racist policy.

RACHEL MAYNARD  
East Launceston, TAS

## Thanks from Red Cross

RED Cross' annual fundraising appeal Red Cross Calling is now officially over.

I wish to sincerely thank over 150,000 collectors who volunteered their time to knock on doors, collect at intersections or challenge their friends in our new online fundraising initiative.

It's not easy asking for money, but it is easier when you know it is assisting some of the most vulnerable people in Australia and the Asia-Pacific.

Like families in central Queensland who were given shelter, food and personal support during the recent floods.

Like whole communities struggling to recover from the devastating effects of bushfires.

Like HIV-positive people in China who no longer suffer the indignity of discrimination.

But Red Cross is not only concerned with the big emergencies. We also support people who face everyday emergencies that

sometimes go unnoticed.

Like 4000 elderly and frail Australians living alone who receive a daily phone call from a Red Cross volunteer.

Like children in remote Indigenous communities and big cities who are doing better at school thanks to a good breakfast.

Like young people who are learning to recognise a drug or alcohol emergency and respond quickly.

And so on their behalf, I take this opportunity to thank

those of you who collected and all those who donated generously this year. You have helped us provide relief in times of crisis, care when it's needed most and commitment when others turn away.

And if you missed your chance to give, it's not too late to go to [www.redcross.org.au](http://www.redcross.org.au) or phone 1800 811 700 - our online fundraising will be open right through until the end of April.

ROBERT TICKNER  
CEO, Red Cross

## A thorny subject

I LIVE in Port Macquarie (NSW), where there is a group called Friends of Kooloonbung Reserve. Each week for years, they have been doing great work in the Kooloonbung, building boardwalks and practising bush regeneration.

However, in our local newspaper recently, they pointed out a number of 'menaces' in the reserve, including a loosened plank in the boardwalk or the insects.

But what got my attention was that they pointed out three native vines with thorns. They went on to explain that, because the friends were not fond of these native plants, they removed them.

*Smilax australis*, *Smilax glycyphylla* and *Maclura cochinchinensis* are the three vines which they are removing.

*Maclura cochinchinensis*, or cockspur thorn, produces fruit which is edible when ripe. This fruit is juicy and sweet, unlike most native fruits. This could explain why the vines need sharp thorns for protection against the animals who would not do best eat them.

*Smilax glycyphylla*, or native sarsaparilla or sweet tea, was famous in early colonial times as a bush tea, and Aborigines sucked the leaves for medicinal purposes.

*Smilax australis*, or smilax, doesn't produce edible fruit or wasn't used for medicines, but does that mean it should be removed because of a few thorns?

BRIAN T MILLIN  
Eastwood, Sydney

SHARRON L HILLMAN-DWYER  
Port Macquarie, NSW

## A sorry situation

UNDER the leadership of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, the Australian Federal Parliament has finally said 'Sorry' to the Stolen Generations.

But what about an apology from the churches, missions and agencies who were complicit in the abduction and incarceration of innocents?

Obviously, prior to the kidnapping of thousands of these helpless children, the Government did a deal with the churches and their cohorts to house these unfortunate children.

The Government presented them with hordes of supposed black heathens, whose souls they were determined to save, regardless of the feelings of the children.

Some of these children may have

ended up with a reasonable education because of their forced confinement, but they certainly earned it.

Conversely the churches and agencies collected millions of dollars for their willing participation in this criminal activity.

**'In this day and age, it's not hard to understand why many thousands of Australian Aborigines of all ages and gender are traumatised, dysfunctional and unable to cope in today's world'**

Instead of getting religion and care, they were used and abused, while the recipients of these godless blacks were paid for the dire treatment of these unfortunate souls.

In this day and age, it's not hard to

understand why many thousands of Australian Aborigines of all ages and gender are traumatised, dysfunctional and unable to cope in today's world.

I possess the sole rights for the reproduction of the *Australian Abo Call*, the first newspaper for

Aborigines, issued in 1938. Because the six only editions of the *Abo Call* abound with stories of abuse and injustice perpetrated by their supposed saviours, the Catholic Church and Anglican Church especially, and

agencies such as the Salvation Army etc, refuse to allow their students access to the now historical *Abo Call* chronicles.

and deserve any assistance we can give them.

The excursion is for post-secondary study and was planned in consultation with the students, focusing on their intended career paths.

These students are not academic and have no intentions of going to university at this stage, however, this trip plans to show that there are still plenty of options open to further prepare them for a career in their selected fields.

My intention is to set up a support

network for these students so when they do eventually take that leap, it is not so scary.

Often, students who are able to work and attend school independently fall through the cracks and don't always receive support when it is needed. I am now asking for that community support.

I can be contacted through Kadina High School, phone (02) 6624 3133.

DEANNE TURNER  
Kadina High School  
Goonellabah, NSW



# A great health worker



A RESPECTED Aboriginal health worker has died. Mr J Briscoe, 62, died at the Alice Springs Hospital on 19 March.

Department of Health and Community Services Aboriginal Health Worker Director Nathan Aucote said Mr Briscoe had been a mentor to other health workers.

"When the going got tough for others, Mr Briscoe was there to spur us on and make sure we kept at it," he said.

"There were times some people wanted to walk away from the job, but he encouraged them and supported them to keep on going."

"He inspired me to become a health worker and I looked up to him as a mentor and guide."

Born at Kulgera Station in 1947, Mr Briscoe started work on cattle stations fencing and drilling for water when he turned 15.

Four years later he travelled to Finke community and worked first with the

Railways and then with the Housing Company.

He graduated as an Aboriginal health worker in 1971 and trained with Mrs Kathy Abbott, one of the first AHWs, in 1970.

Mrs Abbott said Mr Briscoe went on to become a prominent leader at the Finke community, where he was selected by the Aboriginal Council in 1971 to work.

"Kumantjayi Briscoe took it very

**'He did his job, he knew what to do. He was everything as a sole practitioner in the community: The ambulance driver, the clinic worker and he even started training to be a dentist.'**

serious to look at community health," said Mrs Abbott.

"He was always observant and had the responsibility of mentoring the young people."

"He did his job, he knew what to do. He was everything as a sole practitioner in the community: The ambulance driver, the clinic worker and he even started

training to be a dentist."

"It is what comes with the territory as a community health worker – you're the front line, you're available 24 hours a day when you're out there by yourself."

As an Aboriginal health worker, Mr Briscoe learned how to help his people using western medicine, but still held a strong belief that Aboriginal health workers should learn two-way medicine.

"After clinic work Mr Briscoe went more into tradition healing and spiritual health," said Mrs Abbott.

Mrs Abbott said Mr Briscoe was someone known as determined to become a great health worker.

"Difficulties in literacy and numeracy weren't barriers for him, he knew what to treat and what to give for those common health problems," she said.

● Mr Briscoe's family has given permission for media to use this information and photo, however Mr Briscoe cannot be fully named for cultural reasons.



Mr Briscoe on 1 January 2001, awarded the Centenary Medal for many years of service to the remote community of Apatula (Finke).

She rubbed shoulders with prime ministers and alcoholics, but she remained a ...

# Fighter for social justice

Thelma McAvoy  
Passed away March 2008



THELMA Muriel McAvoy was born on the 10 November 1927 on Palm Island.

She was the second daughter of

Brumby and Dolly Hughes and sister to Jessie. Her father Brumby was from the Kokabera Tribe and Mother Dolly was from the Kuku Yalanji Tribe of the Daintree area, north Queensland.

The family was sent to Palm Island 1926 where she was raised in the dormitory there with her sister and many other children of that era.

Being raised on Palm under 'the Act' (the Aboriginal Protection Act 1897) meant that her life, and that of her people were comprehensively managed and controlled, with very little opportunities available.

However Thelma married Percy McAvoy and had eight children: Frank, Selwyn, James, Dolleita, Elvin (dec), Jason (dec), Daryl (dec) and Percy.

In 1966 her husband Percy died and Thelma moved her family to Townsville, on the mainland, to give them opportunities of education, training and employment.

It was during this time that Thelma realised the injustices and inequities faced by her people, and this was the beginning of her journey to fight for her people's basic human rights.

Throughout the 1970s she met other Indigenous people who shared the same passion as she did to fight for the rights of her

people. Some of these people were Koiki Mabo, Ernie Hoolihan, Kevin Saylor, Archie Smallwood, and the Tapim family and others who she regarded as countrymen who all stood for the same cause.

Thelma also met non-Indigenous people who saw political activism as the only way forward for social change – people like Fred and Lorna Thompson, Professor Henry Reynolds and Margaret Reynolds, Mike Reynolds, Richard Lindsay, Noel Loose, the late Jim Keefe, Percy Tucker and others who became lifelong friends.

Thelma's network of Indigenous women who fought alongside her included Mrs Bessie Lymburner (dec) and Mrs Raechel Obah (dec).

It was during this time that Thelma got involved in the establishment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations covering legal services, housing, media, health and child care.

Thelma was involved with OPAL, NACC and was a foundation member of numerous organisations such as Tugulawa Aboriginal Corp for Women.

Domestic violence, stolen wages, the Stolen Generations and black deaths in custody were all issues that impacted her and her family and she represented her people on all of these issues and was a regular visitor to the Townsville Correctional Centre and Cleveland to the many inmates from throughout the region.

Thelma's passion was driven by the labour of love in her heart for her people, and her tireless work was done with what little finances she had.

A self-educated woman before



Thelma McAvoy (left) with friend Bonita Mabo.

her time, Thelma became a member of the Australian Labor Party in the early 1970s and was an advocate of social justice for her people.

In 1998, the ALP made Thelma a life member due to her 30 years of membership and service.

Thelma never missed an opportunity to put forward her views and motions to the Labor Party meetings regarding the state of her people's living conditions in particular, homelessness and the alcoholics. She dined with successive Prime Ministers,

Premiers and Ministers from Gough Whitlam to Peter Beattie, with social justice her main agenda.

During the Centenary of Federation celebrations, Thelma was awarded the Centenary Medal by former Prime Minister John Howard on behalf of the Queen to mark her service and contribution for her people.

Thelma met Roland Polley and they shared many a good times travelling and being together. Well known to many, Pop accompanied her on many official occasions

and were they photographed together with politicians.

One of the many highlights of Thelma's life was when she and other Elders were invited to speak at the World Indigenous Pathways conference hosted by Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood.

Thelma spoke to officials from the Mandela Government of South Africa and to other government and non-government officials around the world.

The late Steve Biko's two sons were assigned to take care of her, with Wes Hall accompanying Thelma to the evening function. Thelma took every opportunity to speak about racism and other social issues that affected her people in Australia.

The late Archie Smallwood, who adored her, once said: "Mum TH can dine with the alcoholics in the park to the Queen of England and feel comfortable at both situations."

Thelma Muriel McAvoy, affectionately known as Mum or Auntie TH, will be sadly missed by all and her many achievements and contributions to the ongoing fight for social justice for her people, will not be forgotten.

This amazing Aboriginal woman was spared by the great spirits to live on mother earth for 80 years, an absolute bonus, as the life expectancy for our women is usually in the 60s. For all of us who knew this remarkable woman, we have been blessed and educated for the better.

Thelma loved her family very much and is survived by four children, 21 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and Pop Roland.

— Supplied by family



# Mass appeal as World Youth Day gets nearer



**EXCITEMENT** continues to build for the celebration of 23rd World Youth Day 2008 (WYD08) in Sydney in a few months.

The 15-20 July event is expected to attract 500,000 overseas pilgrims and Australians to the Final Mass before Pope Benedict XVI on his first visit to Australia.

In the lead-up to WYD2008, the related Cross, Icon and Message Stick are journeying around Australia, and on 26 March went to the University of Western Sydney's Campbelltown Campus.

Pictured here is Tharawal Elder Uncle

Ivan Wellington after being handed the WYD08 Message Stick by 19-year-old Sydney social work student Josephine Ivancsik (right). The second-year student with Wiradjuri heritage is enrolled at the university's Bankstown campus.

Josephine's proud mum Fiona said the handover was an exciting event for their family.

Organised by the Catholic Church but open to all, WYD08 will be broadcast around the world. Veteran television host Ray Martin was last week announced as the host of the official broadcast, expected to be watched by millions of people around the globe.

# No catches to health goals



THE NSW Government is moving to increase the number of

Aboriginal nurses, midwives and other health professionals.

A five-day Aboriginal high school student residential workshop titled KATCH (Koori Action Towards Careers in Health) was held in Hawkesbury last month and attended by about 30 Aboriginal students in Years 10 to 12 from Sydney's west and south-west.

Addressing the workshop, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) Paul Lynch said the Government had developed a proactive Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Strategy.

"The strategy aims to increase the number of Aboriginal nurses and midwives in the public health system across NSW by promoting career opportunities in health for Aboriginal people," Mr Lynch said.

The objectives of KATCH are:

- To challenge and motivate Aboriginal students to complete their secondary education and

consider studying for a career in health

- To increase the number of applications from Aboriginal students into health-related fields of study at Sydney South West and Western Sydney.

KATCH will involve:

- A range of activities, from learning about different health professions to subjects students will need to study for a career in health

- Recreational activities including dance, art, bush tucker, bush walk and story telling with local Elders

- Aboriginal health professionals and students presenting and sharing experiences of their journey to a career in health

- Students experiencing a blend of environmental, historical and cultural programs in the Hawkesbury region.

Mr Lynch said he was encouraged from the feedback about previous workshops.

"In 2002, 2003 and 2004 a total of 144 Aboriginal students from 28 schools across regional and remote NSW attended similar workshops in

Wagga Wagga," he said.

"By the end of 2004, a large number of the participating students had completed Year 12. About 21 per cent of participants in the workshops have graduated or are studying in a range of health-related professions.

"Providing career opportunities for Aboriginal people in the field of nursing, midwifery and other health areas can make an enormous impact on the health and well-being of Aboriginal communities. Aboriginal people need Aboriginal nurses and midwives working in their local hospitals, community health centres and in senior management positions to improve the health of families and the local community.

"A career in nursing or midwifery offers job opportunities locally, at a regional level, and nationally.

"The outcomes of the NSW Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Strategy will ensure that there is a culturally respectful and competent workforce to meet the needs of Aboriginal people, so that all Aboriginal people can enjoy a better quality of life."



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](http://www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au)

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Leah Flanagan on stage.



Troy Cassar-Daley proved a hit.



Front, from left, Debbie William, Yvonne Kay-Stewart, Stacey Knight and Aniba Kay. Rear, from left, Ray Thomas, Gavin Brown, Dave Dowling and Smiley Kay.



Media escorts Erika Winstanley, and Sandy Scott, who is also a student at GNIBI, Southern Cross University.



Kasey Chambers, Bill Chambers and Shane Nicholson from the cover band the Lost Dogs. Pictured here, they joined Troy Cassar-Daley for a song.



John Butler on stage.



Michael and Wanetta Nielson.

# Black and Blues!

SOME blackfellas had the blues over the Easter long weekend but – for those at the 19th Annual East Coast Blues and Roots Festival held in Byron Bay, northern NSW – it was all good.

There was a special Aboriginal Arakwal ceremony to open the festival, which drew more than 70,000 punters over five days.

While I prepared this year with my 'wellies', the sun shone in all its Byron glory over the festival.

Taking centre stage was Troy Cassar-Daley, Dan Sultan and Leah Flanagan. Cassar-Daley added a bit of country flavour to the festival on the Jambalaya stage, and was also joined by cover band members from the Lost Dogs – Kasey Chambers, Bill Chambers and Shane Nicholson.

On the opening night, the John Butler Trio joined Keith Urban to perform *Get Funky* which last year raised money for the Close the Gap campaign.

Other highlights were The Cat Empire, Don Maclean, Sinead O'Connor, The Black Crowes, Buddy Guy, John Fogarty, The Cruel Sea, and Mavis Staples and Eskimo Joe, among scores of others.

Dan Sultan was a definite highlight both times he performed.

His first performance had a timeslot in competition with crowd-pleasers Gotye, 11-piece



By the Koori Mail's SOLUA MIDDLETON, at the Byron Blues and Roots Fest

drumming outfit Gocoo + GoRo, and JJ Grey & Mofo, but the brother managed to pack the tent and outside it, while rocking out soulfully.

The next morning he was the first artist to perform on the Mojo stage, which started off with a very small crowd, but soon after he began belting out tunes he quickly filled that tent, too.

Darwin's Leah Flanagan and her band also drew a crowd. Flanagan's Aboriginal, Irish and Italian heritage came out

and the banjo, and saw me head for the CD stand.

Also making an appearance was the didgeridoo, with artists such as Juzzie Smith, eMDee, crowd favourite Xavier Rudd and Gocoo + GoRo.

Mongrels of Passion, who have an independent release about the national apology to the Stolen Generations called *Sorry*, also performed.

NITV was also there documenting the popular event. Festival Director Peter Noble and partner Michael Chugg were delighted with reactions from artists and punters alike.

"My phone messages and email accounts have been overflowing with praise from punters, the music industry, the local community, and police," said Noble.

"The extra space and how well organised everything is seems to be the common theme, and we're thrilled with how the sunshine and word of mouth led to the highest number yet of people walking up and buying tickets we've ever had."

"The music was just amazing. We've never had such depth of talent across all five days and all five stages."

"Somehow, I don't know how, but each year we seem to top the previous Bluesfest. All I know is we've had an incredible run and a peak of great performances over the last several years, and this year was no exception."



Peter (Birch) Marshall from Byron Bay wore two hats during the festival, as Jangala artist, and site management.

through her performance.

She sang a song called *Stolen Child*, which she said was about some of her family members who were stolen or forcibly removed under government policy. Her gutsy voice was joined by the fiddle





Descendance performers prepare for the Honolulu Festival parade for 200,000 locals.

# Hawaii a hit for dancers

DESCENDANCE have just toured Hawaii, and the jet-setting Indigenous dance group says that after four years of touring the Island American state, the respect and support they received there was second to none. In fact the group has declared Hawaii as their favourite tour destination.

Descendance Director Jose Calarco said the highlight of this year's tour was the Grand Parade of the Honolulu Festival, performing to an audience of 200,000 people who lined the streets of Waikiki Beach.

Descendance also received the best contribution award to the Honolulu festival.

"Our induction and acknowledgement into the festival Hall of Fame was also a special moment," he said.

## Pearl Harbour

This year, Descendance presented workshops for many of the schools of Honolulu, and staged a concert in Pearl Harbour for the children of the US military stationed at the historic post.

"The Hawaiian children greeted us with wreaths of flowers and a hula dance at our Beach Walk performance at the Ohana Islander, it was enough to bring a tear to anyone's eye; the children also joined in on the Aboriginal dancing with great vigour and enthusiasm," Mr Calarco said.

"Our tour concluded with a journey to the big island of Kona (Hawaii). We were lucky enough to see active one of the great volcanoes in Hilo.

"Our theatre performance at The Palace was a great way to conclude another tour, a barnstorming 100-minute theatre show covering every aspect of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

"The last day of all our Hawaiian tours brought sadness, as the words of our farewell Islander song *Se Senpa Suni* state, 'when the sun sets we will be gone, but we shall return again'."



Cindy Drummond, Beatrice Sailor and Barbra Drummond outside the Hawaii Convention Centre.



Beatrice Sailor with Elders from Taiwan.

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The Committee was established to review the adequacy of telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.

The Committee will report its findings and recommendations to the Australian Government.

**Wednesday 16 April 2008, The Kimberley Grande, Argyle Room, 20 Victoria Highway, Kununurra, 5.00-7.00pm**

Tea and coffee will be provided free of charge.

#### More information

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## Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

## INDIGENOUS STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR STUDY IN 2009

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

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

#### How the scholarships will work:

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

**Applications close on: 9 May 2008** (No late applications will be accepted).

Programme information, guidelines and the application form are at: [http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous\\_education/programmes\\_funding/higher\\_education.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous_education/programmes_funding/higher_education.htm)

[www.deewr.gov.au](http://www.deewr.gov.au)



# Footprints on the airwaves



Catherine Liddle, host of *Footprints* on Nine Imparja.

**T**HE untold stories of the great Australian Outback are set to be uncovered in an innovative new television program. The weekly current-affairs show, *Footprints*, is being broadcast live from the red heart of the Outback – Alice Springs.

Nine Imparja launched the half-hour program at the end of March as part of its commitment to boost local content across its vast broadcast footprint.

"There is nothing else like *Footprints* on television in Australia," Nine Imparja CEO Alistair Feehan said.

"We have three television news crews that are on assignment across our viewing area, which covers most of the remote and regional areas in six States and Territories. We are exploring the stories that define and shape the lives of people in regional Australia. We will examine some of the biggest issues confronting this nation, as well as showcasing some of our most iconic stories and outlandish characters."

"This will be quality, in-depth television journalism – and we're proud to say that it's not coming from the big cities, but it's home-grown from regional Australia."

Nine Imparja aims to be a part of every community it broadcasts to across its 3.6 million square kilometre licence area. It has

430,000 regular viewers, as well as many of the six million visitors who travel to the Outback each year.

*Footprints* is hosted by the Indigenous broadcaster Catherine Liddle, who is returning to Imparja where she began her career as a cadet journalist in 1997.

"Promoting and reporting on regional Australia is my passion," Liddle said.

"We will get the stories that the capital city media misses, the stories that are relevant to people like me, who live and work here."

Executive Producer David Hayes-Marshall said: "*Footprints* crews have uncovered some amazing stories on their first long-range assignments."

"They have been to the far north of Arnhem Land, out to Longreach in Queensland, and down to Kangaroo Island in South Australia, so that gives you an idea of the breadth of the country we're covering."

Highlights of the program on Friday night at 6.30pm Australian Eastern Time (6pm Central) include:

- The risks of uranium mining close to a major population centre, with the potential for a mine just 20km from Alice Springs
- The political intrigue surrounding the election campaign for the local mayor
- The business of growing carbon-credit trees in Victoria.

## NT Aborigines to net Maori seafood help



THE Australian Government has sent a group of representatives from the Northern Territory to New Zealand to learn more about how Maori have been incorporated into the seafood industry.

Last year, the Federal Court in Australia made a ruling that gave traditional Aboriginal owners exclusive access to waters between the high and low tide mark at Blue Mud Bay in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

That decision is currently being challenged in the High Court.

Seafood consultant Chris Calogeras told ABC Radio last Thursday that there is a lot to learn from New Zealand, because Maori had been through similar negotiations.

"Maori were given a large proportion of the quota of the fisheries," he said.

### Betterment

"They were put into a perpetual trust for the Maori to use for the betterment of the Maori nation."

A Maori fisheries trust, Te Ohu Kaimoana, holds all the shares in Aotearoa Fisheries Limited (AFL), which in turn holds around half the total value of Maori fisheries assets and is estimated to be worth at least \$NZ350 million (\$A302.98 million).

The company holds a 50 per cent shareholding in Sealord and Prepared Foods Ltd, and 100 per cent ownership of Moana Pacific, Chatham Processing, Pacific Marine Farms and Prepared Foods Processing.

The Aboriginal representatives are meeting New Zealand seafood companies, the NZ Government and both Maori and non-Maori fishers. – AAP

# Nurses return to work after TSI agreement



THE Queensland Government has thanked nurses for returning to work in the Torres Strait.

Nurses in the remote far north region agreed last Wednesday to go back to work after walking off the job over security concerns.

The walkout came after a colleague was allegedly raped by an intruder at Mabuiag Island on February 5, and revelations Queensland Health ignored damning safety reports into Torres Strait health facilities and nurse accommodation before the attack.

At a Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) hearing on Thursday Island, the Queensland Nurses Union (QNU) won a trial for two-person on-call work while urgent maintenance repairs continued.

Acting Premier Paul Lucas thanked the nurses, but admitted there was still some way to go before all safety



**'We've still got to continue to do the work in relation to the ongoing maintenance issues and the duress alarm situation'**

– Acting Qld Premier Paul Lucas

concerns were addressed.

"We've still got to continue to do the work in relation to the ongoing maintenance issues and the duress alarm situation," he said.

"But I am very pleased with the progress. Before the time that we've got all the duress alarms in place, there'll be arrangement where other staff members or another member of the local community will accompany a nurse on a

call-out, if they're called out after hours."

Mr Lucas also stood by Education Minister Rod Welford, who accused teachers of 'exploiting' the health crisis in the Torres Strait by also threatening to walk off the job over security concerns.

"I think he is just as committed as the rest of us to making sure the security issues are dealt with for all public servants in those communities," Mr Lucas said. – AAP



## Two guilty, one acquitted over ATSIC scam



TWO men have been convicted over a plot to defraud the former administrative body ATSIC of \$2.1 million in a property loan scam.

But a third person, Elizabeth May Quince, was acquitted by the NSW District Court jury, which began

hearing the Sydney trial on 7 February.

Ms Quince, her partner Harold Charles Cary and Neil Gordon Camm had pleaded not guilty to conspiring to defraud the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Commission (ATSIC).

The conspiracy was said to relate

to the purchase of a south-western NSW property, near Hay.

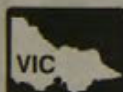
The jury found Cary and Camm guilty of the conspiracy on 28 March, but acquitted Ms Quince.

District Court Judge John Goldring is scheduled to hear sentencing submissions for Cary and Camm on May 16. - AAP



From left Reconciliation Australia Co-chair Mark Leibler, Kristin Dennis, Peter Seidel, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Henry Atkinson and Annette Xiberras at the Reconciliation Action Plan launch in Melbourne.

# Lawyers' action plan is a first



ARNOLD Bloch Leibler became the first Australian

law firm to launch a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at a ceremony at the firm's Melbourne office last month. The RAP was officially launched by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

The firm's Senior Partner, and Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia (RA), Mark Leibler, described the RAP initiative as an important step in the reconciliation process, and in eliminating the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"It is my belief, and my experience, that there are now many sectors of Australian society actively engaged in reconciliation and that, unlike even five years ago, today's engagement is strategic and practical," he said.

"The essential elements of the RAP are relationships, respect and opportunities. These plans are designed to be action-oriented, measurable and long-term, and to embed systemic reconciliation into the



Russell Smith performs on didgeridoo at the launch.

Photos by CARLA GOTTGENS

institutions of our nations."

Mr Leibler said preparations for the RAP highlighted the work that Arnold Bloch Leibler was already doing in collaboration with Indigenous groups and their supporters and created opportunities for new ideas.

"We will continually

re-evaluate our plan so that we can celebrate our achievements, learn from each other and turn good intentions into action," he said.

RAPs are an initiative of Reconciliation Australia, designed to build positive relationships between

Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. They are also a public contribution towards the national effort to close the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Some of the key features of the Arnold Bloch Leibler plan include sharing the firm's reconciliation experience with other professional services organisations; acting as a match-maker between the firm's Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients; offering a tertiary student mentoring program and a tertiary student scholarship; and providing extensive support of Tarwiri, the Indigenous Law Students' and Lawyers' Association.

The launch included speeches from Minister Macklin, Mr Leibler and Henry Atkinson, a Yorta Yorta Elder and member of the firm's RAP Working Group, as well as a Welcome to Country ceremony by Wurundjeri woman Annette Xiberras.

Reconciliation Australia hopes other professional services firms will follow Arnold Bloch Leibler's lead and develop their own RAPs.

● To view Arnold Bloch Leibler's RAP, visit the website [www.abl.com.au](http://www.abl.com.au)

**ABORIGINAL HERITAGE:** TEC wish to identify Aboriginal stakeholders for an Aboriginal cultural heritage study in Macquarie Fields, Campbelltown LGA, Sydney. Please register interest to Oliver Brown. Ph: 0434426519. Email: [obrown@totalcare.com.au](mailto:obrown@totalcare.com.au). Include contact details and indication of cultural connection to the area.

## Walomi Aboriginal Community Transport Service Expression of Interest Steering Committee Member

Walomi Aboriginal Community Transport Service is seeking experienced and committed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the South West Sydney area to be part of a Steering Committee to provide support and guidance to the service.

One of the main objectives of the Steering Committee will be to transition Walomi into becoming an independent organisation delivering vital transport services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in South West Sydney.

This is an unpaid appointment, and selection will be based on experience, qualifications and commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Interested people will need to submit a maximum of one (1) page outline with answers to the following points:

1. Personal Details
  - a. Name
  - b. Aboriginality
  - c. Address
  - d. Age
  - e. Male or Female
2. What qualifications could you bring as a Steering Committee member of Walomi Aboriginal Community Transport?
3. What experiences do you have that can be used for the Steering Committee?

Any other information that you think may influence your chances of becoming a Steering Committee member can be attached.

Expressions of interest by 30th April 2008 and should be forwarded to:

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### - IMPORTANT -

## YANKUNYTJATJARA/ANTAKIRINJA NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING

For all those Aboriginal people who may hold native title rights and interests in the Marla Township and those who are the native title holders of the land and waters known as the "Yankunytjatjara/Antakirinja Native Title Determination area identified in the Native Title Consent Determination made by Justice Mansfield of the Federal Court of Australia on 28 August 2006 at Marla in the Yankunytjatjara/Antakirinja Native Title Claim SAD 6022/98 (see map below).

VENUE: ILINTJITJARA (APY LANDS)

DATE: MONDAY 28 APRIL 2008

### PURPOSE:

1. To authorise\*\* the making of the Marla Township ILUA  
The ILUA deals with the Marla Township area over which any native title which still exists will be surrendered in return for a benefits package.
2. To authorise the discontinuance of the Yankunytjatjara/Antakirinja native title claim (SAD 6022/98) over the Marla Township.

**YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN SWAGS AND CAMPING GEAR. SOME TENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ELDERLY.**

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement will provide meals during the meeting and fuel orders for claim group members.

Please contact: Michael Eliul on free call 1800 010360 to confirm your attendance or make a request for assistance.

### Note

\*Those Aboriginal people under the relevant traditional laws and customs of the Western Desert Bloc, who have a spiritual connection to the area described above (the area) and the Yankunytjatjara associated with it because:

- (a) the area is his or her country of birth (also reckoned by the area where his or her mother lived during the pregnancy); or
- (b) he or she has had a long term association with the area such that he or she has traditional geographical and religious knowledge of that country; or
- (c) he or she has an affiliation to the area through a parent or grandparent with a connection to the areas specified in subparagraphs (a) or (b) above;

and are recognised under the relevant Western Desert traditional laws and customs by other members of the native title claim group as having rights and interests in the area.

\*\*Authorisation of these agreements is necessary under S251A Native Title Act to enable their certification by ALRM (S203BE Native Title Act) and Registration by the National Native Title Tribunal (S.24CK Native Title Act)

**Marla Township and Yankunytjatjara/Antakirinja Native Title Determination area:**

(Area covered by Lambina, Welbourn Hill, Wintinna, Evelyn Downs, Arckaringa, Coorikiana, Allandale (Western side) and Todmorden pastoral stations).





## TENDER - DENTAL TRANSIT VAN

Pat Dixon Medical Centre invites Tenders to bid for 1996 White Ford Transit Van equipped with Dental equipment.

The vehicle can be inspected at the Pat Dixon Medical Centre, 100 Taylor Street, Armidale or by calling Sadie Banfield on (02) 67749450 for an appointment or e-mailing address to [sbanfield.admin@armidalearms.com.au](mailto:sbanfield.admin@armidalearms.com.au)

The Tender will close on Wednesday, 30th April, 06 and envelopes clearly marked Tender for Dental Transit and addressed to: Chief Executive Officer, Armidale Aboriginal Health Services Inc. PO Box 1057, ARMIDALE NSW 2350.

## HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



### Request for Tender Aboriginal Community Riparian Vines Management Project

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority seeks tenders from Aboriginal organisations to provide Aboriginal "Green Teams" for environmental projects on the Nepean River in the Penrith area.

This will require a tender from the Aboriginal Organisation to provide:

- A team of suitably trained Aboriginal contractors qualified to carry out weed management on riverbanks or
- A team of Aboriginal workers with qualified supervisors.

For information and copies of the tender document contact Bill Dixon on 02 4587 0053 or email [bill.dixon@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bill.dixon@cma.nsw.gov.au). The closing date will be 4:30pm on the 18th April 2008.

## Heritage Act, 1977

### Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

Old Adamamby and Lake Eucumbene, including relics and moveable objects, Lake Eucumbene

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 23 April 2008.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing).

If you have any questions please phone Patricia Hale on (02) 9873 8587.

Heritage Council of New South Wales  
Locked Bag 5020  
Parramatta NSW 2124

## ntscorp Our People - Our Focus

### GAMILAROI / KAMILAROI / GOMEROI NATION MEETING

Yaama Gamilaroi Nation Traditional Owners

NTSCORP Ltd (formerly NSW Native Title Services Ltd) is convening a Gamilaroi Nation meeting for Gamilaroi People on the 19th and 20th April 2008 in Coonabarabran. The Gamilaroi Nation meeting is to discuss and make decisions about the Gamilaroi Nation Project which has now been funded to commence. Gamilaroi People are encouraged to attend this Gamilaroi Nation meeting.

The AGENDA for the meeting is:

- To deliver an update on the Gamilaroi Nation Project;
- To introduce the Elected Local Representatives to the Reference Group;
- To have the Elected Local Representatives give an update on local plans and issues;
- To consider the roles of local communities and the Reference Group;
- To ratify the name of the Reference Group (previously Gamilaroi Negotiation Council);
- To discuss the Reference Group's roles and responsibilities;
- To discuss and ratify the Protocols and Terms of Reference for the Reference Group;
- To discuss the Project Plan and Negotiation Aims and Objectives;
- To identify local capacity and training issues in natural resource management;
- To discuss possible local governance structures and
- Any other business arising.

MEETING VENUE: Warumbungle Shire Council, Shire Hall, 31-35 John Street, COONABARABRAN NSW 2357.

DATE: 19th and 20th April 2008

TIME: 10:00AM - 5:00PM on Saturday and 9:00AM - 4:00PM on Sunday.

As with previous Nation meetings, NTSCORP Ltd will be providing limited assistance for travel, accommodation and meals in accordance with NTSCORP policies.

TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE OR TO MAKE ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT PHIL DUNCAN, COMMUNITY FACILITATOR, NTSCORP Ltd SYDNEY OFFICE ON PHONE 02 9310 3188 OR TOLLFREE PHONE 1800 111 944.

# TSRA offers congratulations as Qld poll results finalised



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has congratulated the region's new mayors and councillors, elected during the Queensland Local Government Elections on 15 March.

Fred Gela has been elected as the Torres Strait Island Regional Council Mayor, Joseph Elu the Mayor for the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council and Pedro Stephen the Mayor of the Torres Shire Council.

"TSRA has a strong working relationship with community councils and now looks forward to another term of co-operative partnership with each of the three newly elected councils," the authority said.

In the last edition of *The Koori Mail*, we brought you the local government election results - as they stood at the time of printing - for the State's Aboriginal communities.

Those council areas that had yet to be finalised have now been declared and we

bring you those results here.

All figures have been taken from the website of Electoral Commission Queensland at [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au).

### Aurukun Shire Council (706 enrolled voters)

Mayor (5 candidates): POOTCHEMUNKA, Neville James (173 votes, or 30.51%). Councillors (6 candidates): KOONGOTEMA, Patrick; KAWANGKA, Lyall Chad; YUNKAPORTA, Phyllis Mikompa; and KERINDUN, Angus Cecil.

### Kowaryama Aboriginal Shire Council (634 enrolled voters)

Mayor (3 candidates): HUDSON, Thomas Farlane (209 votes or 40.66%). Councillors (9 candidates): PATRICK, Griffith; YAM, Michael; DICK, James Richard; and PARRY, Walter.

### Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council (151 enrolled voters)

Mayor (3 candidates): GUIVARRA, Peter Donald (56 votes or 54.90%). Councillors (8 candidates): COOKTOWN, Christina; GUIVARRA, Ricky; MAMOOSE, Addie Peter Greg; and WOODLEY, Beryl Estelle.

### Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council (513 enrolled voters)

Mayor (7 candidates): CHEVATHEN, Roy Kevin (122 votes or 34.76%). Councillors (8 candidates): WALLIS, Gloria; COCONUT, Mary Ann; BOSEN, Moira; and BOSUEN, Bow.

### Porpuraaw Aboriginal Shire



JOSEPH ELU

### Council (427 enrolled voters)

Mayor (6 candidates): TARPENCHA, Richard (123 votes or 36.94%). Councillors (10 candidates): BARNEY, Toby; MICHAEL, Dennis; BALLY, Denise; and TYORE, Freddy.

### Torres Strait Island Regional Council\* (2701 enrolled voters in 15 divisions)

\* This council is a divided council for the purposes of the 2008 Local Government Elections. There are 15 internal divisions from each of which one Councillor is to be elected, in addition to the Mayor.

Mayor (7 candidates): GELA, Frederick Solomon (793 votes or 37.98%). Division 1 (3 candidates): BANU, Donald. Division 2 (2 candidates): SOKI, Raymond FM. Division 3 (2 candidates): ENOSA, Ron Maxwell. Division 4 (3 candidates): FELL, Keith Marshall.

Division 5 (4 candidates): GUIVARRA, Wayne. Division 6 (2 candidates): BOSUN, David Oza. Division 7 (2 candidates): KRIS, John Toshie. Division 8 (3 candidates): PEARSON, Nancy. Division 9 (2 candidates): MACKIE, Simeon Walter. Division 10 (3 candidates): LUI, Willie Gowa. Division 11 (2 candidates): MOSBY, Phillemon S. Division 12 (3 candidates): MOSBY, John JS. Division 13 (2 candidates): BERO, Florianna. Division 14 (5 candidates): BEDFORD, Kenny. Division 15 (4 candidates): DAY, Ron Barney.

### Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council (390 enrolled voters)

Mayor (4 candidates): TOBANE, Roderick William (96 votes or 32.21%). Councillors (15 candidates): KEMP, Steven Raymond; WATSON, DJ; SULLIVAN, Archie Ralph; and HENRY, Anthony Mark.

### Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council (236 enrolled voters)

Mayor (7 candidates): TAYLEY, Desmond Alan (37 votes or 27.21%). Councillors (7 candidates): FRIDAY, Cedric; GORDON, Zeila Joan; NANDY, Talita; and GIBSON, Allister Shannon.

### Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (1013 enrolled voters)

Mayor (6 candidates): NEAL, Percy Conrad (256 votes or 32.12%). Councillors (17 candidates): HOUGHTON, Sandra; SANDS, Michael Theodore; WALSH, Bevan Patterson; and FOURMILE, Anthony Clifton.

# Racist attack hits Ceduna



THE Aboriginal community of Ceduna on South Australia's west coast is reeling after a graffiti attack on their

local sports ground.

The Far West Aboriginal Sporting Complex was spray-painted with racist slogans over the Easter long weekend.

Community members last week distributed photos of the gutless vandalism which included a death threat, expletives and references to the Klu Klux Klan (KKK).

"How can we, the Aboriginal community of Ceduna, move on in our lives and try and reconcile with the non-Aboriginal community when we have to put up with disgusting pigs graffitiing racist sayings over our sporting complex," read a statement circulated by one unnamed resident, describing the perpetrators as cowards.

"As soon as one of our 'black' kids does something wrong, the people of Ceduna are up in arms calling our kids 'thugs' and 'gangsters' and doing this and doing that.

"The concern lately is in

trying to control visitors coming to Ceduna and supposedly running amuck. Let's see if something is going to be done to control local people. Something must be done about this before a racial riot takes place in Ceduna. Racism is very alive and well and living in Ceduna."

The *Koori Mail* spoke on Sunday to local Elder Mitch Dunnett who confirmed the graffiti had upset many of the town's 800-or-so Aboriginal residents.

He said it and what appeared to be retaliatory graffiti was symptomatic of poor relations between local authorities and Aboriginal people.

A community meeting was expected to be held some time this week to discuss, amongst other things, what some people saw as heavy-handed tactics by the local council and police.

"There are a lot of good non-Indigenous people in this town and we don't want this to damage relationships with them," Mr Dunnett said.

Port Lincoln police chief inspector Brad Flaherty was contacted on Sunday for comment but had not responded at the time of printing.



Some of the racist graffiti sprayed at an Aboriginal sports ground in Ceduna, in the west of South Australia, on the Easter long weekend.



# The Circuit going around again



PRIME time TV series *The Circuit*, screened on SBS for the first time last year, is to get a second series, and the much-loved

Aboriginal theatre musical *Bran Nue Dae* is set to make the leap from stage to big screen. On Friday, the Film Finance Corporation (FFC) announced funding for the two productions and a third from Western Australia, providing yet another boost for the State's booming screen industry.

*The Circuit*, with an impressive Indigenous and non-Indigenous cast, and the genealogical detective series *Who Do You Think You Are?* both secured FFC funding for second series, while a feature film version of *Bran Nue Dae* has also received the green light.

Coincidentally, both *The Circuit* and *Bran Nue Dae* are set in and around Broome.

The three projects have combined total production budgets of more than \$15 million and total ScreenWest investment of about \$1.6 million.

ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth congratulated the project teams on securing full financing. All three will now go into production in WA this year.

"For three major WA productions to obtain FFC funding in a tightly contested round is an outstanding result and reflects the quality and market appeal of the projects," Mr Booth said.

"The WA screen industry is really punching above its weight with a raft of feature films and major television series currently in all stages of production."

Mr Booth said the FFC's backing of three major new projects was not only great news for the teams involved, but a huge boost to the wider WA screen industry, with local crews offered varied work on a production slate packed for the next 12 months.

*Bran Nue Dae* will be directed by Rachel Perkins (*Radiance*, *One Night the Moon*), who co-wrote the film script with Western Australian screenwriter and playwright Reg Cribb (*Last Train to Freo*) based on the original stage musical by Jimmy Chi and Kuckles.

Perkins said she was both terrified and exhilarated at the prospect of bringing Australia's first Black musical to the screen.



Coming back to a TV set near you: A cast shot from the first serial *The Circuit*, from left, Leroy Parsons, Nick Simpson-Deeks, Marta Kazmarek, Aaron Pedersen, Gary Sweet, Tammy Clarkson, Kelton Pell and Bill McCluskey.

"The play and its music have been loved by many people for 20 years, and in adapting the work, I feel privileged to be collaborating with its creator, Jimmy Chi," she said.

The film will be produced by Robyn Kershaw (*Looking for Alibrandi*) and Graeme Isaac, with filming expected to start in and around Broome mid-2008.

Following a host of screen industry awards, a second series of the critically acclaimed *The Circuit*, produced by Media World Pictures, will also go into production in the Kimberley region later this year.

Featuring a predominantly WA

Indigenous cast and crew, the series follows the chaotic and challenging world of the Kimberley 'circuit' court.

Producer Ross Hutchens said that despite the positive critical response to the first series of *The Circuit*, pulling together the finance for the second series was always going to be tough.

## Excited

"Thanks to the support of SBS and our key financiers, ScreenWest and the FFC, we're tremendously excited to be able to head back to Broome in September to shoot another series," he said.

"As a prime-time drama series

designed to be as entertaining as it is challenging, we are hopeful that *The Circuit* can continue to bring Indigenous stories and Indigenous storytellers into the mainstream."

*Who Do You Think You Are?* was a ratings hit in Australia, with the local premiere of the series attracting a record 863,000 viewers – the largest ever audience share for a local production for SBS.

The landmark documentary series chronicled the social, ethnic and cultural evolution of our national identity through the personal family histories of prominent Australians.

# Reconciliation call



WEST Australian of the Year Mark Bin Bakar has called for the WA Government to fund the re-establishment of a WA Reconciliation

body. Speaking at the Annual General Meeting of the WA Branch of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation – ANTaR (WA) last Thursday, Mr Bin Bakar said he was embarrassed that WA did not have a reconciliation body.

"It was the Gallop Government that de-funded the last reconciliation body, deciding instead to fund small isolated projects around the State," he said.

"This has really held back the WA community from making the progress it could make in reconciliation."

"There is still a critical need for

## Critical need for a WA body, says Person of the Year

a WA Reconciliation body to provide the momentum and drivers for a statewide reconciliation movement. We cannot rely on localised initiatives to be the catalyst for reconciliation to move forward in Western Australia."

### Grants

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts called last week for nominations for the Government's 2008 Reconciliation Grants. This year, a total \$150,000 is available for

projects worth up to \$20,000.

"Reconciliation grants provide an opportunity for individuals and organisations to actively find ways to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people," she said.

The Minister said this year's grants would focus on projects that demonstrated significant leadership in reconciliation and had a strong symbolic value.

"Project proposals must demonstrate the potential to create greater respect between

Indigenous and non-Indigenous people," she said.

Grant applications close on Monday 14 April. Further information on the WA reconciliation grants is available from the local Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) office or from the DIA website <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au>

### Important

Mr Bin Bakar, who will be a member of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's 2020 Summit later this month, said reconciliation was an

important part of understanding the shared history of Australians.

"It's important that children are taught the history of our people and understand the impact it has had on Aboriginal lives," he said.

"This understanding is the essence of reconciliation. Without knowing about our past we run the risks of repeating acts in the future."

Mr Bin Bakar said that a WA reconciliation body could continue to take the message to the community about the importance of understanding our past for a better tomorrow.

"Many of us work in the community as part of the reconciliation movement," he said.

"It's time we co-ordinated our efforts and the Government to stand with us in driving the movement forward."



# Rare art in NT robbery

## Itinerant held after paintings recovered



AN itinerant who allegedly stole more than half a million dollars worth of rare Aboriginal art from a Darwin museum has been remanded in custody to be assessed for drug

addiction. Homeless man Graham Heath, 37, stands accused of carrying out the Northern Territory's largest ever art heist.

He was arrested last Tuesday at a Darwin bus stop within walking distance of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

It has been alleged that on the previous day – April Fool's Day – Heath used a rock to smash a window at the building's rear, escaping with six Papunya Tula board paintings from the Western Desert and a central Australian watercolour.

The paintings, valued at more than \$500,000, were found undamaged several hours later in bushland close to the museum.

"Well, it's not an April Fool's Joke, it has just been a rather excessive occurrence, an extreme occurrence," Museum Director Anna Malgorzewicz said.

And despite the happy ending, she said the robbery was no laughing matter.

"I think everyone at the museum is feeling the drain of the emotions and stresses," she said of the museum's first break-in.

"The Northern Territory Police have done a wonderful job in locating the stolen paintings so quickly."



Stolen painting *Water Dreaming Ceremony*, by Yala Yala Gibbs Tjungurrayi. All the works were recovered soon after the robbery.

A barefooted Heath appeared briefly in Darwin Magistrates Court last Tuesday charged with stealing, entering a building with intent to commit a crime and unlawful damage of property.

Heath's lawyer, Tom Kaye, did not ask for bail and requested that his client, who was known to police and suspected of being drunk at the time of the offence, be referred to a CREDIT Court (Court for Referral and Evaluation for Drug Treatment and Intervention).

"He does indicate a general intention to plead guilty to the charges," Mr Kaye told the court.

### Assessed

Magistrate Daynor Trigg remanded Heath in custody, where he will be assessed for drug addiction, until 17 April.

But he suggested the matter might have to be dealt with by a higher court.

"These matters are Supreme Court matters (because of) the amounts of money involved," he said.

Following his arrest, Heath took detectives to a strip of bushland less than 400 metres from the museum where he allegedly stashed the artwork against a coconut tree, surrounded by bushes.

Initially it was thought that two people were involved in the heist, leaving

behind fingerprints, video footage and spots of blood, but police later said only one person was involved.

Ms Malgorzewicz said she was 'ecstatic' over the recovery of the paintings, which are by important figures from the early 1970s period and which include some of the first permanently recorded designs from the Western Desert region.

Six were Papunya boards and the seventh piece was a Walter Ebatarija watercolour.

"Those works were created in the early 1970s, they are one of the first bodies of work from that particular area so historically (they are) very important," Ms Malgorzewicz said.

"They have been stressed, they are slightly soiled but they are in very good condition."

Ms Malgorzewicz said the theft may increase the value of the paintings.

"These works are now subject to notoriety, clearly the media are very interested in them, and the public will be very interested in them and I am sure people will look forward to seeing the works again," she said.

Ms Malgorzewicz defended the museum's security, although staff would review its security operations and a risk assessment following the break-in. –AAP



Stolen work *Untitled*, by Mick Namarari Tjapaltjarri.



Stolen Work *Meeting of Men of Snake Totem*, by Kaapa Mbitjana Tjampitjinpa.

# More housing than ever, says Vic Govt



THE amount of social housing in Victoria has reached an all-time high and Aboriginal housing has grown by about 30 per cent under the Brumby Government, according to a new report released by the State Department of Human Services.

Housing Minister Richard Wynne said the report showed a total of 930 social housing units were acquired for low-income people in 2006-07, resulting in Victoria's total social housing stock reaching 77,456, which includes more than 1330 homes under the Aboriginal Rental Housing Program.

"Victoria now has more social housing

than ever before and we expect to continue growing given the Brumby Government's injection of \$500 million over four years," Mr Wynne said.

"At a time of record private market rents and a squeeze on housing affordability, we are taking action to boost the amount of affordable housing available to low-income Victorians."

"When we came to office the Victorian public housing waiting list stood at 40,000 applicants, and we have cut that by 15 per cent, despite a drop in public housing funding under the Howard Government which saw Victoria lose over \$1 billion since 1994-95."

"We are committed to working with the

new Federal Government to improve housing affordability in Australia and help implement (Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd's National Rental Affordability Scheme which will put an extra 50,000 affordable homes on to the market."

Mr Wynne said that as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs he was pleased by the new figures that demonstrated substantial growth in Aboriginal housing.

"The Victorian Government's recently announced additional \$7.5 million of funding has enabled Aboriginal Housing Victoria to double the Aboriginal housing acquisition program in 2007-08," he said.

"Victoria is the only State or Territory

that had been able to continuously grow its public housing supply."

"We have been able to achieve this growth by increasing funding and by getting better value for money through an innovative strategy to deliver more social housing through not-for-profit Housing Associations."

"The growth in social housing is largely due to the increasing number of homes created in partnerships with Housing Associations which give Victoria's low-income families greater choice in landlord, type of home and location."

A copy of the report *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs* is available at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)



## Victory as Lake Condah returned



THE Lake Condah area in Victoria's south-west has been officially handed back to the Gunditjmarra Aboriginal people. The Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation will now manage Lake Condah and are the second group of Aborigines to have native title recognised in Victoria.

After an 11-year battle, Federal Court judge Tony North recognised the Gunditjmarra people as the native title holders of the 290-hectare Crown land area 340km west of Melbourne a year ago.

The corporation's Chairman, Damien Bell, said Gunditjmarra people had aspired to have Lake Condah returned to them for a long time.

"These achievements are not only a testament to our community's ability and identity, but to the understanding and partnership of the broader community," he said in a statement on 30 March.

### Wars

The Gunditjmarra have lived in the area for thousands of years and fiercely resisted European settlement in the 1800s in what are known as the Eumeralla Wars (fought near the Eumeralla River).

In the early 1980s, the Gunditjmarra also fought the State Government and Alcoa Aluminium in the High Court over construction of a smelter without recognition of their cultural heritage.

Gunditjmarra Elder Ken Saunders said Lake Condah held important memories for his people and its return, marked at a special ceremony, was an important mark of respect and reconciliation.

"Many Elders and other people of my age remember Lake Condah before it was drained (by the Government in 1954 for agricultural reasons)," he said.

"It was full of eels, fish and birdlife. I remember the skies above Lake Condah being black with swans when my father would take me there."

The lake is undergoing a restoration project aimed at fully restoring it with permanent water by the end of this year.

In late 2005, Justice Ron Merkel made the first native title recognition in Victoria when claims were granted in the Little Desert National Park in the State's west.

The titles recognised a 9642 square kilometre area claimed by the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergala and Jupagalk peoples of the Wimmera region. -AAP



Black on Track's Brian Dowd and Shellie Joass with program participants from the Roma State College Middle Campus.

# Black on Track in southern Qld



FOUR south Queensland Aboriginal communities have been so inspired by the success of a healing, intervention and employment program in Roma last year that they're establishing the program in their own communities.

After a pilot of the program in Roma, the local Indigenous Co-ordination Centre is implementing a regional partnership agreement to roll out the program to other interested Southern Queensland Aboriginal communities.

The Roma program involved 15 men, and a school-based intervention program for 15 Aboriginal children aged nine to 16 years.

Queensland Health's Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Community Prevention Officer in Roma, Michael Reddan, said on Friday that he had taken the Black on Track program on a road show to Charleville, Cunnamulla, St George and Dalby and been impressed by the local response.

The 10-week program is about developing an opportunity for all Indigenous Australians to identify, accept and self-heal by taking ownership and becoming empowered in acknowledging their own self-worth.

It was developed by 55-year-old Brian Dowd, a Gamilaraay man from Coonabarabran in north-west New South Wales, by drawing on his life experiences.

"I made a choice to take the step away from my family and local stomping ground where I was slowly beginning to walk the wrong paths life was dealing out," Mr Dowd says.

"At the age of 26, I found myself at the cross roads of life after declaring myself bankrupt, unemployed, facing incarceration and attempting suicide.

"It was at this point that my journey towards self-discovery, self-identity and ultimately self-empowerment began.



At the Charleville community meeting, Brian Dowd met up with Jessica Stanley who participated in the Roma State College Black on Track program in 2007.

"I sat down and started to design a way to assist myself, creating changes in my own life and ultimately designing a program that has not only saved my life, but the lives of many other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who participate in Black on Track."

The road show team consisted of Mr Dowd and his partner Shellie Joass, Roma Black on Track steering committee members Michael Reddan and Tanya Foster and the Indigenous Co-ordination Centre's Peter Lupton.

Mr Reddan said all four south-west Queensland communities had issues that they believed the Black on Track program would be able to assist.

"It's very encouraging to see that these communities are prepared to support their men and this program, which will strengthen individuals, their families and their whole community," he said.

"Black on Track has enabled participants and their families to develop the ability to address their own needs in a safe, friendly and confidential environment.

"Participants develop a more rounded understanding of their own life experiences and personal feelings through education and self-healing groups. They share their views to focus on working together to heal, participate and educate through a variety of different approaches."

Mr Reddan and Ms Foster provided advice on how to engage the local community and key partners, how to recruit participants, source in-kind support, and develop and implement an employment and training strategy to support participants to move into full-time employment after the program.

The program takes a holistic approach.

"By examining Aboriginal culture and history, participants are taken on a journey from their past to their present and towards their future as community members and family leaders," said Brian Dowd.

"They're encouraged to explore their own personal experiences around drug and alcohol, mental illness, grief and loss, anger management and conflict resolution, harnessing their individual thoughts and opinions to create a blue print to manage these issues."

"To gain a better understanding of the job market, we explore participants' current attitudes towards employment and develop positive employment directions by developing realistic expectations and job search skills."

"During this phase of the program, they're introduced to healthy eating, healthy living and physical activity opportunities."

"By the end of the 10-week program, decisions are made about where each person goes from here. Quality decisions around life and employment are carefully nurtured and supported with short, medium and long-term goals established and goal cards finalised."

Black on Track participants are offered local employment through community partnerships.





Members of the Timbery family at Timbery Reserve. From right, William 'Cuz' Timbery, Laddie Timbery, Noel Timbery (obscured), Esme Russell, Rhonda Timbery, Joseph Timbery, Claude Timbery, Mervyn Jarrett, Les Jarrett, Assen 'China' Timbery, Jean Stewart and Yvonne Simms.

# In honour of the Timbery family



A DEDICATION ceremony has been held on the shores of Botany Bay, Sydney, in honour of the Timbery family.

The parcel of land is known as Timbery Reserve, named after the Timbery family, one of the oldest Aboriginal families known in the La Perouse and NSW South Coast areas.

Uncle 'Laddie' Timbery often tells the story of how the Timbery family ancestors were standing on the banks of Botany Bay when old 'Jimmy' Cook sailed through the heads.

In 1819, an Aboriginal man by the name of Timbere (or Timbery) was sketched at Botany Bay by French artist and journal keeper Jacques Arago. It is understood Timbere was a member of the Five Islands Tribe based in the Illawarra region.

Another important ancestor of the Timbery family was Queen Emma Timbery (circa 1842-1916). Queen Emma was an accomplished shell worker and



Uncle Claude Timbery performed the Welcome to Country.

an ardent community worker. She often visited Aboriginal settlements along the South

of which are families such as Timbery, Simms, Ardler, Jarratt, Thomas, Russell and others.

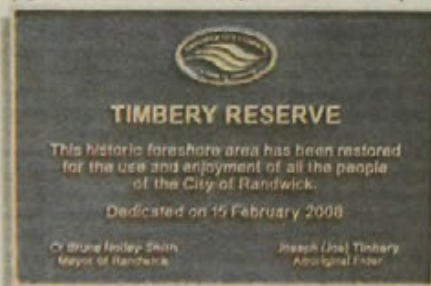
The area recently dedicated by the Randwick Council has special significance for the La Perouse Aboriginal community. Claude and Noel Timbery, who were present at the dedication ceremony, noted that the area was important to local people, as it was the main place that many fished and made their living.

Claude and Noel also remembered the old jetty that children used to jump and dive from for coins that people threw into the water.

The reserve was jointly opened by Randwick Council Mayor Bruce Nottley-Smith and local Elder Joseph 'Joe' Timbery.

Joseph Timbery was nominated by members of the Timbery family because, historically, a brass breastplate presented to a member of the Timbery family when Europeans first landed in Botany Bay had an inscription 'Joe Timbery - Chief of The Five Islands' engraved on it.

- Ron Timbery



Coast of NSW to offer help and support.

She also managed to raise 11 children, the descendants



Aboriginal Elder Joseph Timbery and Randwick Mayor Bruce Nottley-Smith unveiling the plaque.



A rising star,  
Bowraville  
actress Sandy  
Jarrett

# Hollywood beckons...



KOORI actress Sandy Jarrett's star is on the rise, in all kinds of directions. Hailing from Bowraville Mission in the Nambucca Valley of northern New South Wales, the young Dunghutti woman has her sights on Hollywood.

But while she plans to relocate to Los Angeles at the end of the year in the hope of securing US TV and film roles throughout the US pilot season, it won't be Jarrett's first time there – and there's plenty to keep her busy here in the meantime.

She will soon make her feature film debut in an Australian film *Laugh Kiss Cry* and a US film *World Full of Nothing*, and will step into the role of a male Aboriginal footballer in Zeal Theatre's production of *The Forwards* which will tour to Aboriginal communities in Queensland and the Northern Territory.

And the drama honours student recently landed the lead role in another Australian feature film, *Little Black Dress*.

In July, Jarrett returns to the Sydney Theatre Company (STC) to perform the role of both a promiscuous teenager and strict elderly Turkish woman in *Taboo*.

Jarrett's previous performances with STC include the internationally acclaimed *Stolen*, directed by Wayne Blair, and *The Afternoon of the Elves*, which she later toured to Seattle in the United States.

In amongst all of this, she also

works as a writer, with her debut short film, *Taxi*, currently being produced. She has started working for National Indigenous Television, assisting Indigenous artists transform their concepts into TV and Film scripts.

Jarrett says she draws inspiration from actresses Naomi Watts, Charlize Theron and Leah Purcell, whom she worked under in the Aboriginal Horror film *Wandji* (post-production) and the creative development of *Black Chicks Talking*.

## Honours degree

After finishing an honours degree in drama at Queensland University of Technology, Jarrett undertook an artistic cadetship (NICP) with Queensland's Indigenous theatre company, Kooemba Jdarra Indigenous Performing Arts.

In 2006, she undertook acting training at the Atlantic Theater Company in New York and the Lewis Smith Acting Academy in Los Angeles.

Jarrett was recently invited to Canberra to perform an excerpt of her self-devised solo show, *Burri Burri Woman*, for Sorry Day next month. Her show is based on her grandmother's story and the removal of her 14 children in the 1960s.

Before heading overseas, the performer will collaborate with her cousin, Aboriginal hip hop artist Wire MC, in her second solo show which will explore the diversity of Aboriginal Australia in a fusion of cabaret, traditional Aboriginal and hip-hop.

## Havnen takes up role with the Red Cross



RED Cross has appointed Aboriginal advocate Olga Havnen as its Head of Indigenous Strategy.

Ms Havnen started with Red Cross early in February and will be based in the organisation's Darwin office and will report to the Chief Operating Officer.

Acting Chief Executive Dale Cleaver said last week that Red Cross had a desire and commitment to significantly increasing its work with Indigenous Communities in a major way in Australia over the coming months and years.

"By way of example, the Red Cross has developed a range of special programs including nutrition in Queensland, South Australia, Western Australian and the Northern Territory during

the last year," she said.

Ms Havnen, a Western Arrernte woman from Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory, has an extensive work history/background and profile in Aboriginal Affairs in both non-government and government sectors in management, policy and research, advocacy and community development.

For the past six months she has been the Co-ordinator of the Northern Territory Combined Aboriginal Organisations responding to the Federal Government's emergency intervention in the NT.

Previous roles include Deputy Director of the Northern Land Council, Manager of Indigenous Programs for The Fred Hollows Foundation, and Co-ordinator of the National Indigenous Working Group on Native Title (NIWG).

# Awareness is the goal

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



A GATHERING aimed at creating awareness of Aboriginal

culture and heritage, as well as natural resource management, will be held in northern New South Wales next month.

Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council's Aboriginal Support Officer and organiser of the Cubawee gathering, Tracey King, said the theme of the gathering was 'Walking Tall, Staying Proud'.

The gathering, for all community members, will be held over two days at Cubawee mission near Tuncester and Lismore.

"It's about bringing all the

community together for an important event, and sharing culture and getting together in a constructive manner and help each other," Ms King said.

There will be a range of activities for all ages including games for children, and Elders, career information, art and craft, dancing, workshops and entertainment.

## Bigger plans

Ms King said the gathering was a part of bigger plans for the Cubawee site to build a cultural centre, café and provide training and education.

She noted there were few Aboriginal people working in the shops of Lismore and said the plan would be an education and training ground for Aboriginal people.

She said that both

Ngulingah and the Yabur Yulgun organisation would source funding for the buildings planned for the site later in the year.

Ms King thanked the Department of Education, Northern Rivers Catchment Authority, Southern Cross University and the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council for their support for the Cubawee event.

Volunteers are still needed in the areas of musicians, dancers, clowns and entertainers.

● The gathering will be held at Cubawee mission on Kyogle Road, near Tuncester. For details or to volunteer call Tracey King on (02) 6621 5541, or (0432) 356176, or email ngulingah@bigpond.com



# Japanese whalers attack dugong 'hypocrisy'



**JAPANESE** whalers have attacked the Australian Government over its support for harvesting dugongs by Indigenous hunters, further intensifying the spat between the two countries over whaling.

In a submission to the International Whaling Commission for its meeting in Chile in June, the Japanese will highlight the killing of dugongs by Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

The New Zealand-based spokesman for Japan's Institute of Cetacean Research,

Glenn Inwood, said Australia was being hypocritical by supporting the harvesting of dugongs by Indigenous hunters, while rejecting all 'lethal use' of whales, it was reported last Wednesday.

"Japan subscribes to the international principle of sustainable utilisation,"

the spokesman said.

"The Australian Government rejects all lethal uses of whales and yet supports sustainable utilisation of its own national hunting of the dugongs."

Islander leaders agreed that too many dugongs were being taken for traditional food, *The Australian* newspaper reported.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett said there was no analogy between Japanese whaling and the killing of dugongs.

The Commonwealth Government was actively engaged in programs to protect dugongs, the Minister said. - AAP



Participants in the third annual Dare to Lead TriState Remote Schools Conference held in Alice Springs.

## Remote area conference 'the best yet'



Katrina Tjitayi, left, and Jane Bookie were at the conference.



Daisy Ward, left, and Sandra Ken took part.



THE third annual Dare to Lead TriState Remote Schools Conference was held in Alice Springs on 30

March-1 April and the general consensus was that the event was the best to date. About 80 educators gathered from schools across the central Australian region roughly centred around the juncture point of the South Australian, West Australian and Northern Territory borders.

Sessions were held on:

- School Community Partnerships

- Student Health and Wellbeing Initiatives
- Indigenous Leadership
- New Staff Orientation
- Exchange of data across borders

● Secondary provision  
Each session featured speakers from each of the areas, then discussion in mixed State/Territory groups.

### 'Fantastic'

Conference co-facilitator Paul Bridge said the level of discussion throughout the event was 'fantastic'.

"I would like to thank you as

principals, Aboriginal workers, people from district and regional offices for your attendance and input," he said in his concluding remarks.

"From my perspective, I come away feeling that we are targeting the nitty-gritty of what is taking place in remote schools, looking at things which are critical whichever side of the border you are.

"After three years of TriState Conferences, you start to see familiar faces and feel like this is an ongoing conversation that we are having.

"This is important."



# Street patrol gets new bus



THE ability of the Kalgoorlie Street Patrol to deliver its essential service has been boosted with the announcement of a grant to fund the purchase of a new bus and communications equipment.

Government Enterprises Minister Lijlanna Ravlich last Friday presented the Nooda Ngulegoo Aboriginal Corporation (NNAC) with a Lotterywest grant for \$97,680 to purchase a Toyota Coaster bus with modifications to allow for wheelchair access and for two-way radios with a base station to support the delivery of the Kalgoorlie Street Patrol.

In presenting the grant cheque to the organisation, Ms Ravlich paid tribute to the important work done by the NNAC and the Kalgoorlie Street Patrol.

"The core objectives of the patrol are aimed at reducing the level of contact Aboriginal people have with the justice system, to respond to individuals at risk of harming themselves or others and to refer or link people to appropriate services," the Minister said.

"The new bus will provide a crucial service, aimed at assisting the Aboriginal community of Kalgoorlie to mitigate the effects of alcohol, drug and substance misuse, within town and surrounding camps.

"Clients include people affected by alcohol or substance misuse, homeless and itinerant persons and community members, families and individuals at risk of harm or violence."

The service will operate within Kalgoorlie and surrounding town camps on Monday to Saturday nights between 6pm and 12.30am.

The total costs of the purchases are \$101,980, with NNAC contributing the balance (\$4300) and the Department of Indigenous Affairs providing the funds to operate the service.

The NNAC provides services and programs that facilitate Indigenous people into employment and to encourage the maintenance of traditional culture.

Other programs managed by the organisation include Job Search Support, Training, Kalgoorlie and Wiluna Street Patrols, Primary Health and Substance Abuse services, and NAIDOC Week activities.



Students reading a welcome they had written in their language to the audience.

# Wergaia language revived



INDIGENOUS students in Victoria are bringing their language,

Wergaia, back to life.

They celebrated the reclamation of the language at a community consultation workshop on 15 March at the Horsham Angling Club.

About 40 community members and other interested people, attended.

The workshop provided an opportunity for community members to hear and read about the Wergaia language.

They were provided with a consultation copy of the Wergaia Community Grammar and Dictionary, and were invited to provide comments and feedback to Dr Julie Reid and Dr Heather Bowe, linguists from Monash University.

The language is being reclaimed by some very keen Wotjobulak Community members, in collaboration with Dr Reid.

Dr Reid said it was hoped that feedback from the broader community would ensure that as much information as possible was included in the reclamation process, and the subsequent revival of the Wergaia language.

The workshop included presentations in Wergaia by several Wotjobulak people who are learning to reclaim and revive their language.

This is the first time the Wergaia Language has been available through the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), using the Indigenous Languages of Victoria: Revival and Reclamation study design.

Dr Reid is employed by the Victorian School of Languages, a

State Government secondary college that offers distance education classes. Classes are held via video conferencing, with Dr Reid in Melbourne, and two groups of students, one in Horsham at the Horsham Tertiary Adult Further Education campus, and the other in Ballarat at the University of Ballarat's School of Mines campus.

Most of the students are undertaking a dual program, Certificate I and II in learning pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Island peoples at the University of Ballarat.

Many of these students intend to teach Wergaia to the wider Wergaia heritage community, passing on the knowledge they have gained to ensure that the language was not lost again.

"This has given me a better connection to my country and

I'm proud to regain my language," student Kylie Kennedy said.

Student Richard Kennedy said: "Today was a very emotional event for me as my father told me that when he was attending primary school he and his brothers and sisters were belted for speaking their language. It contrasts with what I am experiencing today in reviving our language."

Student Jennifer Beer said language was a very important part of culture and identity.

Dr Julie Reid said she was very proud of her students.

"They have worked extremely hard, and have achieved more than I expected in such a short period of time. If other Community members are as determined as these people, Wergaia has a bright future," she said.



# UN declaration 'should set minimum standard'



THE United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples should be a pre-cursor to legally binding convention, a Melbourne forum on Victoria's new Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities was told.

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service CEO Frank Guivarra said although the UN Declaration was not a legally binding instrument, it was intended to serve 'as a standard of achievement to be pursued in a spirit of partnership and mutual respect between States and Indigenous Peoples'.

It also provided 'the minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the Indigenous Peoples of the world', he said.

"In common with the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, this declaration is expected to have moral force and it is hoped that it is the pre-cursor to a legally binding Convention," Mr Guivarra said.

The UN Declaration was not signed by Australia.

The Melbourne forum provided the first platform to look at the impact of Victoria's new Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities and its importance and relevance for Indigenous Victorians.

The forum was attended by more than 80 representatives from Indigenous communities and organisations across Victoria.



FRANK GUIVARRA

The Charter, which came into full effect on 1 January this year, aims to improve the work of State and local government by compelling them to act in a way that is compatible with human rights.

Victorian Equal Opportunity Commission CEO Dr Helen Szoke said the Charter was of great significance for Victoria's Indigenous population and

promoted respect and recognition of Indigenous rights.

"The Charter makes explicit reference to the importance of human rights for Indigenous people, and the protection of their distinct cultural rights" she said.

"This forum will bring people together to consider what opportunities the Charter provides to advance and promote change."

The one-day forum featured a workshop in which participants identified issues facing Indigenous communities in Victoria and practical approaches using the Charter to address these issues.

Leading Indigenous academic Larissa Behrendt and Mr Guivarra gave keynote presentations. Prof Behrendt is from Law and Indigenous Studies, Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, University of Technology, Sydney.

She discussed the importance of human rights to the realisation of equality and participation of Indigenous people within an Australian historical context.

Mr Guivarra spoke of the development of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People's and Australia's failure thus far to sign it.

The forum included a workshop session designed to identify key issues of concern to Indigenous communities, and advocacy opportunities using the Charter as a tool for change.

Participants raised concerns about the level of Indigenous consultation in the development of the Charter, and suggested a number of strategies to improve community understanding of, and engagement with the Charter.

This feedback, along with all speeches and other materials gathered on the day are in the process of being collated into a report, and will soon be made available on the Commission's website.

## Govt to pump \$180m into nature reserves



THE Federal Government has committed \$180 million towards expanding national parks and reserves

through partnerships with landholders and conservation groups. The funding over five years for the nature reserve system would be matched by at least \$90 million from the private sector and other stakeholders, Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett said last week.

He said the move, under the Caring for Our Country program, would help protect native species from the effects of climate change.

The announcement coincided with a CSIRO report calling for new protected areas to conserve ecosystems threatened by global warming.

Mr Garrett said priority areas included northern Australia's sub-tropical savannah from Cape York to the Kimberley, the Mitchell grass country of north-west Queensland and arid central Australia. "The funding means we'll have a much better protection of the biodiversity that's in our parks and reserves which is so necessary in the face of climate change," Mr Garrett said at Namadji National Park, in the ACT.

"It recognises what scientists, conservationists, park managers,

farmers and Aboriginal people have been saying to us for some time."

The Minister said it would also help protect the tourism industry by safeguarding landscapes and native species.

The existing reserve system includes more than 9000 protected areas made up of national parks, indigenous lands and reserves run by conservation groups through to ecosystems protected by farmers on their properties.

More than 89 million hectares are now protected – about 11 per cent of the continent.

### Committed

New areas would be added through acquisition or a covenant in which the landholder committed to preserving bushland.

Conservation groups said the announcement represented a four to fivefold increase in Federal spending.

"You can do a lot with that kind of money because it's a partnership arrangement," WWF policy manager protected areas Martin Taylor told reporters.

However, Mr Taylor said the cost of managing reserves to State and Territory governments dwarfed the price of acquiring them.

Australian Conservation Foundation health ecosystems program manager Paul Sinclair said that until now, the Government

had spent comparatively little on preserving the nation's wetlands, woodlands and grasslands.

"These places shape us as a country and we have an obligation to protect them," Dr Sinclair said.

The CSIRO report, Implications of Climate Change for the National Reserve System, says as many different types of habitats as possible across larger areas need to be protected.

In doing so, report author Michael Dunlop said environmental scientists would be forced to rethink their approach.

"Traditionally, conservation has focused on preventing change or restoring landscapes toward a pre-European state, but we now have to accept that change is inevitable, and it's happening quite fast," Dr Dunlop said.

"Some animals and plants will be found in places where they've never been seen before, and others will disappear from areas where they were once common, and for many regions the look, sound, and smell of the landscapes we are familiar with will gradually change."

In response, the Government last week committed \$250,000 to identify climate change refuges for native plants and animals.

The project will be funded out of the \$126 million Climate Change Adaptation Program. – AAP

## Policy 'provides certainty, clarity'



A POLICY framework under which mining companies and traditional landowners will strike agreements

for working together to facilitate development projects in Goldfields-Esperance was unveiled in Kalgoorlie-Boulder last Friday. The Goldfields Land and Sea Council says its mining policy provides greater certainty and procedural clarity for all parties involved in the discovery and/or extraction of mineral resources from Aboriginal people's traditional lands.

"This clarity will help build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people generally, and traditional land owners and industry in particular," said GLSC CEO Brian Wyatt.

"The policy is a snug fit with the local, national and international mood for change in industry's dealings with traditional landowners, and for ensuring they are positioned to derive appropriate benefits from those lands."

"The policy ensures the rights of the region's Indigenous people – as prescribed by their own traditional laws and customs, and International and Australian laws – are upheld and respected."

"In particular, the policy is shaped to Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), a key principle of the United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous People 2007, which was ratified with more than 90% support from member countries."

"FPIC means it is no longer acceptable for anyone to presume that for whatever reason the detail of agreements can be skimmed over or people's consideration of them rushed. If Aboriginal people require more information or time to explore the full ramifications of an agreement, then these must be provided before signatures will be contemplated."

Mr Wyatt added that "these days there are plenty of developers, including miners and mineral explorers, who would not want it any other way".

"What the Mining Policy has done is to simply formalise the FPIC process, which is increasingly common practice, and lay it out in the form of a legally binding Accommodation Agreement," he said.

"Goldfields-Esperance Aboriginal people have an enviable record of co-operating with government and industry in facilitating development of the region's mineral resources. Each year traditional landowners strike about 300 agreements with exploration or mining firms."



# Hero husband fights off croc

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A MAN jumped on the back of a crocodile and poked its eyes to free his wife from the reptile's jaws during an attack at a Northern Territory river.

Norm Moreen, 39, has been praised for his heroism for leaping on to the 2.5 metre saltwater crocodile after it seized his wife, Wendy Petherick, from a river bank at Litchfield National Park, south-west of Darwin last Wednesday.

"I just jumped on top of it," he told reporters at Royal Darwin Hospital.

"There was no time for fear you see, when you want to save someone, especially someone you love."

Authorities were amazed, too, at the courage of Mr Moreen's 36-year-old wife, who suffered serious bite wounds to her legs and thighs but later talked calmly about trying to prise the reptile's jaws from her legs.

"I grabbed him by the jaw, on top," she said. "My finger just ripped on the top ... (as I) was trying to open his mouth, I was in the water and he was pulling me under."

"Being a little person, I think he would have dragged me, death rolled me and killed me."

Mr Moreen immediately went to her aid and wrestled her free. "We both saved each other really," Ms Petherick said.



Bamboo Creek at Litchfield National Park, where the croc attack occurred.

She had been standing on the river bank washing her face when the saltwater crocodile lunged, locking its jaws on both legs. It tried to drag her into the water.

"I think it was just quick thinking, I wasn't panicking ... I had to fight back."

Ms Petherick was first rushed for treatment at the nearby Aboriginal

to her thighs and a severe cut to one of her fingers.

She was expected to remain in hospital for three to four days and undergo surgery to clean the wounds, which are susceptible to infection because of bacteria on the teeth of the crocodile.

Hospital General Manager Dr Len Notaras said Ms Petherick's injuries were serious but not life-threatening.

The hospital has dealt with up to three victims of crocodile attacks each year.

Rangers said the attack was the first in Litchfield National Park, a popular tourist destination.

"The water is only 1.5m deep where the crocodile attacked the woman — which highlights that at this time of the year, following the wet season rains, saltwater crocodiles can find their way into rivers and creeks where they are not normally found," said ranger Luke Playford.

Mr Playford said rangers would try to trap the crocodile.

Mr Moreen said he and his wife usually threw rocks into the water first to scare away any crocodiles.

"This one probably had a nest nearby or was looking for a feed," he said.

"They should have more signs up, these are croc-infested waters." — AAP

**'I think it was just quick thinking, I wasn't panicking ... I had to fight back.' — Croc attack victim Wendy Petherick**

"My husband said let's just freshen up, he jumped in and I walked down after him ... next minute the croc ... just grabbed me on the leg and pulled me in," she said.

community of Woolanang, where she lives.

She was later taken to Royal Darwin Hospital suffering five puncture wounds

## Working party will explore the options Big cultural centre part of city plan

NSW

A WORKING party is to be established to explore options for an Indigenous Cultural Centre and significant cultural walk around Sydney. Lord Mayor Clover Moore said this was part of the Sustainable Sydney 2030 plan.

The idea is one of the visions in the City of Sydney's draft Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision. The draft plan was considered by the Council earlier this week for public exhibition from 17 April.

"It is my hope that within the next few years, Sydney will have a major Aboriginal cultural centre to exhibit, celebrate and teach the story of the world's oldest living culture," Ms Moore said.

"It will be a place for all Australians and overseas visitors to learn more of our shared story."

"One of the strongest messages to emerge from our extensive public consultation to guide the development of our draft Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision was the need to recognise, support and celebrate Sydney's Indigenous

**'We must work together to plan now for a better future where ... every Indigenous Australian has the opportunity to fulfill their potential'**

community.

"Whatever form the centre takes, it needs to attract visitors and nurture Indigenous culture. It also needs to include functional workshops, library

resources, archives and exhibition space."

The council said the final location would be the subject of extensive consultation with the Indigenous community and wider Sydney community.

The centre would showcase Indigenous art, oral histories, a museum, library, film production, publications, dance, music, theatre and other performing arts.

The City of Sydney will establish the working party to engage with State and Federal Government agencies, experts and community representatives to consider the feasibility of the centre. "We must work together to plan now for a better future where Indigenous Australians are no longer excluded, but are central to our national life and that every Indigenous Australian has the opportunity to fulfill their potential," Ms Moore said.



Top and above: An artist's impression of an Indigenous Cultural Centre proposed for Sydney and a cultural walk.





Lowitja O'Donoghue was there with with Mona Tur and Leonie Brodie.



Delyn Man (daughter of the late Marianne Ormond) gets a hug from Mia Fantasia-Copley.



May Wilson with Amanda Watts and her mother Martha Watts.

# Women tell powerful stories



**EIGHT** powerful stories told by Aboriginal women feature in a new DVD that has been launched in Adelaide.

The DVD took many months to compile and it shows the strength of Aboriginal women.

Their stories journey through the challenges of domestic violence, removal from family, drug addiction, mental illness and loss of children, home, culture and community.

Each woman's story is a testament to living life with pride and purpose.

The story-tellers featured on the DVD are Aunty May Wilson, Marianne Ormond, Rona Moore, Amanda Radomi, Aunty Irene Allen, Aunty Martha Watts, Aunty Mona Tur and Roseann Dowden.

The DVD was launched on 25 March at the Mercury Theatre.

The function was opened by Marion Burns, from Nunkuwarrin Yunti SA Inc.

People were welcomed to Kaurna land by Aunty Josie Agius.



The Women's Healing Group sang their song *From Heartache to Hope*, written and set to music by Naomi Hicks, after the screening of the movie.



CQAICCA's Juanita Kyle with comedian Sean Choolburra, who kept guests entertained at the child care agency's 20th birthday celebrations last month.

# 20 reasons to celebrate



**THE** Central Queensland Aboriginal Islander Child Care Agency Inc (CQAICCA)

celebrated an important milestone last month – 20 years of service.

The Rockhampton-based organisation has been supporting families in Rockhampton, Mount Morgan, Woorabinda and the Capricorn Coast to raise happy and healthy children for two decades.

AICCA's deliver a range of services, including advocacy for families and children in relation to child-protection matters, foster-care recruitment, training and support, and referring clients to support services.

Like many organisations with a similar number of 'miles on the clock', CQAICCA has withstood many upheavals



Torres Strait Islander dancers who performed at the CQAICCA celebrations.

and changes. "The work is difficult. All directors and staff are valued highly for the dedication and our kids," CQAICCA's directors said in a statement.

"The key priority for the organisation is to ensure that our children are safe from harm and cared for in

an environment which is loving and warm, and to assist in the return of children in the foster care system to their families.

"The organisation has seen governments come and go – many changes of Ministers, fought many a battle and have met the many challenges that have

been presented to them over the years."

The 20-year celebrations, held at the Leichardt Hotel in Rockhampton last month, provided an opportunity for staff to let their hair down and enjoy themselves.

CQAICCA senior finance officer Juanita Kyle said performer Troy Cassar-Daley was a big hit at the event, and comedian Sean Choolburra had the crowd in fits of laughter.

"We would like to thank Mop and the Dropouts, who flew in from Brisbane, for their entertainment, as well as Busby Marou who are our local talent here in Rockhampton," she said. "The Dropouts jammed up a storm with Troy and his crew."

The night also provided an opportunity to pay tribute to the agency's founding members and their families.



# Sermsah's advice to our Indigenous youth: 'If I can do it, so can you'

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



NOTHING to lose and everything to gain was the attitude of

Western Australia's Sermsah Bin Saad when he decided to enter the Channel Ten reality show, *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Sermsah, who made it into the top 20, was eliminated at the fourth round of the show.

His journey has been a big one, not only through dance, but also through his own personal issues, and he believes that everything happens for a reason.

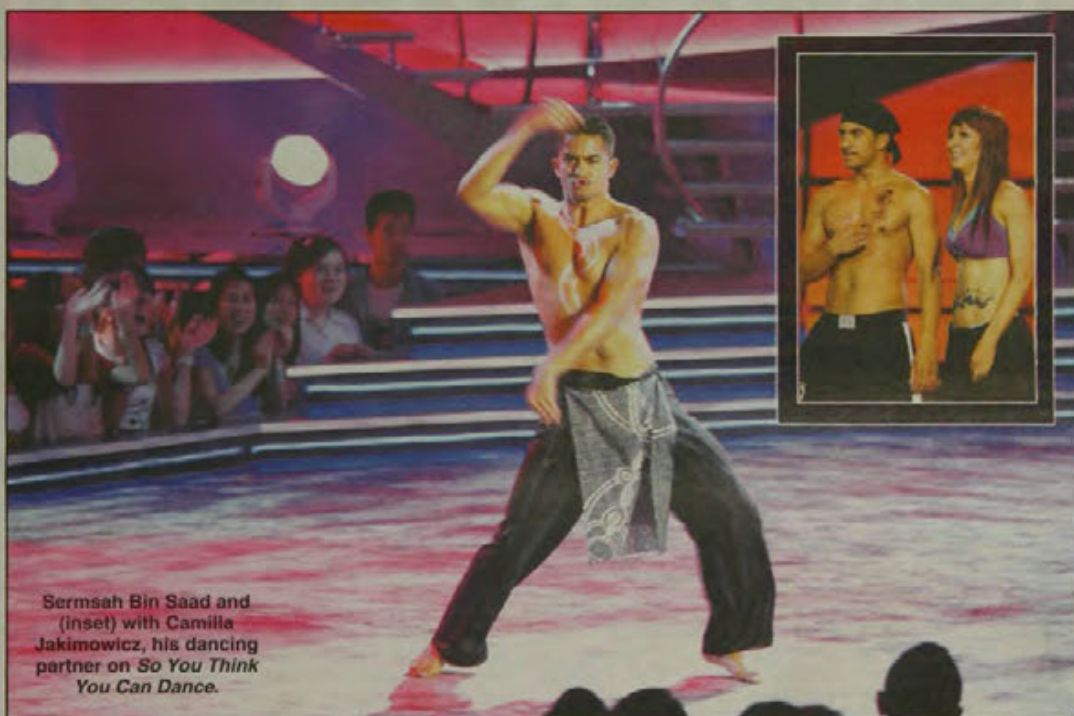
Sermsah told *The Koori Mail* that when he first started on the show, he found the cameras very intrusive, and it felt like they were trying to find drama.

"I learned I had to chill out and to treat the camera as my best friend," he said.

"In the end I realised they weren't trying to find anything negative in me, they were just trying to find people's individual struggles, and to show if they could overcome that. And from what I know and what they said to me, I have done it."

Sermsah said he had pushed himself to the limit as a contestant on the show, but thought of his elimination as something that happened for a reason.

"I know I pushed myself," he said. "There was a time where I thought I can do this, and it was



Sermsah Bin Saad and (inset) with Camilla Jakimowicz, his dancing partner on *So You Think You Can Dance*.

actually possible and I surprised myself, it was definitely challenging every day."

Sermsah started his dance training at 17 and has study acting and theatre, but his passion is definitely dance.

He said that of the dance styles on the show, which included hip-hop and musical theatre, the martial arts choreography was his favourite.

Sermsah was often criticised by the judges for his lifts, but he says people didn't realise that his difficulty in executing the moves was because he had pulled his rotator cuffs.

The 31-year-old was also quick to dispel mainstream media reports of a rift between him and his dancing partner, Camilla Jakimowicz.

He said that there was only one disagreement, and the two ended up on good terms and were friends.

"We connected with each other," he said. "She is a great woman to work with and very professional. There wasn't as much as what people were making out."

Sermsah said that he had high expectations of himself, but he was happy with where

he got to in the competition.

"I am not disappointed, I was quite happy with how far I got," he said.

His Aboriginal heritage is something he describes as 'strong'.

"It is so important, that's who I am and I can't change that," he said. "I am not ashamed of who I am and where I am from, I am really happy."

"And I want to do so much more, I want to be an ambassador for my people."

Sermsah said it was depressing how few Aboriginal people auditioned for the show.

"There was not one Aboriginal person I saw in Perth," he said. "It's a shame when you think about how much potential and talent our people have."

"If we can be proud and know that we can do something not only for ourselves, but also set an example, then why not go for it?"

He said it was important that Aboriginal people stay strong in the face of adversity.

"Now that we have had the chance to see the national apology, I think it is really an opportunity for us to prove to Australia we are most amazing race," he said.

"I'm not saying in competitive sense. I am saying that we

have been so repressed for some many years, it's time to show our talents."

"All these other Aboriginal people come up to me, and you can see the passion in their eyes. They say they want to be like me or to do what I have just done. I tell them 'you can'."

"If I can be one person that has touched so many thousands of people, imagine what we could do in unison."

"I'm grateful for what I have been given and I believe in destiny. I believe that's what I have been given, the chance to live one of my dreams."

## Bipartisanship could make for 'sanctimonious' policy: Abbott



OPPOSITION Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott has criticised plans for a bipartisan approach to Indigenous issues, saying it could lead to

'sanctimonious' and unsuccessful policies. Bipartisanship has faltered since Prime Minister Kevin Rudd signalled the new approach during the parliamentary apology to the Stolen Generations in February.

Mr Abbott, writing in *The Australian* newspaper on 25 March, said

bipartisanship could make 'wrong-headed' policies harder to change.

"The demand for consensus can easily become a means to intimidate critics," he said.

"A policy that both sides support is more likely to be administered in a high-handed, sanctimonious way than one assumed to be open to scrutiny."

Bipartisan policies were less likely to be considered contentious but not necessarily more likely to succeed, he said.

"In the end, policy should be judged on

its capacity to deal with known facts rather than on the size and eminence of its cheer squad."

Mr Rudd and Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson have so far failed to establish a bipartisan 'war cabinet' tasked with tackling Aboriginal disadvantage, despite meeting several times to try and nut out details.

Mr Abbott said if the Government were serious, it must give the Opposition some capacity to influence outcomes as well as merely to co-chair meetings of the joint policy commission.

"Meaningful bipartisanship involves ceding some authority to the Opposition, not just expecting that it will rubber-stamp Government policies," he said.

The Opposition has signalled it will block legislation to change some key elements of the Northern Territory intervention and has expressed concerns about planned changes to township leases.

There have also been moves in the Coalition to oppose the Government's plan to endorse the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Rights. - AAP



# New Indigenous studies centre for CSU



CHARLES Sturt University (CSU) has launched a new Indigenous studies centre.

Director of the Centre for Indigenous Studies and Head of the CSU Dubbo Campus Gary Shipp said the establishment of the centre reaffirmed the university's leadership role in Indigenous education across its region and Australia.

"The university recognises the critical

importance that the contribution of teaching, research and learning makes to Indigenous education," Mr Shipp said.

"The establishment of the centre will move the university toward developing a hub of Indigenous education at its Dubbo Campus and will enhance the interactive learning environment.

"With a high proportion of the Indigenous population in western NSW dispersed throughout the Dubbo region,

the centre is ideally located to increase the number of Indigenous students participating in higher education."

The new centre, launched in NSW Parliament last week, is responsible for the delivery and governance of Indigenous education and research at CSU and is part of the Faculty of Education.

It is staffed by academic and administrative officers and aims to meet

the goals of developing an Indigenous education strategy and monitoring Indigenous education initiatives at the university.

CSU was the first university invited to feature its work at NSW Parliament House. 'CSU Week' began on Monday 31 March and featured a display about the university, luncheons, special guest lectures, and the launch of the CSU Centre for Indigenous Studies.

# Australia Council extends deadline

## Another six months for program consultation



THE Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board (ATSIAB) has announced a six-month extension to its consultation with the

Indigenous arts sector about proposed changes to the Indigenous key organisations funding program.

Chairperson Dr Chris Sarra said stakeholders had sought an extension to the consultation period for the review of its key organisations program, "and the board had listened". The review will now continue through until September.

"(The review) will also be more inclusive; we'll be speaking to our State and Territory partners, our artists, arts organisations and our communities, their Elders and leaders to make sure that the available resources are appropriately shared and well-used," Dr Sarra said.

"Government support for Indigenous arts, guided and informed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, is a key part of keeping culture strong."

"The board and staff of the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts division are working to ensure that resources for excellence in Indigenous arts across all artforms and across the country are delivered in ways that are accessible, fair, and equitable."

Organisations funded under the existing key organisations program have their funding locked in at current levels until 31 December 2009.



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Key Organisation Triennial Grants will not be offered in 2008. The program will be available again in 2009.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board is reviewing the Key Organisations grant category, with the Board considering whether there are better ways to provide the funding.

The board will decide on a new basis for triennial funding taking into account such matters as:

- the number of Key Organisations it can effectively support
- the most effective way to coordinate with other government agencies in supporting these organisations
- the role triennially funded organisations in supporting smaller companies, groups and artists.

More details are available at [http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/news/news\\_items/australia\\_council\\_to\\_consult\\_further\\_about\\_indigenous\\_key\\_organisations](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/news/news_items/australia_council_to_consult_further_about_indigenous_key_organisations)

### New board appointee

The Australia Council has welcomed Arts Minister Peter Garrett's recent appointment of West Australian Lynette Narkle to ATSIAB for a three-year term.

Ms Narkle has been a pivotal force in theatre for more than 30 years. Her film and television credits include *Heartlands*

(1994), *Natural Justice* (1996), *Heat* (1996), *Jackaroo* (1990), and *Southern Cross* (2001).

She has worked as a director with the Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company and was a project officer at Screen West, increasing the engagement of Indigenous filmmakers with screen culture.

Two other ATSIAB Board members, Northern Territory visual artist Terry Marawili and South Australian dancer/choreographer Gina Rings, have been reappointed for a further term.

### Culture guide

The Australia Council also recently released a fully revised second edition of its protocol guides to help Australians better understand the use of Indigenous cultural material.

The five guides cover protocols for producing Indigenous Australian media arts, music performing arts, visual arts and writing. They were written for the Australia Council by eminent Indigenous intellectual property lawyers Terri Janke and Robynne Quiggin.

Dr Sarra said the guides should be compulsory reading for anyone working in the arts, and an automatic first point of reference for Australians working alongside Indigenous culture.

"Real reconciliation involves understanding and respect; understanding the protocols in these guides will help Australians do the right thing when working alongside Indigenous culture," he said.

"The guides use real-life case studies from the arts to help Australians avoid some of the common pitfalls that can cause distress to Indigenous people – from sampling music without permission to altering Indigenous creation stories."

The guides' editor, Terri Janke, said they were also created to help Indigenous artists know their rights and get a better financial return for their work.

"Indigenous arts are worth more than \$500 million to the Australian economy, but there are still some gaps in the general understanding of how cultural practices and Australian copyright law interact," Ms Janke said.

"A lot of Indigenous culture is oral and performance based. It's handed down from generation to generation and then communally owned."

"Acknowledging cultural sources, and respecting the integrity of these important works isn't enshrined in copyright laws. These guides help show artists how they can best protect their work and their culture."

The five guides are available online from the Australia Council's website or in hard copy by phoning (02) 9215 9000.

# NSW camp to focus on women's business



A WOMEN'S business cultural camp will be held in regional New South Wales later

this month. Aboriginal Cultural Birthing and Parenting NSW will hold the camp at Rollands Plains,

south-west of Kempsey, from 21-23 April and invites anyone who supports the organisation's founding vision to attend.

That founding vision is to strengthen and heal community by maintaining, reviving and renewing Aboriginal women's

culture and lore/law with respect to birth and parenting.

Aboriginal Cultural Birthing and Parenting NSW aims to develop a statewide network of women and their families to share cultural knowledge and practice, find the power and endurance together to

address individual, family and community healing, and tackle racism, lack of human rights and social justice issues as a group.

The organisation will have its public launch at Double Bridge Farm, 1785 Rollands Plains Road, Rollands Plains at 11am on 23

April. Registration costs \$150 for the three days, including camping accommodation or dormitory beds and all meals.

For information or to register for the camp, contact Michelle Blakeney on phone 0406 217 483.



# National Calendar

To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email [calendar@koorimail.com](mailto:calendar@koorimail.com) or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

**Ongoing:** Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. For details call (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email [news@sbs.simplicitycrm.com](mailto:news@sbs.simplicitycrm.com)

**Ongoing:** Australian Indigenous Global Sports Academy (AIGSA) and Prokick Australia are looking for Koori male youths ages 15-17 to play a series of American gridiron games against high schools in the USA. Venues and locations to be finalised. For details call Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email [rd@bold.net.au](mailto:rd@bold.net.au)

**Ongoing:** Indigenous Australians Exhibition. The exhibition showcases the diversity and richness of Indigenous cultures as well as the problems faced by many Indigenous communities in Australia today. Serious issues such as deaths in custody and the Stolen Generations are discussed from an Indigenous point of view. Indigenous history is explored from before European colonisation to the present day. Held at the Australian Museum, 6 College St, Sydney. For details call Cheryl Connors on (02) 9320 6000 or (0417) 232 204 or visit [www.aronline.net.au/visiting/exhibitions](http://www.aronline.net.au/visiting/exhibitions)

**Ongoing:** Aboriginal Heritage Projects. This project provides grants of up to \$75,000 to conserve Aboriginal heritage and encourage greater understanding of Aboriginal culture. The program assists in the conservation of culturally significant Aboriginal sites, documents community events and contributes to Aboriginal tourism. For details call Richard Sharpter on (02) 9873 8577 or email [richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au](mailto:richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 9 April:** United World College Scholarship. The scholarships are given to Yr 11 and 12 students, they are very prestigious and could be equated to a Junior Rhodes Scholarship at a high school level. Our motto is Peace Through Education. For details call Julie Adamo on (02) 9571 4490 or email [julie@adamofashions.com](mailto:julie@adamofashions.com) or visit [www.uwc.org.au](http://www.uwc.org.au)

**Until 10 April:** Indigenous Collecting Workshop. Do you have photographs, documents, albums or diaries that you want to look after for future generations? State Library of Queensland will be conducting training aimed to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders document, record and make accessible their history and culture. All welcome and is free. Held at the State Library of Queensland. For details call Gavin Bannerman on (07) 3840 7436 or visit [gavin.bannerman@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:gavin.bannerman@slq.qld.gov.au) or call Nadine McDonald-Dowd on (07) 3842 9887 or (0403) 349 807 or visit [nadine.mcdonald-dowd@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:nadine.mcdonald-dowd@slq.qld.gov.au)

**Until 12 April:** Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Featuring Sean Choolburra. Held at the Imperial Hotel, Bourke St, Melbourne. For details call 1300



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660 013 or (07) 5559 1250 or (0422) 966 446 or visit [www.seanchoolburra.com](http://www.seanchoolburra.com)

**Until 11 April:** Northern Mythology art exhibition of Brian Robinson. Northern Mythology takes you on a journey throughout Far North Queensland focusing on the scattered group of islands in the states north – the Torres Strait. For details call (07) 3224 4896 or 1800 175 531 or email [reception@arts.qld.gov.au](mailto:reception@arts.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.arts.qld.gov.au](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au)

**Until 13 April:** Youth Week in NSW. Youth Week provides young people throughout the state, no matter where they live, with an opportunity to participate. It is organised by young people, for young people in local communities across the state. For details call (02) 9716 2872 or email [youthweek@community.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthweek@community.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au](http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 18 April:** Free and helpful tax assistance. Does your organisation get funding of \$150,000 or more? Is the organisation registered for GST? Our visits are educational and informative. Any information you share with us is confidential and will not be used for any other purpose. For details call Cheryl Huntriss on (0407) 408 256 or Cheryl Burraston on (0437) 030 768.

**Until 19 April:** Group Group Show – art exhibition. DAMP has invited twelve 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. Featuring chicks on speed, a contracted world, safari team, the hotham street ladies and many more. Held at Margaret

Lawrence Gallery, Southbnk. For details call (03) 9685 9400 or email [vmcinnis@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:vmcinnis@unimelb.edu.au) or visit [www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/gallabout](http://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.nrac.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nrac.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 21 April:** Reflections on China art exhibition. You are invited to join us at the launch of this exhibition by Jeffrey Samuels and Chris Pang to be officially opened by Mr. Reg Richardson AM – Patron of the Arts. Refreshments will be served. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Co-operative, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt from 9am-5pm. For details call (02) 9560 2541 or visit [www.boomalli.org.au](http://www.boomalli.org.au)

**Until 24 April:** Painting Workshops. Pole Depot Community Centre invites the Aboriginal community to join in on these workshops. All welcome. Held every Thursday at St George Creative Art and Craft Centre, Penhurst, Victoria, from 12.30-2.30pm. For details call James Bassam on (03) 9330 6069 or Annette Webb (0419) 034 084.

**Until 24 April:** Barefoot Rugby League Show – live studio audience filming. Held every Thursday from 5.30-8pm. Dates: 13/3, 20/3, 27/3, 3/4, 10/4, 17/4, and 24/4/08. Barefoot Rugby League will showcase Indigenous NRL players and legends. It will promote rugby league at a grassroots level in communities across QLD, NSW and the Northern Territory. Held at St George League Club, Kogarah.

For details call Tani Crotty (0419) 660 763 or email [tani.crotty@nlv.org.au](mailto:tani.crotty@nlv.org.au)

**Until 25 April:** Grants for Sporting Clubs. Woolworths are offering grants of up to \$5000 for sporting clubs to promote healthy living, so they can use the funds to buy equipment, run programs etc. For details call Tony Quinn on (07) 4031 8141 or (0402) 892 834 or visit [www.ardevelopment.com.au](http://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](http://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 Riley's 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](http://www.stillsgallery.com.au)

**Until 28 April:** Calling for Grant submissions. The Indigenous Issues Unit, Department of Justice, is now calling for Community Grants Program Applications for 2008/09 for both the Frontline Youth Initiative Programs and Community Initiative Programs. For details call Julia Jenkins on (03) 8684 1737 or email [julia.jenkins@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:julia.jenkins@justice.vic.gov.au)

**Until 30 April:** Expressions of Interests. 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](mailto:vacl@vaclang.org.au) or visit [www.vaclang.org.au](http://www.vaclang.org.au)

**Until 30 April:** Billy Thorpe Scholarship. This is a unique 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](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au)

**Until 30 April:** Land Acquisition Assistance – calling 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.ildc.gov.au](http://www.ildc.gov.au)

**Until 2 May:** 2008 Indigenous Community Justice Awards – calling for nominations. The Community Justice Awards are state-wide and an opportunity to recognise individuals and organisations who have contributed to improving justice outcomes for the Koori community. Any Victorian Koori organisation, local business, government department or agency, or education institution can be nominated. Details call Sue Haseloff on (03) 8684 1733

or visit [www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

**Until 3 May:** Samantha Hobson Ngayu Aalmana Ngaachi Ngatangu – Growing up with Country. Hobson's paintings explore the country around, and culture within, Lockhart River. Painting from memory, she invites us to witness and share her vision of the land, the sea, and the reef of spawning coral. Held at Vivien Anderson Gallery, 470 Dandenong Road Caulfield from 11am-5pm. For details call (03) 9509 0255 or email [info@vivienandersongallery.com](mailto:info@vivienandersongallery.com) or visit [www.vivienandersongallery.com](http://www.vivienandersongallery.com)

**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 September 1 to November 28 2008. For details call Dennis Stokes on (02) 9215 9173 or visit [www.australiacouncil.gov.au/albersresidency](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/albersresidency)

**Until 10 May:** Jilamara paintings and carvings Art Exhibition. This current exhibition will feature paintings on paper, canvas and carvings. Artists will include Kenny Brown, Pius Tipungwuti, Linus Warlapinni, Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri, Conrad Tipungwuti, Janice Murray, Mary Magdalene Tipungwuti, Raelene Kerinauia and Dymphna Kerinauia. Held at Hogarth Galleries, Paddington from 10am-5pm. For details call Melissa Collins on (02) 9360 6839 or email [info@hogarthgalleries.com](mailto:info@hogarthgalleries.com) or visit [www.aboriginalartcentres.com](http://www.aboriginalartcentres.com)

**Until 11 May:** Lines in the Sand exhibition. This exhibition will feature Botany Bay stories from 1770. Guest speaker Hetti Perkins. Held at Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre. For details call (02) 8536 5700 or email [hazelhurst@ssc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hazelhurst@ssc.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.hazelhurst.com.au](http://www.hazelhurst.com.au)

**Until 11 May:** Mark-making. This display juxtaposes a diverse range of approaches to the expressive mark in art, the works having a relationship that is not necessarily related to chronology. Featuring artists Ian Fairweather, Mike Parr and more. Held at the University of Queensland, Brisbane. For details call (07) 3365 3046 or email [artmuseum@uq.edu.au](mailto:artmuseum@uq.edu.au) or visit [www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au](http://www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au)

**Until 12 May:** The Foundation for Young Australians – Indigenous Small Grants. Indigenous small grants provide funding to Indigenous organisations, organisations that work with Indigenous young people and communities to develop new initiatives, as well as the expansion of existing successful initiatives. Grant of up to \$5,000 to successful applicants. For details call (03) 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316 or visit [www.youngaustralians.org](http://www.youngaustralians.org)

**Until 23 May:** 2008 Educational Scholarships. The Aboriginal Legal Services in WA are seeking applications from Aboriginal students studying at either primary or secondary school for the 2008 scholarship program. Three primary and two secondary scholarships that will

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be awarded. For details call Katrina Carlisle on (08) 9265 6666 or 1800 019 900 or email kcarlisle@als.org.au

**Until 25 May:** Depth of field art exhibition. Depth of field comprises a selection of contemporary works from the University's Collection exploring recent developments in figurative photography. Role playing, performance, memory, history and contemporary culture are invoked in works by artists such as Fiona Foley, Shaun Gladwell, Bill Henson, Rosemary Laing, Mike Parr, Luke Roberts and Jay Younger. Held at The University of Queensland Art Museum, St Lucia from 10am-4pm. For details call (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au or visit www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au

**Until 30 June:** 2009 Statewide Senior Football Netball Carnival expression of interest. Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreational Co-op would like to commence the planning and development of the carnival as early as possible to ensure that all communities are given adequate time to prepare their teams to participate. For details call Richard Young on (03) 9484 5351 or email vayr@bigpond.com

**Until 30 June:** Land Management Assistance – calling 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.ild.gov.au

**Until 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 collaboratively with the young people to produce a short performance that can be performed 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

**Until 4 July:** Indigenous Scholarship to study at Metro Screen. With funding from the Department of Education and Training, Metro Screen is pleased to offer a limited number of free places to aspiring Indigenous filmmakers on our popular Certificate IV in Screen course. Participants will work together to produce location dramas, documentaries and studio dramas. For details call Claire Morgan or Maeve Marsden on (02) 9361 5318 or visit www.metroscreen.org.au

**Until 15 July:** The Australian 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

**Until 22 July:** Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting. The art prize is open to anyone who lives within the Country Energy's networking area. Artists are encouraged to enter all artistic styles, media and contexts from figurative to abstract, charcoal, to traditional oil paints. The prize for the winner is \$35,000. For details call 132 356 or visit www.countryenergy.com.au/artprize

**Until 31 July:** National Excellence in Teaching Awards. The program calls on parents, school councils, committees of management, student councils and local community organisations to identify teachers who are an inspiration to their students, to their peers and to their community. For details call (03) 9276 7768 or 1800 624 487 or email nelta@asg.com.au or visit www.nelta.com.au

wqphotography@optusnet.com.au

**10 April:** Journey to Respect Program – information session for referring agencies, parents and carers. This program looks at ways the participants can identify and manage feelings of anger, sadness and shame, which may in turn lead to aggressive or violent behaviour. Held at Lismore City Council from 2-4pm. For details call Lee-Ann Emzin on (02) 6625 0432 or email lee-ann.emzin@lismore.nsw.gov.au

**10 April:** Seminar for Aboriginal worldview, childhood, lifehood and relatedness: the rites, roles and responsibilities for the growing up of young Aboriginal children. The presentation explores the ways older children and adults teach young children their relatedness to their ancestors and country and to

For details call Hattie Watson on (02) 6651 5568 or (0448) 095 298 or email hattie\_watson@birch.com.au or visit www.birch.com.au

**11 April:** My Father, My Brother publication launch. These are the stories of Campbelltown's Aboriginal man to be launched by The Hon. Kristina Keneally, MP, Minister for Ageing. Refreshments provided. All welcome. Held at Campbelltown Arts Centre from 2.30pm onwards. For details call (02) 4645 4100 or email liz.cox@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

**11-29 April:** 2008 Gold Coast Indigenous Art and Design Awards. You are invited to celebrate the work of Gold Coast Indigenous artists and designers. Held at Gold Coast City Council Chambers, Surfers Paradise. For details call (07) 5581 6075 or email cscde@goldcoast.qld

**14-18 April:** WireMC Hip Hop Workshop. In the workshops WireMC will be teaching the kids how to knock up a beat and make a loop, lyric writing, performance skills, beat boxing, and production values. Held at Nowra Youth Centre, 132 Kinghorn St Nowra. For details call Lynelle Johnson on (0408) 360 084 or (02) 4421 6342.

**15 April:** Yahri Jalay Dance Troupe. Do you think you've got what it takes to be a deadly dancer? Come style it up and audition for this dance troupe. Held at PCYC Coffs Harbour from 4pm onwards. For details call (02) 6651 9961 or visit www.pycnsw.org/coffsharbour

**15-19 April:** Reflections – Referendum 40 Years and to the Future. This is an original theatre piece devised by the talented and innovative 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.qtlx.com.au

**17 April-22 May:** Screening Ruben Guthrie. He has a fresh and distinctive voice and approaches familiar subjects – sibling relations, infidelity – from startling and interesting angles. Held at 24 Belvoir St, Surry Hills. For details call (02) 9699 3444 or visit www.belvoir.com.au

**17 April:** A River Dreaming Book Launch. Elizabeth Pyke's book 'A River Dreaming' is closely linked to her own personal story of dislocation from culture and loss of identity. Elizabeth is an Elder and Writer in residence at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and the book will be launched by Graeme Mundine. Please RSVP by April 10. Held at the Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy from 6pm onwards. For details call (03) 9480 3849 or email cfar@passiton.org.au

**19 April:** The Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program – Free training. This program provides teachers, teacher aides, school sport volunteers, community members, tertiary and Year 11 & 12 school students throughout Queensland with FREE training that can ultimately lead to accreditation in coaching, officiating, inclusive sport and physical activity for people with a disability, and sports first aid. Held at Tully State High School, Bruce Highway, Tully from 8.15am-5pm. For details call (07) 3235 9442 or email Andrew.Bolt@srq.qld.gov.au or visit www.sportrec.qld.gov.au

**19 April:** Women's Health Forum. This forum will cover topics on Women's Safety, Health, Financial Health and Health Esteem. Entry by gold coin donation includes Morning tea and light lunch. Held at Murwillumbah Civic Centre from 10am-3pm. For details call Betty Priest on (07) 5524 5374 or email easypeas@bigpond.net.au

**19-21 April:** Rally to drop the charges against Lex Wotton. This is a three day camp to support the charges being dropped against Lex in relation to the riot of the first coroners report on the death of Mulrunji Doomagee on Palm



Former champions athlete Cathy Freeman and swimmer Ian Thorpe are keen supporters of Close the Gap. 22 April is National Close the Gap Day. This event will give Australians the opportunity to come together and show their support for closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians. For details call (03) 9289 9444 or 1800 088 110 or visit www.oxfam.org.au/events/close-the-gap-day

**Until 8 August:** Registrations for National Basketball Championship. Its time to get your team registrations in for the Basketball Championships. Divisions available: A grade men and women, under 18's, under 16's and under 14's boys and girls. For details call Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirl@mail.com or visit 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 kalg08@yahoo.com.au

**9 April:** Wayne Quilliam Contemporary Exhibition. Wayne is one of Australia's most prominent Aboriginal photographic artists with more than 100 solo and group exhibitions in Australia, Europe, Asia and the USA. Held in Melbourne. For details call Wayne Quilliam on (03) 3939 5133 or (0413) 812 222 or email

know who they are and where they come from. Held at Southern Cross University, Lismore in room Z181 from 4.30-6.30pm. Free seminar. All welcome. For details call Wendy Britt on (02)6620 3605 or email wendy.britt@scu.edu.au or visit www.cycp.scu.edu.au

**10 April:** Annual exhibition from Mwerre Anthure. This latest exhibition features the work of Billy Benn and Kukulah McDonald. Bindi is a not-for-profit, cross-cultural service that offers supported employment, adult training and assistance to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Held in Alice Springs. For details call (08) 9881 9985 or visit www.karenbrowngallery.com

**10 April:** 'Close the Gap – Aboriginal Health Equality Forum'. The forum will provide the opportunity for you to hear from and connect with Indigenous health leaders, and to show your support for working in a collaborative manner to achieve Indigenous health equality. Held at the NSW Parliament House from 4.30-6pm. For details call Cara Bevington on (02) 8204 3929 or email carab@oxfam.org.au

**11 April:** Nim's Island Film screening. In celebration of Coffs Harbour's Senior Citizens Week, Birch Carroll and Coyle will be holding a special screening of Nim's Island for only \$7 a ticket.

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**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) 768 428 or email conference@socialjusticeinearlychildhood.org or visit www.socialjusticeinearlychildhood.org

**14-16 April:** The First National Indigenous Family and Community Strengths Conference. This conference will focus on the strengths of Indigenous families and communities. Recognising that connection to community, country and culture is central to Indigenous family well being, delegates will explore how Indigenous cultures strengthen families and communities. For details call (02) 4984 2554 or email family@pco.com.au or visit www.pco.com.au/family

**14-16 April:** National Indigenous Family and Community Strengths Conference – Our Culture: A Strength to Build On. Held at The University of Newcastle, NSW. For details call (02) 4984 2554 or email Family@pco.com.au or visit www.pco.com.au/family



## New report points to diabetes disaster



**INDIGENOUS** Australians are at greater risk of contracting diabetes than other Australians, according to a new report.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report found that about 700,000 Australians had clinically diagnosed diabetes in 2004-05.

Among those cases, Indigenous Australians, and some other population groups such as people born in South-East Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, were the most likely to contract the disease.

The latest report adds strength

to Diabetes Australia-NSW predictions that if more isn't done to stop the epidemic, the number of people with diabetes will reach four million by 2012.

Diabetes Australia-NSW President Dr Neville Howard says the report reinforced the likelihood that this would be the first generation of children who would not outlive their parents.

Furthermore, because of the link between type-2 diabetes and heart disease, Dr Howard warned the increase in diabetes rates might well reverse the falling numbers of people with cardiovascular disease.

Dr Howard said prevention was the key to slowing the number of

people developing type-2 diabetes.

"People have to take responsibility for their own health, become aware of the risk factors, adopt a healthy eating plan and become physically active," Dr Howard said.

### Complications

The AIHW report, *Diabetes: Australian Facts 2008*, contains the most recent national data on prevalence, incidence, risk factors, and complications of diabetes. The report shows that overall, between 1989 and 2005, the proportion of people with diagnosed diabetes more than doubled, and either caused or

contributed to one in 11 deaths in Australia in 2005.

Diabetes can lead to heart disease, kidney failure, blindness, amputations, oral health problems and impotence.

In 2004-05, people with diabetes were twice as likely to have had a heart attack, and four times as likely to have had a stroke, the report found.

Nearly one-third of people starting treatment for end-stage kidney disease did so because of their diabetes, and almost 3400 people with diabetes had lower limb amputations.

Type-2 diabetes is largely preventable through following a healthy lifestyle to control

modifiable risk factors such as obesity and physical inactivity.

The impact of the serious complications from diabetes can also be reduced through good health care and the control of risk factors.

Just over half of all Australians aged 15 and over are overweight or obese, but over two-thirds of people with diabetes are overweight.

The report also found that diabetes and its complications were treated in over half a million hospitalisations in 2004-05 and that nearly 2 per cent (\$907 million) of total health expenditure in 2004-05 was for diabetes treatment.

# A testing time

## Yarrabah joins in Child Health Check project

By Cairns Correspondent  
CHRISTINE HOWES



'A TEST drive' is how Yarrabah, one of the pilot communities for community-controlled health services in Queensland, described the launch of the Federal Government's Accelerated Roll-Out of the Child Health Check (CHC) in the community last week.

Yarrabah's Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Aboriginal Corporation (GYHSAC) CEO, David Baird, said the ten-week project was the perfect opportunity for authorities to show what they could do in terms of running a clinical service in concert with their own long-standing projects supporting social and emotional well-being in the community.

Mr Baird said they were excited by the launch of the CHC project, attended by athletes Nova Peris and Patrick Johnson and actor Luke Carroll, which would see the organisation employ their own doctors, nurse and health workers. He said the project itself was about early detection and prevention, 'primarily with children, but included in that is mums as well'.

"Healthy issues really begin from when they're small and the CHC provides a comprehensive check for the child to ensure that the child is living a healthy life and also helps to make the parents much more aware of their role as parents," Mr Baird said.

"Gurriny as a health service provider just wants to ensure, whether it be through GYHSAC or Queensland Health, that we're providing better services for our people, and this is one of the more important means to improving health in our community."

Mr Baird said the project was consistent

with GYHSAC's main focus of developing and providing Aboriginal-controlled health services to the community.

"This is timely for us and for where we're at in terms of the development," he said.

"We do all the recruiting for this project and it does align perfectly in terms of the overall development of this transition project for us and our partnership commitments."

"We will have a number of doctors employed by us for this ten-week CHC project, we've got one Aboriginal health worker, we're recruiting another one, and we've got one registered nurse."

"I'm just excited and happy that we can say we've got a clinical component of our health service delivery, and there will be a legacy after the ten weeks, there will be follow-ups and things like that."

Ms Peris, Australia's first Indigenous gold medal Olympian, said she had been travelling the country for the past three years promoting the health checks. "I've been to about 14 communities throughout the Cape," she said. "I've brought Luke Carroll with me. He's been working with me for the past 18 months, and Patrick Johnson as well. It's good to bring him back home here to his country and to sit with his granny and all his family."

Mr Baird said he believed that GYHSAC could only get stronger. "It takes time to sell this change to the community, but we're doing the groundwork there," he said.

"It's not a smooth road, but it's a road we need to take and it will happen. What we want is a chance to demonstrate that this can be done and done properly, and that community control can work."

"We hope to see a lot of parents, mothers and fathers come down and register for a CHC. It's not compulsory, but I've seen a number of mothers sign up, so that's good."



Athlete Nova Peris with Yarrabah Day Care kids and group leader Tamara Connolly.



Yarrabah pre-prep children and their teacher, Tina Atkinson, with actor Luke Carroll at the project launch in the north Queensland community.





Participants at the Aboriginal Men's Health Information Day held on Rodd Island, Sydney.

By DARREN COYNE



WHAT hope has a fella got for improving his health when he hasn't even got a Medicare card?

That question confronted organisers of a health awareness day in Sydney recently, when it was discovered that 15 of more than 100 men attending did not have a card.

Mark Spinks, chairman of the Babana Aboriginal Men's Group from Redfern, told *The Koori Mail* the sad fact confirmed that many Aboriginal men were simply falling through the health-care gaps.

"We had 112 men, and 15 of those admitted they didn't have a Medicare card. It makes you wonder how many more are out there," he said.

"Without a card they don't go to the doctors, then they've got diabetes or prostate cancer and the next thing you know they're under a knife."

"By the time they get into the health system they've already deteriorated which is extra costs for the health system."

"We can alleviate that by dealing with some of these problems early."

On the day, it was a problem easily rectified as a Medicare representative was on hand at the gathering to sign up the men.

Mr Spinks said the Aboriginal Men's Health Information Day held on Rodd Island proved a fantastic

# Men get some healthy advice

opportunity to deal with such issues.

Men from as far away as the NSW North Coast and Yass gathered to hear from health experts and motivational speakers.

Mr Spinks said it also provided a forum for the men to open up – some for the first time – about sensitive issues such as prostate cancer.

And while blokes generally have a reputation for ignoring health matters, he said organisers were pleasantly surprised at just how popular the gathering proved to be.

"We had to get another boat to get them all out to the island because we had more than expected," Mr Spinks said.

He said it was well known that Aboriginal men had the lowest life

expectancy and poorest health rates of all Australians.

"Increasing men's awareness of health issues is fundamental to improving Aboriginal men's health," he said.

"However, it is also important for Aboriginal men to have a say about the way in which health messages are delivered."

## Consultation

"Services and solutions to Aboriginal men's health issues are still being developed by government without input from and consultation with Aboriginal men."

It wasn't the first time the Babana group had met.

They held a domestic violence

meeting during the Sorry Day week and are planning another get-together to tackle the issue of homelessness, on 10 April in Redfern.

Mr Spinks said that Babana (which is the Daruk word for brother) was doing some very positive things with very little funding.

"If we had funding we'd be able to do a lot more," he said.

The Men's Health Information Day was hosted by the Babana Aboriginal Men's Group in partnership with the Aboriginal Medical Service and the Tribal Warrior Maritime Training and Aboriginal Cultural Cruises, with assistance provided by South Eastern Sydney NSW Health, Mission Australia, CareConnect and Medicare Australia.

## Preventing HIV in WA babies



HIV-positive women in remote areas of Western Australia can now receive treatment to prevent the virus from passing to their baby, thanks to a joint effort of WA specialists.

The Rural/Remote Immunology Clinical Service was established in

1999 as a response to the increasing number of HIV-infected patients in country areas and the complexity of procedures and treatments used to manage HIV-infected patients.

Royal Perth Hospital Clinical Immunology Nurse Allison Cain, from Bullsbrook, co-ordinates the program, which is headed by RPH Head of Clinical Service for the Department of Immunology Professor Martyn French and assisted by Clinical Immunologist Dr Patty Martinez and Immunodeficiency Physician Dr Ronan Murray.

Ms Cain said the team provided assistance to doctors and nurses in the clinical/social management of HIV-infected patients in non-metropolitan regions.

"This also includes conducting clinics in some of the regional areas and providing education to local health care professionals," Ms Cain said.

"Part of the program has also included managing pregnant HIV women who are intensively treated by a multidisciplinary team of nurses, doctors and social workers."

The team includes specialists from King Edward and Princess Margaret Hospital, who provide expertise on antenatal and paediatric issues.

Professor Martyn French said that there is a high chance for babies to contract HIV from their mothers.

# 'Tragic failure' label for patient system



A HEALTH service based in Kakadu National Park has joined other concerned providers calling on the Federal and Northern Territory governments to urgently upgrade the remote patient travel system.

Djabulukgu Association General Manager David Scholz said last Thursday there was a 'pressing need for reform'.

He said patients were not attending specialist doctor appointments because the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) was not user-friendly and had 'failed tragically'.

"Kakadu Health fully supports the concerns of fellow AMSANT (Australian Medical Service Alliance of the Northern Territory) members," he said.

Last month, the Katherine West Health Board said sick Aborigines were choosing to forgo treatment and stay in their remote communities rather than cope with the system, which is

responsible for about 8000 transfers each year.

A Senate inquiry found last September there was a lack of funding and services for travelling bush patients and recommended an immediate upgrade.

The inquiry was partly prompted by the death of an Aboriginal Elder at an

saying 18 months after the Elder's death not one of the Senate inquiry's recommendations had been implemented.

Mr Scholz said the Federal Government needed to create 'a more consistent, culturally appropriate and accessible' service.

"Clinical staff often struggle to convince clients to attend specialist appointments simply because the PATS system is not user-friendly and can be rather challenging for people," he said.

"The experience of travelling to large regional centres where patients lack support networks, face communication barriers and a range of social pressures can be quite intimidating."

Mr Scholz warned of more mistakes and deaths unless urgent action was taken.

The Senate inquiry report – *Highway to Health* – recommended a task force be established to look into the scheme's operation and establish a national standard. – AAP

**'The experience of travelling to large regional centres where patients lack support networks, face communication barriers and a range of social pressures can be quite intimidating'**

– Djabulukgu's David Scholz

outback airstrip in 2006.

The 78-year-old died sick, alone and confused in nearby bushland, seven days after he was dropped off unescorted following treatment at Katherine Hospital.

AMSANT, the NT's peak Aboriginal health group, has supported the calls,



# Summit success

By DARREN COYNE



A REPORT detailing practical measures to close the Indigenous and non-Indigenous life-expectancy gap will be delivered to the Federal

Government in two weeks. The report will bring together the ideas generated at the Indigenous Health Equality Summit which was held at Parliament last month.

"It's not the bible by any means, but it's a good start," Tom Calma, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Commissioner, told *The Koori Mail* on Saturday.

"It has the key issues and we also talk about processes."

Mr Calma said those key issues included getting more Aboriginal people into health-related professions, improving primary health care, more focussed health promotions, and most importantly, ensuring there was a whole-of-government approach in dealing with related issues such as education and housing.

The summit, which was two years in the planning, brought together more than 100 representatives from peak Indigenous and mainstream health bodies, non-government organisations and the reconciliation movement.

Mr Calma described the gathering as 'fantastic' saying there was a renewed sense of enthusiasm, especially since the apology to the Stolen Generations, and the Federal Government's apparent

willingness to consult with Aboriginal people.

"It was very fruitful and it showed that if you invest time in developing relationships and demonstrate a willingness to work in partnerships, you get productive outcomes," he said.

"At no time was there a feeling of despair. Everybody is enthusiastic and wants to move forward. Over \$200 million is starting to flow out and there were announcements of programs on the day (at the summit) about smoking and training, so we shouldn't feel that nothing is happening."

Mr Calma acknowledged that the upcoming Federal Budget would provide an indication of the Government's commitment.

However, he praised Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's pledge, made in a speech in London, that the Parliament would address the issue of closing the gap at the first sitting of Parliament each year.

"This is the first time that this approach has been applied. We are now seeing a paramount shift and although it's early days, it's something that is taking off," Mr Calma said.

"I think this is a watershed time in Indigenous Affairs if we keep mobilising people, but it also needs our mob to look at ways to better engage."

"I'm concerned at the moment that the focus has mainly been on remote communities, and there's no denying they need help, but we also need to look at the situation in the urban areas."



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Commissioner Tom Calma believes there is a renewed sense of enthusiasm surrounding Indigenous Affairs.



Sporting stars Cathy Freeman and Ian Thorpe speaking at the summit.



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson sign a statement of intent to close the gap.



Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon.

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# Koorie artists right at home



A NEW exhibition of works inspired by five Melbourne-based Koorie

artists connecting with their traditional country is on show at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Melbourne Museum

The exhibition, *Connecting to Country*, opened on 15 March and showcases paintings, drawings and felting works that reflect the journeys of five Indigenous artists who travelled to five different parts of Victoria to learn about and connect with their traditional homelands.

Victorian regional areas represented in the artworks are Barmah, Moonacullah, Mission, Warrnambool and Yea.

The five artists are Annette Sax (Taungurung), Mandi Barton-Travis (Yorta Yorta), Paola Morabito (Wemba Wemba / Gunditjmarra), Lee-Anne Clarke (Koorie Whurrong) and Andrew



Detail of *My Country* by Andrew Travis (Clark) which features in the *Connecting to Country* exhibition in Melbourne.

Travis (Clark) (Gunditjmarra)

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Bunjilaka to present work by Victorian Koorie artists. It is great to see a cultural exchange

between the western suburbs of Melbourne, an area rich with Indigenous history and culture, and traditional homelands of Indigenous artists," Bunjilaka Manager Caroline Martin said.

The exhibition stemmed from the artists' need to reconnect with their traditional affiliations in country Victoria and to create artworks that act as visual narratives of their cultural journeys. As a result, the artists have created works that draw on tradition and heritage represented in a contemporary style.

On their journeys, the artists met with Elders and cultural interpreters, relations and other Indigenous artists for inspiration. Their journeys were also made into a short film included in the exhibition titled *Going Home*, which includes a profile on each of the artists documenting who they are, where they come from, and how their journey

affected and influenced their artwork.

"This project is an attempt to culturally reconnect to where our diverse Indigenous traditional groups come from. We went on a journey to the communities of these groups to explore and reflect upon who we are, where our ancestors came from, and to connect this with our contemporary lives within the western suburbs," Annette Sax said.

*Connecting to Country* is presented as part of the Bunjilaka Community Exhibition Program, an annual program of changing exhibitions in Bunjilaka's Birrarung Gallery, celebrating the creativity of individual Koorie artists and communities from across Victoria. *Connecting to Country*, which finishes on 22 June, is supported by the Indigenous Arts Grants program of the City of Melbourne.

## To Yvette Holt, a beloved book...



WHEN Yvette Holt talks about her recently released book, *Anonymous Premonition*,

she speaks of it not as a collection of words or stories, but as a beloved child.

The Aboriginal author, a member of the Bidjara Nation (central Queensland), refers to those who had a hand in the book's production as 'midwives and surgeons' in the 'birth' of her poetic debut, which was launched at the State Library of Queensland on 15 March.

"The collection of 47 poems is finally out there; that in itself is a mixture of excitement and release, though, maternally speaking, I retain AP's knotted umbilical cord of soulful feasting and creative bingeing," Ms Holt said.

*Anonymous Premonition* is the product of Ms Holt winning the 2005 David Unaipon Award, which includes a guarantee of publication through the University of Queensland Press (UQP) and \$15,000 prizemoney and is open to previously unpublished Indigenous authors.

The book deals with themes such as growing up in Inala, resilience, relationships, womanhood and identity through free-form verse.

The new Chair of the Australian Society of Authors, Dr Anita Heiss, who launched *Anonymous Premonition*, has

described Ms Holt's work as 'poetic activism', a description Ms Holt embraces wholeheartedly.

"It is a painful reminder that for every six Aboriginal women, only one will live beyond their 65th birthday. Can you imagine how that harrowing statistic impacts on my life and the life of my people? So of course, why wouldn't I politicise my poetry to educate others?" Ms Holt said. "I would encourage other writers to express themselves as poetic activists in whatever area brings about positive change for racial equality and social justice."

"I think poetic activism is a deserving separate genre; an uncensored voice which should represent the people, all people."

Ms Holt already has a second manuscript of poems under way, titled *Always My Lover*, and has started writing a compilation of short autobiographical stories, which she hopes to have published.

As well as writing, Ms Holt lectures on Aboriginal women's studies at the University of Queensland and works as a researcher for AustLit: The Australian Literature Resource in the Black Words: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers and Storytellers subset.

● *Anonymous Premonition* is available now at the UQP Bookstore and independent bookstores throughout Brisbane.



Yvette Holt with her latest work. "I would encourage other writers to express themselves as poetic activists in whatever area brings about positive change for racial equality and social justice."

## Writer takes top job



INDIGENOUS writer Dr Anita Heiss is the new leader of the Australian Society of

Authors (ASA).

Dr Heiss, a member of the Wiradjuri nation of central New South Wales, was elected on 30 March by the ASA Committee of Management.

In 2007, Dr Heiss released three titles: *Not Meeting Mr Right* (winner of the Deadly Award for Outstanding Contribution to Literature), a poetry collection *I'm not racist, but...* (winner of the Scanlon Prize for Indigenous Poetry) and the kids novel *Yarra and her deadly dog Demon* (written with the students from La Perouse Public School) which was launched at the 2007 Sydney Writers Festival by NSW Governor Professor Marie Bashir.

Dr Heiss' other published works include the historical

novel *Who Am I? The Diary of Mary Talence, Sydney 1937*, the non-fiction text *Dhuuluu-Yala (To Talk Straight)* - Publishing Aboriginal Literature, and a literacy reader titled *Me and My Mum*.

Dr Heiss has also edited editions of *Southerly, Five Bells* and the anthology *Life in Gadigal Country*.

She has performed her works nationally (Sydney Writers' Festival, Perth International Arts Festival, Adelaide Writers' Week, Byron Bay Writers' Festival, Message Sticks, Brisbane Writers Festival, Dreaming Festival,

Melbourne Poetry Festival, Brisbane Poetry Festival, Shanghai Literary Festival, among others) and internationally in Spain, Austria, the United States, Canada, Fiji, Japan, China and New Caledonia. She has also been published in journals, anthologies and on-line.



ANITA HEISS



# Healing through words

By Townsville Correspondent  
ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS publishing company Black Ink Press has run the first in a series of writing and illustrating workshops to be held in Townsville during 2008.

The first two workshops were held on 25-28 March and were well attended.

Bernadette Boscacci and Jeanie Adams are bringing the resources of Black Ink Press to community groups who want to use writing and illustrating to address the issues of family violence.

"Recognising that these are issues that affect us all, the workshops are for any Indigenous people who like to write or draw, both beginners and experienced writers and artists. But those who have experienced family violence are especially invited to come," Mrs Adams said.

The free introductory gatherings were attended by about 10 people keen to explore the possibilities of writing and drawing.

They heard Janelle Evans and John Paiwan, both already published by Black Ink Press, talk about their inspirations and experiences of writing.

"They participated in a number of ice-breaking activities and enjoyable writing and drawing exercises. The workshops were informal and practical and lunch and morning tea was provided," Mrs Adams said.

Ms Evans is the Townsville workshop facilitator and is

setting up a local working group.

"Some will just want to write and draw for the sake of it. Others will turn stories into good books for children and youth," Mrs Adams said.

"These books will help to break the cycle of violence and abuse in ways both subtle and direct."

Black Ink Press has an ongoing program of mentorship and publishing to build on the strengths of Indigenous storytellers and artists to help overcome the deficits in youth literacy and mental health.

The idea for the project came from the Writing for Healing group in Cardwell, set up when Dr Susan Gair, Lecturer in Social Work at JCU, and graduate

student Lorraine Muller in response to the desires of women to tell stories as a way of healing their own lives.

Black Ink Press was invited to give some professional advice on writing and illustrating, and the group is still going, with three stories for children being developed towards publishing in the near future.

The workshops were funded by the Federal Department of Families and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Anyone wishing to join the group or find out the next workshop dates can contact Janelle Evans on 0427 036 930 or Bernadette Boscacci or Jeanie Adams 07 4773 5077.



At the workshop are, from left, Yasmin Johnson, Tracey McConnachie, Jeanie Adams, John Paiwan, Bernadette Boscacci, Janelle Evans, her son D'Shaun Evans and Corina Cameron.

Nerida Lampton was at the workshop.



## Arts Queensland 2008 Sector Project Grants

Applications are now open for Arts Queensland's 2008 Sector Project Grants with two categories of funding available:

**Career Development Grants** are for the professional development of arts practitioners. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

**Development and Presentation Grants** are open to professional artists, arts workers, designers, arts and cultural groups and organisations, local government authorities and creative businesses for projects that have a direct benefit to the arts in Queensland. Applications must be received by 30 April 2008 for Round 1 or 31 August 2008 for Round 2.

For further information, guidelines and application forms, go to [www.arts.qld.gov.au](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au) or phone (07) 3224 4896 or toll free 1800 475 531.



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# Wynne Prize goes to Aboriginal artist



ABORIGINAL artist Joanne Currie Nalingu has taken out the Art Gallery of NSW's 2008 Wynne Prize for best landscape painting of Australian scenery, or figure sculpture.

Nalingu's painting *The river is Calm* topped 721 entries, and won the self-taught artist a \$25,000 prize.

The subtle work is part of Nalingu's current *River Lines* series, which she has been working on for two years. It depicts the Maranoa River in Queensland, her stomping ground.

Nalingu has strong memories of living on its banks as a child: A tough, grass roots lifestyle with government-issue blankets, kero lamps and dozens of other families.

A self-taught artist, she began painting in 1988 and has exhibited regularly since 1990.

In 1992, her search for a visual language of her country led her to the Queensland Museum where she spent considerable time examining the collection of shield designs from her region.

She has also worked on numerous public art projects, including a huge



*The River is Calm* (synthetic polymer on canvas) by Aboriginal artist Joanne Currie Nalingu.

glass wall at Coolangatta TAFE College.

By late 1997, Nalingu's work mostly used dots and linear patterns based on the elemental flow and energy of water designs (sometimes fused with geometric shield patterns)

with constant reference back to the Maranoa River.

The ochre hues she used in the 1990s have given way to fields of solid colours, often white, laced with vivid reds, blues, oranges and dark plum.

## INDIGENOUS ARTS MANAGEMENT

At the Victorian College of the Arts  
Applications for 2008 close 2 May 2008

Prepare for leadership roles in the Indigenous arts arena in a range of arts disciplines with the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Arts Management at the VCA.

Artists, arts workers, managers, Indigenous cultural workers and interested members of the public with enthusiasm for Indigenous arts are encouraged to apply. A relevant post-secondary arts/cultural qualification and/or at least three years work experience in Indigenous arts or community based cultural work is required.

The course will involve four one-week intensives throughout 2008. Study areas include *Indigenous Arts & Cultural Identity, Industry and Marketing, Protocol, Policy & Law, Arts & Project Management*.

The Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Arts Management is delivered by the VCA School of Production in partnership with The Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development.

Applications for 2008 close  
2 May 2008 details  
and forms are available online at  
[www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/wilinapply](http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/wilinapply)  
or Telephone 03 9685 9327

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# Tiwi, Ninuku art comes to town



EMERGING artists from Melville Island are featuring in an exhibition now open at Hogarth

Galleries in Sydney.

The artists are from Jilamara Arts, NT.

The Jilamara Art and Craft Association was established in the 1980s at Milikapiti (Snake Bay), on Melville Island.

Hogarth Galleries held several successful exhibitions with the community during the 1990s.

This latest exhibition features paintings on paper and canvas and carvings. Artists include Kenny Brown, Pius Tipungwuti, Linus Warlapinni, Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri, Conrad Tipungwuti, Janice Murray, Mary Magdalene Tipungwuti, Raelene Kerinauia and Dymphna Kerinauia.

At the same time, Hogarth Galleries has launched the inaugural Sydney show for Ninuku Arts.

Ninuku Arts represents artists from Pipalyatjara and Kalka communities in far north-western corner of South Australia. These small communities each of about 100 people are nestled in the Tomkinson Ranges and near the General Surveyors Corner for SA, WA and NT.

This new arts centre opened its doors in August 2006 with a full-time manager Bronwyn Taylor.

Ninuku Arts is an Aboriginal-owned business which supports governance training for all its members. Artists work alongside a manager in developing a sustainable enterprise featuring high-quality paintings. Tjukurpa (dreaming stories) are integral to the paintings, featuring unique



Contrasting Aboriginal art from contrasting parts of Australia: Linus Warlapinni's ochres on paper, 56 x 76cm, left, and Puntjina Monica Watson's *Pukara*, an acrylic on canvas, 142 x 122.5cm, below. Hogarth Galleries in Sydney is hosting exhibitions by artists from Jilamara Arts NT and Ninuku Arts. The Jilamara artists are from Melville

Island, just north of Darwin. Ninuku Arts represents artists from Pipalyatjara and Kalka communities, in the middle of Australia. The two exhibitions are running until 10 May.



culture and law to individual artists and family groups.

Both exhibitions opened on 2 April and will run until 10 May. The opening function for both shows will be held today (9 April) from 6-8pm when Ninuku artists Josephine Mick

and Puntjina Monica Watson, and arts adviser Bronwyn Taylor will be in attendance.

The Hogarth Galleries are at 7 Walker Lane, Paddington. Exhibition hours: 10am-5pm Tuesday to Saturday.

# Now, the men tell their stories



IN 2007, the life stories of Aboriginal women from around Sydney's Campbelltown area were chronicled in the booklet *Tell Me My Mother - Stories of Campbelltown's Aboriginal Women*.

Now, the Aboriginal men from the same area are to be honoured through publication stemming from a major oral history project.

*My Father, My Brother - Stories of Campbelltown's Aboriginal Men* has been commissioned by the Campbelltown Arts Centre and shares the stories and memories of 19 Aboriginal men, and includes portraits of each of the men by acclaimed Aboriginal photographer Mervyn Bishop.

It is the first collective documentation of Aboriginal men's stories within the region and continues Campbelltown Arts Centre's commitment to preserving the histories of the Macarthur region.

And the centre is presenting the booklet to the local community this week, in partnership with the Aboriginal community of Campbelltown and the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC).

*My Father, My Brother - Stories of Campbelltown's Aboriginal Men* will be launched by Federal Ageing Minister Kristina Keneally at 2.30pm this Friday, 11 April.



Gavin Mate (above) and Ivan Wellington (below), two of the men who tell their stories. They were photographed by Mervyn Bishop.



## 2009 ACT ARTS FUND Open for Applications



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Applications are invited from individuals, groups and organisations who propose projects and activities that support, promote, present, develop or provide access to high-quality arts in the ACT.

Applications for Program Funding, Project Funding, Community Arts Funding, ACT Creative Arts Fellowships, ACT Book of the Year Award, and the ACT Poetry Prize will close 5:00pm, Tuesday 20 May 2008. All those interested in the Program Funding category must meet with artsACT prior to lodging an application.

Applications for Key Arts Organisation Funding category will close 5:00pm, Friday 13 June 2008. All those interested in this category must meet with artsACT prior to lodging an application.

For a copy of the Information Booklet and application forms, please visit [www.arts.act.gov.au](http://www.arts.act.gov.au) or phone (02) 6207 2384.

## Nurse writes children's book



PAUL Ishiguchi (second right) pictured signing his new children's book

*Yearning to Go Home*, with Wayne and Leigh Bryant and their son, Rhys, 2, from Goonellabah, at Gribbi College of Indigenous Australian People, in Lismore, last month.

Mr Ishiguchi is a registered nurse and academic. He has also developed an Aboriginal health unit for the nursing program at Notre Dame University in Sydney, and has written a research course for the Northern Rivers University

Department of Rural Health, where he has been a lecturer.

The inspiration for his book came from his many years of living and working with Indigenous Australians.

The book is the first instalment of a trilogy.

"Through my working life I have been exposed to various facets of Aboriginal health and well-being," Mr Ishiguchi said.

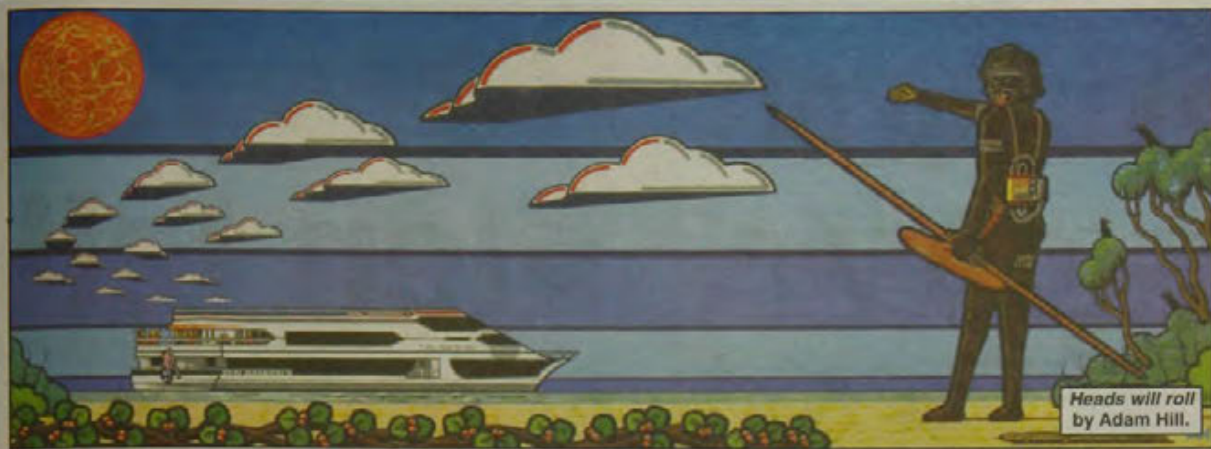
"My journey has included experiences in community settings in metropolitan, rural,



remote and traditional parts of Australia. These experiences have had a profound effect on me and have been translated into the stories and plays that I have written."

You can order the book from [www.giveittime.com.au](http://www.giveittime.com.au)





# Adam Hill: Art is his weapon

**T**HEY say art is a weapon. If that's true, Aboriginal artist Adam Hill has wielded it confidently to carve out a name for himself. The Sydney-based Worimi man is currently preparing for his next solo show at Melbourne's Arc1 Gallery in November.

Hill, who has invoked such descriptions as "an exemplar of the urban black", likes to push boundaries with his often-political work.

He says he hopes, by the time his work hits the secondary market, to become a major contributor in establishing resale royalties to the benefit of Australian artists and their families.

"I will have pushed the boundaries of sedition, offended the offensive, defamed the defamatory and exposed the ex-officios," said the graphic design graduate, cartoonist and didgeridoo performer.

Recently, Hill was interviewed for *The Aboriginal Art Directory*...

**Briefly describe yourself. When and how did you first become interested in art? How long have you been a practising artist?**

I am a complex man striving for simple answers. I became interested in art when I first distinguished which end of the pencil was for drawing and which was for chewing. I've been a professional artist for 10 years now.

**What is important to you in your art? What are you aspiring for with the art that you create?**

It is important for me to effectively communicate my message of visual activism. I aspire to educate a society that is rapidly disconnecting itself from the harsh reality of continued injustice, intolerance, ignorance and social decay.

**How do people respond when understanding your messages of visual activism?**

Generally, my work can carry 'love/hate' reactions. Some have said it's 'too confrontational' ('I'd hardly hang 'that' on my lounge room wall'). My response to that is... 'you need to relocate suburbs, somewhere a little closer to reality'. (Then your neighbours will flock to your living room!) Others say 'right on the button!'

**What do you think causes this disconnection in our community? Ignorance, intolerance, fear, jealousy, greed, self-indulgence, vanity, unconscious (inherent) racism...**

**What do you find to be the most exciting**



Adam Hill at work.

**and challenging parts about being an artist?**

The most exciting thing for me personally, is dealing with the fickle and ultra conservative art society of this city, that very reality check. (No offence to the dominant egos).

**How does the ultra conservative art society respond to your art? What is the 'reality check' you provide - can you explain this a little more?**

I've deduced that, 'ultra conservatives' / 'traditionalists' tend to be a tad complacent when it comes to expanding the palette. Horses for courses (of course), it's just that I possess issues when it comes to 'flock mentality'. Simply put... there's way more to (art) life than within the confines of the members' lounge in a major arts institution. Here's a quote of mine... 'High End cannot exist without Bottom End'.

**What are the growth or evolutionary opportunities for Aboriginal art in the society you live in?**

The growth for 'modern' Indigenous art within this society are insurmountable! The evolutionary opportunities... elephantine! (If only we cease to chastise the youth with the spray can).

**How can we, as a society or as an individual, help grow this appreciation? Can you give some examples?**

Open minds to the most alternate of aesthetics. How's this for starters... open a space within the major institutions for a public

'work in progress' that is ongoing! Hand over a space for a major Graffiti retrospective, give a 'streetie' an opportunity to exhibit within a 'respected' space, live! Bridge that gap between the 'Art Society' and the people of the gutter. Pop corks together! (Then no-one will feel the hypocrisy nor the shame of whom consumes too much alcohol in a given sitting!) Bottom line... Don't listen to those who so boldly state whether an artwork is 'collectable' or not? Investors take note... (Here's a quote for you) - 'Invest with conscience... not credit'. AH, 2008.

**In your opinion, what role does a contemporary Aboriginal artist have in the society you live in?**

The role here (Redfern, Sydney) is to mentor the immense wealth of Indigenous talent emerging from these areas. For me personally, to attempt to access as many public spaces (walls), to convey historic information pertinent to the traditional owners of the country upon which we continue to 'disguise'.

**Who have been your greatest heroes in helping you take this creative path? How did they influence you?**

My spiritual ancestors, and my blood connection to my homeland. They walk with me, talk with me, sleep beside me and constantly advise me and drive me.

**When do you feel most creative? At first light, at first cup.**

**What do you want people to take away with them when they see your art?**

My bank account details... gammon! (Kidding). The three 'r's'... Realisation, Reflection and Refreshment.

**Tell us about the last artwork you created and what was the story behind it?**

A piece for the upcoming group show at Hazelhurst Gallery, Sutherland (Sydney), curated by Ace Burke which features Pemulwuy on the shore of Botany Bay. The 'Captain Cook Cruise' ship, seen on Sydney Harbour any given day of the week, floats in the shallows, and Pemulwuy gestures the passengers ashore with a friendly smile. However... strapped to his back is a bomb. He always was viewed as a hindrance / terrorist. The title of the piece is *Heads will roll*.

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\* Vicki Grieves writing in the Australian Humanities Review

## Morgan named on PM's award panel



**ABORIGINAL** author and artist Sally Morgan has been named one of six Australians who will form the judging

panel for the 2008 inaugural Prime Minister's Literary Awards.

Australian author and academic Peter Pierce will chair the judging panel for the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Fiction, with popular author John Marsden and broadcaster Margaret Throsby also on the panel.

Academic and author Professor Hilary Charlesworth will chair the Non-Fiction panel, which also includes scriptwriter, documentary film maker and comedian John Doyle and Ms Morgan.

Environment, Heritage and the Arts Minister Peter Garrett said the new awards for Australian authors would be the nation's most prestigious and richest literary awards, recognising the central role of literature in Australian culture.

"The six panel members have each made a valuable contribution to Australian cultural life and I am delighted they will bring their experience and expertise to the judging process," the Minister said.

Sally Morgan's works are on display in many private and public collections in Australia and around the world. The story of her family's past is told in *My Place* (1987), which sold more than half a million copies in Australia. It has also been published in Europe, Asia and the United States.

Her second book, *Wanamurrangany*, published in 1989, is a biography of her great uncle, Jack McPhee.

Ms Morgan has written many children's books. She is the Director at the Centre for Indigenous History and the Arts, in the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia.

Ms Morgan has also received many awards: *My Place* won the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission humanitarian award in 1987, the WA Week literary award for non-fiction in 1988, and the 1990 Order of Australia Book Prize.

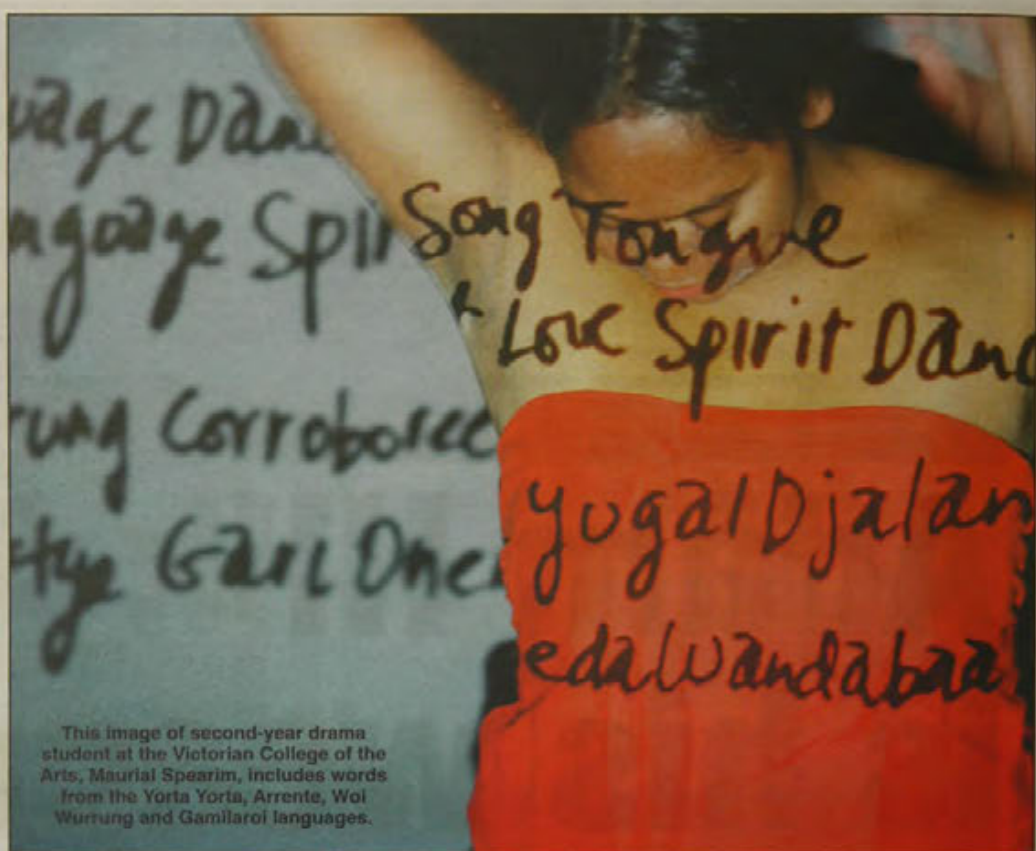
The PM's Literary Awards will showcase the strength, breadth and depth of Australia's literary talent and help celebrate the cultural value of books and writing in Australian society.

Entries for the awards closed on 28 March, with more than 170 entries received.

The awards provide prizes of \$100,000 to the winners of the Fiction and Non-Fiction categories, with a final decision on a short list and award winners made by the Prime Minister, after considering the recommendations made by the panel.



# VCA hosts Wilin Week



This image of second-year drama student at the Victorian College of the Arts, Maurial Spearin, includes words from the Yorta Yorta, Arrernte, Woi Wurrung and Gamilaroi languages.



A FESTIVAL honouring Indigenous languages and culture will be held this month at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Wilin Week is an annual festival hosted by the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at the VCA.

It features music, dance, food, film, language and debate, and is held to honour Indigenous students and artists on campus.

Wilin Week runs from 21-24 April at the VCA campus in St Kilda Road, Southbank.

Wilin means fire in Woi Wurrung language of the Wurundjeri, one of the five tribes of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners of the land the VCA occupies. Throughout Wilin Week a fire is lit and kept alight, symbolising the centre's commitment to Indigenous artists and their creative flames.

Drawing on the United Nations

## 'Mother tongues' theme for this year's activities

International Year of Languages 2008, this year's theme is Mother Tongues: Honouring Indigenous Australian Languages.

Organisers said languages had been chosen as this year's theme because they connect us to ancestors and keep Indigenous creative fires burning.

"It is believed that over 500 dialects and 250 distinct languages were spoken at the time of initial European settlement (Australian Bureau of Statistics)," organisers said.

"Our Indigenous Australian languages,

whether lost, found or surviving, ultimately sustain Aboriginal cultural, creative and spiritual knowledge.

"Come and celebrate the strength of Aboriginal creativity in language with special guest artist-in-residence Ray Kelly, a performing artist and Indigenous languages researcher, acclaimed actor Tom E Lewis, singer/songwriter Kutcha Edwards, didgeridoo player Ron Murray, hip-hop sensation the Yung Warriors, MC Johnny Mac, traditional dancer Wayne Thorpe, Brown Roots Collective

and an array of other events and performances."

Ray Kelly has dedicated his working career to Indigenous community enhancement. As an expert in Indigenous language he has been involved in a variety of projects aimed at recording and documenting the stories and languages of Indigenous communities in New South Wales.

He has written and performed in many plays and became the first Indigenous playwright to have work staged by the Sydney Theatre Company. Kelly was Director of the ATSI Unit of the Australia Council of the Arts (2003-2004) and was long-serving CEO of Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative (1993-2003).

As special guest artist-in-residence for Wilin Week 2008, Kelly will deliver public lectures and workshops with VCA and visiting Indigenous students.

# Aboriginal Play Links launched



Kelly Hampton and her daughter Jemma, Tanya Perry and Glen Doyle after completing the Welcome to Country dance specific to the Airds area.



ABORIGINAL families in south-west Sydney with children from birth to six years now have access to a

supported playgroup. Aboriginal Play Links will be run by Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, an Aboriginal medical service based in Airds, Campbelltown, in conjunction with Northcott Disability Services.

The playgroup was officially launched last Wednesday, with Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation playing host to an array of children's activities including an animal farm, clowns, arts and crafts, a jumping castle, traditional Aboriginal dancing and didgeridoo players.

The Aboriginal Play Links group will run each week thanks to funding provided by the NSW Department of Community Services under the Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy and Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation.

Family Workers at the playgroup provide a variety of developmentally and culturally appropriate play activities designed to support the child's growth and development, as

well as promote cultural pride within the community.

The funding has also allowed for the employment of an Aboriginal family worker, who will support parents and carers by providing resources and information regarding appropriate services and agencies available in the community.

The primary focus of the playgroup is to provide Indigenous families in south-west Sydney access to a community-based playgroup. However, all children and families are able to participate in activities.

### Consultation

In consultation with parents, the family worker can refer children who are identified as having possible developmental delays or disabilities to appropriate services.

Northcott Disability Services CEO Kerry Stubbs said she was thrilled with the funding and was excited to work in partnership with Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation.

For further information on the Aboriginal Play Links group, contact Leanne Charles on (02) 4640 8704 or Pam Simon on (02) 4628 4837.



Establishing a new family... Northcott worker Leanne Charles, Northcott CEO Kerry Stubbs, worker Christine Dargin Northcott worker, young Jemma Hampton, her mother Kelly Hampton and Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation CEO Daryl Wright.



# Festival celebrates Aboriginal culture, education

NSW

THE Dubbo College inaugural Yarrandale Song and Dance Festival has seen more than 250

Aboriginal students from ten schools celebrate their culture and reinforce their commitment to education.

The festival, which took place last Thursday at Dubbo College Senior Campus, drew visitors from throughout Dubbo and the local area.

Children ranging in age from four-year-old pre-schoolers to TAFE Yarradamarra students performed song and dance items specially created for the festival.

Dubbo College Principal Phil Halpin said the festival was organised to showcase the talent and commitment of Aboriginal students within the education structure.

"We had a State-record 27 Aboriginal students achieve their Higher School Certificates at Senior Campus last year, and it's important that we build on this by encouraging younger students to value their education," Mr Halpin said.

"To ensure this happens we need to work closely with the local Aboriginal community and provide an atmosphere in our schools where culture and learning work hand-in-hand.

"Currently, school attendance and retention rates for Aboriginal students do not match those of the rest of the population and we have an obligation as a community to do

everything we can to address that imbalance.

"Today's festival is an important step along the way because it sends a clear message that this school and this community are working together to support Aboriginal students through their education."

Festival guests included former NRL player David Peachey, Co-ordinator of South's Carers Simon Dirs and Penrith Panthers first grade player Joe Williams. They were joined by South Sydney Toyota Cup player Malaki Seumanutafa and South sponsors co-ordinator Willie Peters, together with Bernadette Riley from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

These guests combined to vote for the best performance, with Dubbo College Senior Campus student Brent Collis winning the perpetual trophy for his outstanding dance performance.

Festival organiser and Youth Excel Co-ordinator Alca Simpson said the event had largely depended on support from the local Aboriginal community as well as inter-agencies, services, and local businesses, including Dubbo Meat and Seafood Centre and the Village Hot Bake Bakery Café.

"We couldn't have run the event without these sponsors, our local Elders and the Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group as well as the schools," he said.

"Following the success of today's festival we intend to continue with the event on an annual basis."



● ABOVE: Combined South Campus/Bunninyong Dance Group.



● LEFT: Dancers from Bunninyong Primary School, Dubbo.

● BELOW: Dubbo College South Campus Year 9 students Cassy Slade-Potts, Shelbi Ryan and Shannon Cavanagh with special guests to the Festival, former NRL player David Peachey and Joe Williams from the Penrith Panthers.



● LEFT: From left, Jonathan, Isabel, Nathan and Georgie from West Dubbo Pre-School.

● RIGHT: Local AECG life member Aunty Bub Towney (centre) with Dubbo College Senior Campus Principal Richard Skinner and Bernadette Riley, Research Administration Officer with the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.





# Study details test gap



TEST score gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians are narrowest in the early years, according to new research from the Australian National University.

The research, by ANU economists Dr Andrew Leigh and Dr Xiaodong Gong, used data from the Longitudinal Survey of Australian Children to look at the Indigenous/non-Indigenous test score gap at ages 4-5.

The study focused on two cognitive tests. The Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test is a test of English vocabulary, in which children must choose the picture that best matches a word given to them verbally by the examiner.

The 'Who Am I?' test is a battery of ten drawing and writing exercises, in which children are required to complete exercises ranging in complexity from copying a circle to writing a sentence.

"On these tests, the Indigenous/non-Indigenous test score gap among

Indigenous/non-Indigenous test score gap among older children.

"According to other studies, the Indigenous/non-Indigenous test score gap has grown to about two school years by the time children are in late-primary and early-secondary school.

gap could be explained by other factors such as family income, parental age and education, family structure, and living in a remote area.

"About one-third to two-thirds of the Indigenous/non-Indigenous test score gap in the early years is due to family demographics," said Dr Gong.

"This implies that policies to improve incomes and parental education may partly close the Indigenous/non-Indigenous test score gap, but are unlikely to bring Indigenous children's test scores up to parity with non-Indigenous children."

The study, *Estimating Cognitive Gaps Between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians*, is forthcoming in the journal *Economic Journal*. It is available at: <http://econrss.anu.edu.au/~aleigh/>

**'The fact that we observe a much smaller gap in the early years suggests that improving school quality for Indigenous Australians may help to close the racial test score gap in Australia.'**

pre-schoolers is about one year. In other words, the typical Indigenous five-year-old performs at about the same level as the typical non-Indigenous four-year-old," said Dr Leigh. "This gap may sound large, but it is substantially smaller than the gap found in most studies of the

"The fact that we observe a much smaller gap in the early years suggests that improving school quality for Indigenous Australians may help to close the racial test score gap in Australia."

The researchers also attempted to quantify the extent to which the test score

## More Vic police the goal of course



A first-of-its-kind course is being run to increase the number of Indigenous

people in the Victorian Police Force. Kangan Batman TAFE in Melbourne, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and Victoria Police are running the course.

The number of Indigenous police officers in Victoria is low and this pilot project has been developed to address that situation.

"The course combines classes and preparation on everything from what to expect in the fitness test, interview training and working on literacy and numeracy skills," Program Co-ordinator Lowell Hunter said.

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person over 18 with an interest in joining the Victorian Police Force can undertake the course.

"We have had great support and input from police in the region and this ensures that our students will have a realistic understanding of what the job involves," Mr Hunter said.

Kangan Batman TAFE has a strong history in Indigenous education and was recognised as the 2007 Training Provider TAFE Institute Award at the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAAEI) Wurreker Awards and the Institute is known for the specially-designed Centre for Indigenous Education - the Gunung-William Balluk learning Centre.

The police course begins on the 1 May. Interested people can contact Lowell Hunter on (03) 9279 2461.



David Liddiard, rear left, and the six Djarragun College students with an Etihad Airways attendant.

## Envoy backs UAE exchange



SIX indigenous students from some of Australia's most remote areas have just returned from a cultural exchange to the United Arab Emirates.

They were there at the invitation of the UAE Ambassador to Australia, Dr Saeed Mohammed Al-Shamsi, and the trip was supported by the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, Etihad Airways.

The exchange came about through a presentation by Indigenous sports figure David Liddiard, the Indigenous Corporate Partnerships Co-ordinator for the national project Dare to Lead.

Dare to Lead is a project backed by the Federal

Government which works with school principals throughout Australia to improve educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Dare to Lead National Co-ordinator Andrea Harms accompanied the students.

"It was an amazing adventure for the students and it looks as if life-changing opportunities will flow from the visit. The Ambassador has pledged his personal support to the project and to these six students specifically," she said.

"Our hosts were so impressed by all of the students, they were able to learn more about the challenges facing Indigenous students in Australia and the beauty and richness of Indigenous culture."

The students, from Djarragun College at

Gordonvale, just south of Cairns, were invited on the cultural exchange by Dr Al-Shamsi after he heard about the Dare to Lead project.

Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways also came on board to assist the group with flights and provide the students with their first international and cultural experience.

### Performed for VIPs

The students performed at a dinner hosted by the ambassador at his home for 100 VIPs and personal friends. In addition to a number of performances at UAE Model Schools, they also performed at the Emirates Mall.

"We are all so thankful to our hosts, and to Etihad Airways for the flights, we believe that this is the start of a long and fruitful

relationship which will enrich the lives of many Indigenous students," Ms Harms said.

"Dare to Lead has been invited to make a proposal to Dubai Cares, a philanthropic group in the UAE for a future partnership."

It has also had an immediate run-on effect with the students' peers back at Djarragun, who are all keen to apply themselves to their studies and engagement with the cultural program so that they can be the best and chosen for future trips.

Schools that have been working with Dare to Lead since 2003 have reported a 15 per cent improvement in students' reading and writing and a 10 per cent increase in students completing their final year of education.



## Applications sought for WA education scholarships



THE Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA)

is calling for applications from Aboriginal students for scholarships from an education trust.

The trust was established in 2000 and the 2008 Educational Scholarship Program is offering scholarships for primary and secondary school students.

There are three primary school and two secondary school scholarships in each of the following regions: East Kimberley, West Kimberley, Pilbara, Murchison Gascoyne, Central/Metropolitan/Wheatbelt, Central Desert, Goldfields and Southern.

Scholarships are costed at \$250 for primary schools and \$500 for secondary schools.

The closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 23 May 2008. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Rhonda Scott or Katrina Carlisle at ALSWA on (toll-free) 1800 019 900.

# 15 Indigenous students at Riverina TAFE are ... Amongst the best



FIFTEEN Indigenous people have graduated in a range of study subjects at TAFE

NSW Riverina Institute Narrandera Campus.

The group were amongst of 187 graduates honoured at a graduation ceremony at the end of March.

Taking top honours on the night was Duncan McEvoy, who was presented with the 2007 Narrandera Campus Outstanding Student Achievement Award (sponsored by Narrandera Shire Council), which is presented annually to a student who has demonstrated contributions to the campus community, academic achievement and citizenship.

Duncan graduated with a Diploma of Alcohol and Other Drugs Work.

He also received the Goldenfields Water Award for Excellence in a Diploma course.

While studying for the diploma, Duncan worked as an Alcohol and Other Drugs Caseworker at the Weigelli Centre. During this time he reviewed and rewrote the Centre's Clinical Policies and Procedures.

He obtained a grant for Mental Health Capacity Building worth \$465,000 on behalf of the centre.

Duncan also received a



Kelly J Lyons (centre) is congratulated by teachers Stan Grant and Yvonne Noack after graduating from the Diploma in Aboriginal Studies from the TAFE NSW Riverina Institute's Narrandera Campus. Kelly received the Gift/Shaggy Shaac Outstanding Achievement Award during the recent graduation ceremony.

scholarship to attend an Instructor's course in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid which he completed in Adelaide this year.

"Duncan's level of commitment to his study is to be admired," said Head of Narrandera Campus Anthony Ellis. "His standard of work was exemplary."

Duncan now works as Project Manager at the Weigelli Centre, where his skills in writing grant

applications, recruiting staff, reviewing policies and procedures in preparation for industry accreditation and working with clients are used to their full.

Other Indigenous students awarded for specialist achievements in their field of study included:

● Kelly J Lyons (Aboriginal Studies Diploma) – Gift/Shaggy Shaac Outstanding Achievement Award

● Tameika Muir (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts Certificate III) – Rotary Award for Excellence in a Certificate Course

Graduates were presented with their well-earned testamurs by Riverina Institute Director Rosemary Campbell, who congratulated them individually and wished them well for their future success.

"Graduation day marks mission accomplished," Ms Campbell noted. "These qualifications open the opportunities to our graduates to make their mark. They have built on their existing skills and capabilities to achieve both personal and professional confidence and satisfaction."

The Indigenous graduates were:

■ Diploma Aboriginal Studies:

Kim Carroll, Kelly J Lyons

■ Diploma Alcohol and other

Drugs work: Duncan McEvoy

■ Mentoring in the Community,

Statement of Attainment: Stewart

James, Lucas Johnson, Roland

Williams, Jessica Wivell

■ Access to Work and Training,

Statement of Attainment: Reece

Borg, Cheryl Maher, Hayley Maher,

Stacey Whitehurst

■ Aboriginal Language Cert I:

Stewart James, Lucas Johnson

■ Aboriginal or Torres Strait

Islander Cultural Art: Tameika Muir

■ Retail Operations, Cert II:

Denise Ball.



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## Rebecca is a shining light at Tumut campus

**W**inner of the TAFE NSW Riverina Institute Tumut Campus' Koori Achievement Award, Rebecca Leigh (front, centre) with members of her family and Riverina Institute Director Rosemary Campbell (far left) and head of the Tumut Campus Mark Grove (far right). Rebecca graduated last week with a Certificate III Aboriginal Education Assistants.

The Koori Achievement Award for an Aboriginal student who was the Highest Achiever in a Vocational Course was donated by Mudjarnng Corporation.

"They have a bright future," Riverina Institute Director Rosemary Campbell said of the 133 graduates honoured.

"As graduates of Riverina Institute, they join thousands of alumni who have gone before and who are now building wealth for our region."



## Mother of five is top law student

**VIC** THE Blake Dawson Waldron Prize for Best Student in Contracts at Deakin University is to go to Indigenous Law Students and Lawyers Association (ILSLA) of Victoria member Josie Clements.

The award for academic excellence will be presented at a formal ceremony at Deakin Geelong Waterfront on 15 April, where Ms Clements will share the prize jointly with a non-Indigenous law student.

Mr Clements, a Yorta Yorta woman, was born in Robinvale and spent some of her childhood years at the Cummeragunja mission, established in 1881 on 1800 acres of land on the New South Wales side of the Murray River.

A mother of five, she is a second-year Law student at the Institute for Koorie Education, Deakin University, Geelong.

At the age of 29, Ms Clements has overcome great personal struggles and financial difficulties to



From left, Indigenous barrister Hans Bokelund, ILSLA associate member Colin Golvan, SC, Josie Clements, and fellow Indigenous law student Joe Clifford, who undertook summer clerkship along with Ms Clements.

pursue her dream of becoming a lawyer, and recently undertook a summer clerkship at the Victorian Bar, Judicial College of Victoria and the Supreme Court of Victoria.

She described the award as "...not bad for a little old housewife and mother of five kids". The ILSLA congratulated on her achievement.

## Late bloomer Wendy Gaines confidence

**QLD** EVER since she was a little girl, Wendy Gaines, from Nambour,

had always wanted to be a teacher, but after struggling through high school and then dropping out in Year 11, her dreams seemed unachievable.

But last month the 44-year-old single mum had every reason to celebrate after completing her first week at Central Queensland University's Noosa hub studying a teaching degree.

Ms Gaines' story from high school drop-out to university student was made possible after she spent 2007 at Sunshine Coast TAFE completing a Certificate III in

Education Support.

She said she decided to come to TAFE after working for a number of local schools as an Indigenous support officer.

"When I came to TAFE last year, I was quite apprehensive because I hadn't done any study since 1980 and I wasn't certain that I would be up to it," she said.

"I admit that TAFE was a bit scary at first because I didn't know how to write assignments but I applied myself and soon got into the swing of things."

Now, as a full-time university student for the next three years, Ms Gaines said she was looking forward to further academic challenges and attributed her positive attitude to her training at TAFE.

"I used my time at TAFE to prepare myself for university and I encourage anyone who wants to improve themselves to

consider a TAFE course," she said.

"I'm very proud of myself to be able to go to university and my message to other people who want to get themselves an education is be strong and determined, follow your dreams and never give up."

Sunshine Coast TAFE Institute Director Ross Hepworth congratulated Ms Gaines and said TAFE was used by many people as a pathway to university and other training options.

"Wendy's story should serve as an important reminder to people who want to improve themselves that there are some excellent training and educational options available for career minded people," Mr Hepworth said.

"This is also a success story that other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are considering education and training could look to for inspiration."



Wendy Gaines, from Nambour, was accepted into university after completing a Certificate III course at Sunshine Coast TAFE.

## Do you want to make university your next stop?

Are you excited by what might be possible if you were able to undertake university studies?

Murdoch University's free OnTrack program can provide you with just the right skills and direction to ensure that you step into university with the best preparation.

### Who should consider OnTrack?

There are a number of people for whom the OnTrack program will offer a well supported pathway into university. We would be very keen to hear from you if you can answer 'yes' to one or more of these statements:

- you are currently on a government pension or in receipt of a low income for any reason (including under-employment);
- you have a disability or medical condition;
- you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;
- you have arrived in Australia as a refugee or on a Humanitarian Visa;
- you live in a rural or remote location;
- you are a woman and would like to study in an Engineering course at Murdoch;

- you live in Rockingham, Kwinana, Armadale, Gosnells or Mandurah and you are considering university study.

Take the next step now!

For more information or an application form, telephone 08 9360 2609, or email: [equity@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:equity@murdoch.edu.au)

The OnTrack program will commence on Monday 14 April 2008 at Rockingham campus (applications close at 4pm 14/04/08) and Murdoch and Peel campuses on 11 August.

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# Employment

## Indigenous Job Opportunities



# Ranger options



TWO programs on Northern Territory park management are offered to Indigenous rangers at Alice Springs.

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts Joint Management Indigenous Ranger Programs are aimed at broadening opportunities and the support offered to Indigenous rangers.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Senior Ranger Rick Hope said joint management was a partnership between the Northern Territory Government Parks and Wildlife Service and Indigenous Traditional Owners to manage parks.

"The Joint Management Indigenous Ranger Programs offers two alternative methods to park management," Mr Hope said.

"One approach engages with the traditional Indigenous owners of Territory parks and reserves who are employed across a spectrum of casual, part-time and permanent arrangements, with many becoming full-time park rangers.

The other approach is to support Indigenous land and sea management by working directly with Indigenous ranger groups on their own lands."

### Full-time ranger

One such ranger employed under the Joint Management Indigenous Ranger Program is John Henry 'Chuck' Taylor, who completed an 18-month traineeship for the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service before becoming a full-time ranger at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

"In addition to on-the-job training, John Henry spent 12 months studying for a Certificate II in Land and Park Management through the Batchelor Institute of Tertiary

## Indigenous choices in park management

Education and is currently studying for his Certificate III," Mr Hope said.

John Henry is a traditional owner at Rainbow Valley and played a major part in the joint management process for that area and has proved himself to be a great asset to the park.

"He's been involved in many management programs such as the weed management program

and has also had the opportunity to undertake visitor management, including the face-to-face interpretative program which involves talking to tourists about features of the area."

Mr Taylor said he had been involved in many general park duties in Central District parks and his work included patrolling and maintenance of visitor

facilities in the region.

"The traineeship has helped me to learn a lot about how rangers manage and care for parks, and I really enjoy talking to visitors and sharing my knowledge with them," Mr Taylor said.

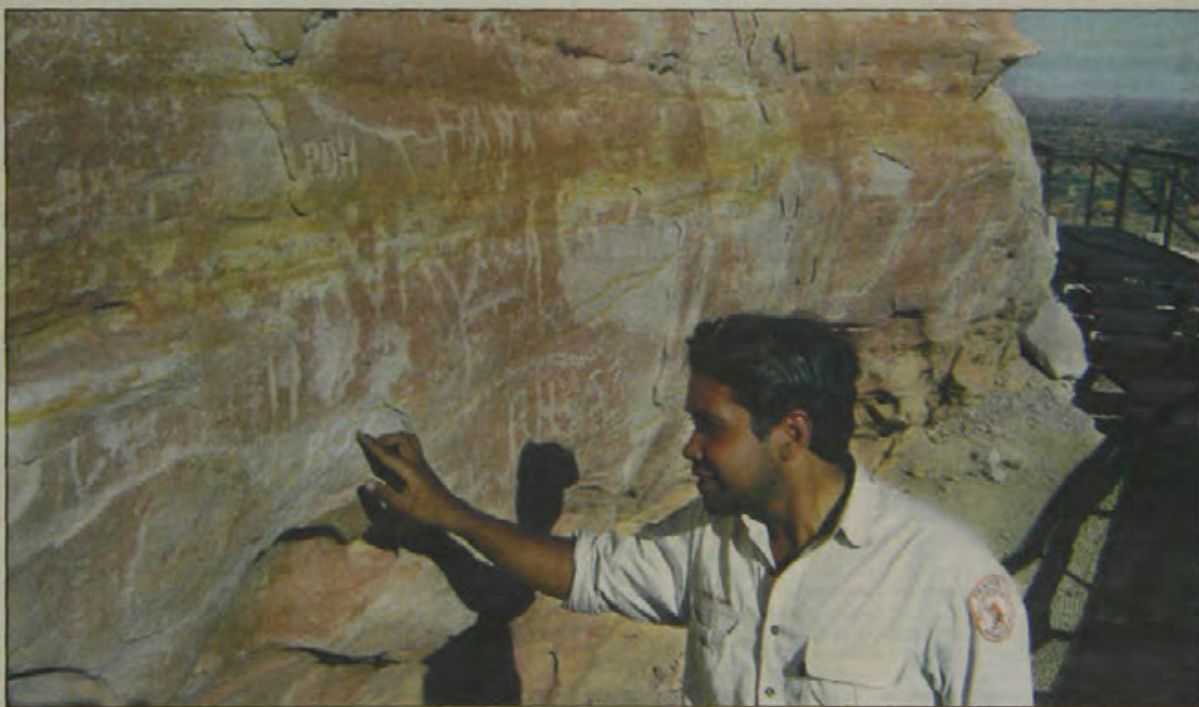
"It's great to be able to combine traditional knowledge with my university studies and I hope to continue to learn more

about park management."

Mr Hope has four joint management trainees under his supervision at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station where they undertake a full range of on-the-job experiences to gain the competencies needed to achieve a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management.

The program aims to facilitate improved skills and capacity for Indigenous rangers and groups to take on paid employment and better compete for external funding to undertake land management on their lands.

In the Alice Springs region, five of the 35 rangers and four joint management trainees identify themselves as of Indigenous descent.



Chuck Taylor inspecting Chambers Pillar engravings. Chambers Pillar is about a two-and-a-half-hour drive south of Alice Springs.

## 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](mailto:advertising@koorimail.com) or see our website - [www.koorimail.com](http://www.koorimail.com)

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**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

**Northern Rivers Women's Domestic Violence  
Court Assistance Scheme  
Assistant Coordinator  
(Outreach/Administration) - Ballina/Casino**

The Scheme has an exemption under s31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 to employ women in this role. The Service operates out of the Lismore office and Ballina and Casino Courthouses and assists women applicants in ADVO matters. This is a permanent position at 19 hours per week, SACS Grade 3. Previous applicants need not apply. Phone: (02) 6621 1000 for a jobkit. **Closing date:** 4pm 24th April 2008.



**DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE  
DISABILITY ACCESS OFFICER  
AT COURT**

Clerk Grade 9/10  
Office of the Senior Practitioner, Parramatta  
Temporary Full-Time. Position No: DADHC-08-11870  
Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,188 pa + \$67,263 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Working from a Sydney Court the Disability Access Officer collaborates with Court services & agencies to provide information & referrals & identify needs related to court processes for people with a disability (including those with multi-diagnoses).

**Selection Criteria:**

- Sound knowledge and contemporary understanding of key issues that reflect the needs of clients with a disability in contact with the criminal justice system.
- Proven ability to understand and implement organisational or departmental policies, procedures and relevant legislation.
- An understanding of brain injury, mental health issues, alcohol and other drug-related issues.
- Knowledge of and experience in accessing disability services, education and training networks, accommodation services, family and social networks or services for those from a non-English speaking background.
- Highly developed investigation, analytical, research and problem solving skills.
- Ability to work independently and self-manage an unpredictable workload as well as work within DADHC and other interagency teams.
- Experience with the operation of the Local Court and broader criminal justice system.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Law, Social Sciences or equivalent experience.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary full-time position for a period of 12 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:** Peter Goslett (02) 9895 8902 or (02) 9895 8911  
**Information Package:** www.dadhc.com/employment or 1800 185 466

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package  
**Closing Date:** Friday 18 April 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

**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

**UNIT COORDINATOR  
(ABORIGINAL)**

Campbelltown, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08/063. Total remuneration package valued to: \$69,582 p.a. (\$55,010-\$63,056) Salary includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Supervises and directs the work of a team of Youth Officers to ensure the appropriate care and custody of clients and safety of staff. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture. Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice (Youth Work) or Community Service or equivalent. Experience in working with, motivating, supporting and communicating effectively with young people with challenging behaviours, including an understanding of their needs. Capacity to maintain a safe and secure environment for staff and clients. Demonstrated ability to manage a team including conflict resolution, negotiation, liaison and problem solving and advocacy skills. Demonstrated ability to prepare accurate and concise reports and make recommendations. Knowledge of the Department's casework and programming practices. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.

**Notes:** In this position, an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants will be the subject of an employment screening check. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package.

**Inquiries:** Ian Gray (02) 4629 3800. **Information Packages:** Androulla Charalambous (02) 4629 3800.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

**Closing Date:** Friday 18 April 2008.

**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 Notional 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 \$925.89 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.



**BATCHELOR INSTITUTE  
OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION**

**Lecturer/Course Coordinator - Nursing  
Position No.: 14680**

Fixed term appointment for 3 years - Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

This position is responsible for the development of resources and delivery of the Nursing degree workshops on campus, regions and clinical placements. Close liaison with relevant agencies and local community services infrastructure. Travel is an essential requirement of the position.

**Lecturer - General Construction  
Position No.: New position**

Permanent appointment commencing May 2008 - Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

This position is responsible for the delivery of approved Vocational Education and Training programs in General Construction. The development of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities and resources. Travel and working throughout the NT is an essential requirement.

**Applications close Friday 18 April 2008**

For further information, the Selection Criteria's and the information for applicants sheet are available from the Institute's website [www.batchelor.edu.au](http://www.batchelor.edu.au) (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email [recruitment@batchelor.edu.au](mailto:recruitment@batchelor.edu.au)

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

*Batchelor Institute has a vital national position as the only higher educational institution solely for Indigenous students (AUQA report 2006). As such, BIITE endeavours to be a strong employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. BIITE strongly encourages applications for the above positions from suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous Australians.*

*A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between Darwin Palmerston and some rural areas.*

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**Team Leaders, Managers and Youth Workers**

**Community Services in Central Australia**

**Do you have a passion in leading disadvantaged youth to a better life?**

Our NT Integrated Youth Service is seeking 4 Team Leaders, 2 Managers and Youth Workers to join our team. Youth services in Alice Springs operate in 4 Traditional Indigenous Communities in the Central Australian Desert. Based in Finke, Mutitjulu, Imampa and Docker River, our team develop and facilitate program activities for community Youth aged 5 - 25.

Our ultimate objective is to develop the local Anangu people into proficient Youth Workers to empower the community to develop and run their own Youth programs into the future. The program began in July 2007 and already we have 8 full time and a number of casual Anangu Youth Workers across the 4 communities.

The limit is your imagination in the types of programs and activities that can be run for Outback Youth. Quirky and extravagant skills are welcome! Discos, movie nights and swimming in natural water holes are frequent activities enjoyed by the Youth and Youth Workers alike.

Our team members work closely with Indigenous people, communities, government agencies and other service providers. We all seek to achieve a common goal of developing effective youth and other community services in Central Australia.

What are the perks?

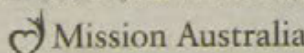
- excellent salary
- 9 weeks of annual leave per year
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- salary sacrifice options
- extensive 4WD travel in the beautiful and remote Outback.

Does this sound like you?

- superior leadership, communication and coordination skills
- outcome focused in developing youth activities
- can manage multiple program operations
- accomplished in building community relationships
- mentors staff and clients to encourage self development
- can travel inter and intrastate, including remote communities
- enjoys spending time in Traditional remote Indigenous communities.

If you have read this far, we would love to hear from you. Please send your resume to Sara Amdahl [amdahls@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:amdahls@missionaustralia.com.au) or phone (08) 8935 0900 for further information. **Applications close 11th April 2008.**

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Crown Solicitor's Office		Two	Degree in Law	Vicki DelBello or Jacinta Garrett Phone: 9224 5000 Email: <a href="mailto:CSOrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au">CSOrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au</a>
Attorney General's Department		One	Degree in Law	Gail Mitchell Phone: 8688 7777 Email: <a href="mailto:gail_mitchell@agd.nsw.gov.au">gail_mitchell@agd.nsw.gov.au</a>
NSW Treasury – Office of Financial Management		Two	Degree in Accountancy, Economics, Business, Finance, Commerce or related discipline	Sharon Bowers Phone: 9228 3131 Email: <a href="mailto:sharon.bowers@treasury.nsw.gov.au">sharon.bowers@treasury.nsw.gov.au</a>
Housing NSW		One	Advanced Diploma or Degree in Business Studies, Finance, Accountancy or related discipline	Michael Langereis Phone: 8753 8585 Email: <a href="mailto:michael.langereis@housing.nsw.gov.au">michael.langereis@housing.nsw.gov.au</a>
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: <a href="mailto:lauren.walsh-mcdonnell@business.nsw.gov.au">lauren.walsh-mcdonnell@business.nsw.gov.au</a>
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: <a href="mailto:kholliday@energy.com.au">kholliday@energy.com.au</a>
Office of Transport Safety Investigations		One	Any degree with a significant component of quantitative methods and statistical analysis	Ian Boyd Phone: 9322 9211 Email: <a href="mailto:ian.boyd@otsi.nsw.gov.au">ian.boyd@otsi.nsw.gov.au</a>
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: <a href="mailto:justine.kinkade@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au">justine.kinkade@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au</a>
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: <a href="mailto:dorothy.winspear@dpi.nsw.gov.au">dorothy.winspear@dpi.nsw.gov.au</a>
		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: <a href="mailto:carolyn.raine@cma.nsw.gov.au">carolyn.raine@cma.nsw.gov.au</a>
Department of Juvenile Justice		One	Degree in Psychology	Graeme Kerr Phone: 9219 9483 Email: <a href="mailto:graeme.kerr@dj.nsw.gov.au">graeme.kerr@dj.nsw.gov.au</a>
		One	Degree in Psychology or Social Work	
NSW Treasury – Office of State Revenue		One	Degree in Information Technology or related field	Cathy Cassar Phone: 9689 6288 Email: <a href="mailto:cathy.cassar@osr.nsw.gov.au">cathy.cassar@osr.nsw.gov.au</a>
NSW Department of Planning		Two	A range of degrees that may be relevant to this position e.g. Planning, Architecture, Engineering and History	Denis Aslanis Phone: 9228 6147 Email: <a href="mailto:denis.aslanis@planning.nsw.gov.au">denis.aslanis@planning.nsw.gov.au</a>
		Two	A range of qualifications that may be relevant to this position e.g. Diploma in Demographics	
Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care		One	Degree in Social Work	Jourdan Di Leo Phone: 8270 2004 Email: <a href="mailto:jourdan.dileo@dadhc.nsw.gov.au">jourdan.dileo@dadhc.nsw.gov.au</a>
		Four	Diploma in Case Management	
		Two	Degree in Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy, Psychology or Nursing	
Department of Community Services (DOCS)		Two	Degree in Psychology	Noeleen Timbery Phone: 9716 2458 Email: <a href="mailto:noeleen.timbery@community.nsw.gov.au">noeleen.timbery@community.nsw.gov.au</a>
WorkCover		One	Degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering or Forensic Science	Melayne Williamson Phone: 4321 5489 Email: <a href="mailto:melayne.williamson@workcover.nsw.gov.au">melayne.williamson@workcover.nsw.gov.au</a>
		One	Degree in Information Technology or Information Management	
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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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Workplace Relations



Indigenous Employment Policy







## 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](http://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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[www.dhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au)



## Senior Adviser Capacity Development Southern Metropolitan Region This vacancy is located at Dandenong

\$69,584 - \$84,190 + Superannuation

Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with skills and experience building organisational and community capacity?

Do you want to be part of a regional team working to better understand the experience of Indigenous people who use our services to improve life expectancy and quality of life?

The Senior Adviser is a new position created to provide and coordinate capacity building activities with Indigenous communities and service provider organisations in the Southern Metropolitan Region.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Phil Dalling on 03 87102836. To apply online and view the job description, you are required to visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers) and click on vacancies.

Please quote reference no DHS/STH/51434

Closing date for applications Monday, 28th April 2008

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

To apply online and view the job description, visit

[www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers)

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)



## NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

### D&A ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER (HEO)

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Ad No: 72396

Closing Date: 18.04.08

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## HOUSING NSW PLANNER BAND A

Professional Grade VII  
Planning Unit  
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Head Office, Ashfield  
Permanent Full-Time  
Position No. DOH-08-11944

Total remuneration package valued up to \$79,681 per annum (salary \$53,344 pa + \$72,208 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** You will be part of the Planning Unit consisting of statutory and strategic planning team members. You will deliver planning services to clients and provide project planning, resource management, monitoring, review, reporting and customer liaison.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Tertiary qualifications in planning and/or eligibility for Corporate Membership of the Planning Institute Australia.
- Capacity to work within a team environment focussed on superior customer service and continuous improvement in commercial business performance and an ability to interact in a tactful and diplomatic way with clients and peers.
- Good understanding and application of urban planning principles, the preparation of Development Applications and relevant statutory framework.
- Sound computer literacy with experience in the use of various applications such as database files and time recording systems.
- Good oral communication skills with the ability to pose and answer appropriate questions and interpret facts to meet customer needs.
- Experience in explaining technical terms in plain English through sound written communication skills with the ability to produce reports, manuals, correspondence etc.
- Ability to organise own priorities to meet predetermined broader priorities and deliver project outcomes within strict deadlines and agreed cost and quality parameters.
- Current driver's licence.

**Job Notes:** Residential Technologies Australia is a service agency of the Housing NSW and provides project management and specialist consulting services in the construction and management of a wide range of residential building activities. The position description may be updated in accordance with a revised format. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Enquiries: Daniel Govers (02) 8753 8427

Information Package: [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers)

Apply on-line: As per link in Information Package  
Closing Date: 18 April 2008

North Coast Institute

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NEW SOUTH WALES  
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AND TRAINING



## Director, Aboriginal Education and Training

Applications close: 28 April 2008

The Department of Education and Training is seeking an outstanding Aboriginal\* person who is committed to achieving positive change in Aboriginal education and training, to better meet the needs of students in the framework of current government policies and community expectations.

The position will formulate, implement and lead programs, and will be the source of expert advice in relation to Aboriginal education and training issues.

The position will provide statewide leadership and strategic direction to school education through the provision of innovative and responsive policy and program advice.

The position is in the NSW Senior Executive Service and is located at Oxford Street, Sydney. An attractive remuneration package and contract of up to five years will be negotiated.

The selection criteria and full job description are available at: [www.det.nsw.edu.au/seniorpositions](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/seniorpositions).

For more information please phone Ms Robyn McKenhan, General Manager, Access and Equity on (02) 9561 8252.

Applications are to be sent to Ms Robyn McKenhan, General Manager, Access and Equity, Department of Education and Training, Level 2, 35 Bridge Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or email [robyn.mckenhan@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:robyn.mckenhan@det.nsw.edu.au).

\*The term 'Aboriginal' also includes Torres Strait Islander people.

Note: In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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Aboriginal applicants do not need a qualification as their experience with Aboriginal communities is highly valued.

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- good telephone manner and great communication skills
- an ability to work effectively in a busy call centre environment
- a passion for working with children.

Aboriginal applicants do not need a qualification as their experience with Aboriginal communities is highly valued.

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 28 April 2008





## NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL - NURSING

### Registered Nurse

Aboriginal Health, HACC Dementia Care

Perm Full Time Position No: POW08/181

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Kristin Mboothu, 9382 8066

Apps: phhpowhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 25 April 2008.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit [www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au) or contact the enquiries person.

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Stolen Generations Victoria have the following positions available for enthusiastic and dedicated people who want to see better outcomes for our members:

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Administration Officer
- Senior Policy and Education Officer
- Community Development Officer

Stolen Generations Victoria is rebuilding. We are a not for profit Aboriginal community based and controlled organization focused on supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were removed or separated as a child from their family, community and culture. If you would like to join our team of committed staff and you have skills in working collaboratively and empathically with clients we would be very interested in hearing from you.

All positions are based at our Office at 34 Wurruk Street Preston.

All positions are for a 12 month term.

Please contact Jeannie McIntyre, CEO for further information and Position Descriptions for each vacancy on (03) 9470 3477, or visit [www.stolengenerationsvictoria.org.au](http://www.stolengenerationsvictoria.org.au) for more information.

Aboriginal persons are encouraged to apply.

Applications by post addressed to: Jeannie McIntyre, Stolen Generations Ltd, PO Box 101 Preston 3072 or by email to [jeannie.mcintyre@stolengenerationsvictoria.org.au](mailto:jeannie.mcintyre@stolengenerationsvictoria.org.au)

Applications close: Friday 18 April 2008.

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.

The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

#### FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Baradine, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-137. Total remuneration package valued to: \$40,668 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.

Implements the Area Pest Management Program. Uses various methods to undertake weed and feral animal control. The position may be required to participate in maintenance and operational activities including fire fighting and hazard reduction burning. **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 a temporary position for the period 19/05/2008 to 12/09/2008. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Glen Barkley (02) 6843 4000 0427 464 937 Email: [glen.barkley@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:glen.barkley@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** (02) 6843 4000 or [jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au).

**Closing Date:** Friday 18 April 2008.



### South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council

The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) is a representative body of the Noongar people, the traditional owners of the South West of Western Australia. SWALSC works with its members to find resolution for native title claims as well as advancing the Noongar Culture, language and society.

Do you enjoy working with the community and like to see outcomes achieved for Aboriginal people? SWALSC works with native title claimants towards long term solutions for the Noongar community. We are looking for a passionate individual that enjoys working in an exciting environment.

#### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

SWALSC is seeking a professional to fill the newly created position of Regional Development Manager. You will need strong communication and administration skills. You will enjoy working with and assisting claimant groups and indigenous communities in relation to identifying community aspirations, and utilising native title outcomes to see those aspirations realised.

Under section 500 of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, Aboriginality is considered an essential criterion.

#### WORKING PARTY ADMINISTRATOR

SWALSC is seeking a sound administrator to work with our native title claimant Working Parties. Our Working Parties are the main bodies through which Native Title negotiations are conducted. You will be required to take minutes of meetings and assist with all matters associated with preparation, conduct and post-meeting follow up. You will have strong communication and administrative skills. A good knowledge of Word and Excel will also be required.

Enquiries for both positions to Malcolm Firth (08) 9358-7400, email [malcolm.firth@noongar.org.au](mailto:malcolm.firth@noongar.org.au) or visit [www.noongar.org.au](http://www.noongar.org.au).

**Send Applications to:** PO Box 585, Cannington, WA 6987.

**Applications must be received by:** Close of business on Friday 18 April 2008.

*Previous applicants are under consideration and need not re-apply.*



### Department of Health Government of Western Australia

WA Country Health Service  
Great Southern Population Health

### Aboriginal Health Worker Recruitment Pool

**Level/Salary:** AHW Level 2, \$36,477.60 - \$39,266.54 p.a. pro rata

**Pool Ref:** CH161

**Casual, Fixed Term & Permanent**

**Location:** Albany or Katanning

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position (Section 50(d) Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1984.)

**Job Description:** We are seeking enthusiastic and suitably experienced individuals to join our friendly team in Albany or Katanning.

Albany is located 400km from Perth on the south coast of WA. The City is the main regional centre for the Great Southern region and boasts an extensive range of services and facilities. Albany is one of the premier tourist destinations in Western Australia.

Katanning is based in the heart of the Great Southern farming region. There are tremendous opportunities to visit the natural attractions of the Great Southern & South West Regions. Some of Western Australia's best wineries, bush walks, camping sites, fishing and surfing spots are within easy reach as are the Stirling Ranges and the Porongorups.

In this role, you will provide health care for Aboriginal clients which is consistent with a primary health care philosophy and the development of self care and responsibility for health. This role also assists with the identification of Aboriginal health needs and the development of programs and undertakes a clinical caseload in accordance with the clinical delegation of authority for health workers.

Suitable applicants will be placed in a pool from which appointments may be made when similar vacancies occur. The pool will operate for six (6) months from the date of the initial selection in the pool.

**Further Information:** Please contact Shirley Cornelius on (08) 9892-7222 or email: [Shirley.Cornelius@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Shirley.Cornelius@health.wa.gov.au)

**Application Instructions:** Applicants are requested to apply online at [www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au)

Applicants are advised to write and attach their statement addressing the selection criteria. Applicants should have their current resume/curriculum vitae and application addressing the selection criteria complete and ready to attach, prior to clicking on the "Apply for Job" button. You will be asked three questions during this process, and to then attach your documentation, so it is recommended to allow enough time to complete these requests.

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:** Monday 21 April 2008 at 4pm.

Department of Planning  
and Community Development

### Project Officer, Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program

- \$48,714 - \$59,148
- Full time/Fixed term - two years

Do you have knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Culture and Heritage? If so, read on.

Sport and Recreation Victoria maximises the social and economic benefits provided to all Victorians by the sport and recreation sector through greater access, quality and opportunities for participation, and maintaining Victoria's reputation as Australia's leading sporting events state.

As Project Officer, you will focus on providing opportunities for indigenous people to become involved in community sport and recreation. You will also work alongside a team who develop and support sport and recreation in indigenous communities across the state.

To apply and access position description and key selection criteria visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

refer to position number **VPD0/5RV/VC0369**

**Closing date for applications is  
Wednesday 09 April 2008**



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#### Lecturer in Bachelor of Laws

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**Reference number:** 80174  
**Applications close:** Friday 18 April 2008  
**Salary range:** \$67,856 - \$80,577 p.a. (plus 17% superannuation)  
**Position status:** Full time and continuing  
**Location:** Geelong Campus at Warrnambool  
**Further details:** Professor Wendy Brabham on 03 5227 2669

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## Indigenous Employment Coordinator

Catholic Healthcare is a growing not-for-profit provider of aged, community and healthcare services that offers challenging and rewarding work with attractive salary packaging.

- Full Time position based at Epping or Newcastle
- Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Opportunity to make a difference

An opportunity exists within our Human Resources team for a dynamic and energetic person, with tertiary qualifications in a relevant field, to implement our Indigenous Employment, Retention and Career Development Strategy.

The ability to form links with indigenous jobseekers and employment agencies is an important part of the role, as is the capacity to support and mentor new indigenous employees.

For further information on the role, contact Annabel Senior on 0401 712 254.

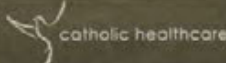
For an information package please call our Recruitment Team on 1800 024 540 so that the essential and desirable criteria can be addressed in your application.

Applications close: Monday, 21 April 2008.

Equal Rights Co Pty Ltd considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or another race) is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Successful applicants will be required to complete relevant pre-employment checks, provide proof of identity and be subject to a 90-day probation period.

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## Youth Engagement Program Officer

We need your ability to plan and implement programs to lead our new schools-based project aimed at encouraging the contribution of young Australians to sustainable change through learning and taking action in creative ways.

Your excellent interpersonal, facilitation and coordination skills will be reflected in your successful implementation of curriculum based youth engagement program.

Please visit [www.oxfam.org.au/jobs](http://www.oxfam.org.au/jobs) for details. Closes 15 April. EEO/Child Safe employee - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates particularly encouraged to apply.

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## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

### CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

### INSTRUCTOR

### CATERING AND LAUNDRY 'BALUN' FACILITY

Instructor, Tabulam, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08158. Total remuneration package valued to: \$70,900 p.a. (\$64,250-\$64,250) Total remuneration includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Supervise staff and develop the work capabilities, knowledge and skills of trainees, through instruction, coaching, encouragement, team-building and work experience.

**Selection Criteria:** Knowledge of Aboriginal issues and commitment to work with Aboriginal communities to be able to positively influence the outcomes of this Facility. Trade certificate or equivalent qualification in the chosen field. Experience in supervising work in a production environment. An understanding of manufacturing procedures and systems. Knowledge of quality production processes and demonstrated success in achieving quality standards in food preparation and laundry or similar. Demonstrated leadership skills and the ability to coach, motivate and develop trainees. Demonstrated ability to apply a fair and equitable approach to the resolution of conflict. Sound written and oral communication skills.

**Notes:** Certified copies of qualifications must accompany application. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions within the area.

**Inquiries:** Richard Matenga (02) 6660 8614 0428 440 503 Email: [Richard.Matenga@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Richard.Matenga@dcs.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Helen Butcher@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 11 April 2008.

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## OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

### Legal Officer (Family Law)

### Aboriginal Identified

Legal Officer Grade I-III, Campbelltown, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No FL08/082. Total remuneration package valued to: \$90,756 p.a. (\$55,472-\$82,244) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide high quality legal advice & representation to clients, primarily in state child care & protection matters, as per the LAC's policies & guidelines to contribute to the implementation of the LAC's mission to deliver high quality legal services.

**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. Knowledge of family law including care and protection law. Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume work environment and undertake advocacy role in court. 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 subject to a Disclosure under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1988 and will be subject to employment screening. 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:** 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](mailto:employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au).

**Closing Date:** Friday 18 April 2008.

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## Employment Coordinator - Glebe

The Aboriginal Employment Strategy Ltd. (AES) is currently seeking a highly motivated, team orientated, self directed individual with experience in employment and case management. You will be responsible for coordinating employment related outcomes for Aboriginal people, by visiting corporate Australia businesses. Through this position you will promote the vision of the AES to develop and implement new business solutions to improve the efficiencies within the office. To be successful you will have a proven experience in the employment sector and have a passion and commitment to increase employment opportunities for Aboriginal People. It is essential that you are enthusiastic and results orientated, have the ability to deal with and have an understanding of employment related processes experience with service contracts. To be successful it is important that you have the drive and determination to make a difference in an innovative approach to supporting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unemployed Community. Must be Aboriginal and have a drivers licence to apply.

Salary range for this position is negotiable. For inquiries about this position please contact Jamie Hardy on (02) 8571 0900.

Closing date is Friday 18th April 2008.

## OFFICE OF THE WORKCOVER AUTHORITY

When you join us, you will be involved in interesting and varied work with a great team of people, in a flexible working environment.

The benefits are great, but most importantly your contributions will make a positive difference to peoples' lives.

TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY 4325 4304.

## INDIGENOUS GRADUATE, RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Graduate Grade 1/2, Gosford, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No WC08-74. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,569 p.a. (\$47,682-\$56,701) including salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

To provide Indigenous graduates with the opportunity to undertake an intensive 18-month learning and development program structured around suitable work placements. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander descent. This position is targeted to the employment of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and is authorised by the department's EEO Management Plan. Undergraduate (with or without Honours) with an sound academic record. Note: you must either be eligible for the awarding of a degree by April 2008 or have obtained your degree within the past 2 years. Innovative and flexible approach to problem solving with strong organisational, analytical and research skills. Ability to work collaboratively with other team members and to achieve team goals. Strong oral and written communications and demonstrated effective relationship building skills. Demonstrated record of part-time employment and/or community involvement and/or extra curricular activities or leadership roles. Interest in, and knowledge of, current issues and government activities.

**Notes:** This position is targeted to employment of an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander and is authorised by the department's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977. This is a temporary full time appointment/employment opportunity under Sections 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act, 2002 for a period up to 18 months.

**Inquiries:** Melayne Williamson (02) 4321 5489.

**Information Packages:** Melayne Williamson - (02) 4321 5489.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Applications may be submitted online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or emailed to [careers@workcover.nsw.gov.au](mailto:careers@workcover.nsw.gov.au) (place job reference number in the subject line).

**Closing Date:** Friday 11 April 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

### CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

### ABORIGINAL CLIENT

### SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6, Lismore, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08182. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Provide advice and support to the case management of Aboriginal offenders in the community and in the transition from custody. Identify and build collaborative community networks and partnerships to enhance community based offender programs. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Broad understanding of the organisational and operational structure of Community Offender Services and the Department of Corrective Services. Ability to work in an enforcement and helping case management role with Aboriginal offenders. Knowledge of the Criminal Justice System. Well developed knowledge of, experience in and acceptance by Aboriginal communities to provide influence in community partnerships. Excellent interpersonal, negotiation and liaison skills. Effective oral and written skills and computer literacy. Current driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW.

**Notes:** In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. This is a re-advertised position (previously advertised as Vacancy Number 08120) applications will be sought forward. All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment. This is a temporary appointment/employment under the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period of up to 30 June, 2011. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application and are also requested to provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions.

**Inquiries:** Julie Webber, telephone: (02) 6622 1277 Email: [Julie.Webber@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Julie.Webber@dcs.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Julie Webber, Email: [Julie.Webber@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Julie.Webber@dcs.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Level, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

**Closing Date:** Friday 11 April 2008.

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## The University of Sydney

### Apprentice Fitter and Machinist Science & Technology Workshop Services

### Faculties of Engineering and Science

Reference No. 126989

The Science & Technology Workshop Services are incorporated under the auspices of the Faculties of Engineering and Science as an important service provider in the University of Sydney. Within the University our workshops play a vital and pivotal role in design, construction and manufacture for a variety of applications.

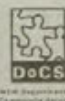
We are currently seeking an enthusiastic and motivated apprentice to become a trade qualified Fitter and Machinist. Indentured for four years, you will receive on-the-job training in fitting and machining while rotating through the University's three main Science Technology workshops. Additionally, you will complete TAFE studies as required by the Department of Technical and Further Education.

A confident communicator with a demonstrated interest in Fitting, Machining and Workshop Fabrication and Assembly, you will be a practical and flexible problem solver and have no problems with taking direction. To succeed in this apprenticeship it is essential to possess a year 10 Certificate, be a team player, quick learner and able to apply safe work practices.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 126989. Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Fang Zhou on (02) 9036 7292.


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### Community Case Worker x2

Ref # 0815, ATSI Family Support Service – 1 x F/T  
Ref # 0816, Indigenous Family Program – 1 x F/T

Lockridge based - We are seeking 2 Community Case Workers for our outreach programs. You will support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with a number of issues ranging from health, housing, justice, family violence, sexual abuse and child protection issues. You will provide counselling, support and healing to these families and their children. Tertiary qualifications are highly desirable but not essential. Suitable skills, experience and knowledge will be considered appropriate.

For job specific information, please contact Andrea Smith on (08) 9378 2522. 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](mailto:humanresources@centrecare.com.au). Please quote the reference number. **Applications close 5pm Monday 21 April 2008.**



**Department of Corrective Services**  
Government of Western Australia

### Juvenile Justice Officer

Community & Juvenile Justice Division  
Recruitment Pool  
Position No: 007867  
Level/Salary: 3/4B PSGA, \$48,409 – \$57,609 pa  
Location: Various metropolitan

Juvenile justice officers (JJOs) help create a safer community through their work with juvenile offenders at metropolitan Community Justice Services offices.

JJOs use counselling and interventions while working with juvenile offenders in the community, and provide advice and reports to courts and releasing authorities. Their work helps reduce re-offending, protects the community and directs offenders towards law-abiding lifestyles.

Successful applicants will be placed in a pool for a period of 12 months from which selection will be made to participate in a 12-week Entry Level Training Course followed by completion of an on-the-job nine months practical and competency-based qualification. They will then be eligible to be considered for permanency.

People from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Information sessions**

- Saturday 12 April 2008 9.30–11.30am  
Corrective Services Academy, 4 Allen Court, Bentley
- Tuesday 15 April 2008 12.30–2pm  
Multi-Function Room, Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service, 211 Royal Street, East Perth

For further job related information: Phone Anthony Howson – 0418 943 036

**Job application package:** Visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key position number 007867 into the search box or phone (08) 9476 0011 (24 hours) and give your names, address and position number 007867.

**Closing date:** Monday 21 April 2008 4.30pm (WST).





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The digitisation project will incorporate conservation of print, sound, photographic, film and video archives; digitisation of selected material; and on-line access to digital material where appropriate. The following positions support this project:

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### AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES PROGRAM

Senior Photographic Technician

APS 6

Salary \$56,179 – \$64,534

Photographic Technician

APS 3

Salary \$41,843 – \$45,161

Archive Officer (Still Image, Audio & Moving Image) 3 positions

APS 4

Salary \$46,635 – \$50,635

Collection Manager (Still Image)

APS 6

Salary \$56,179 – \$64,534

Audio Technician (two positions)

APS 5

Salary \$52,015 – \$55,154

Audio Technician

APS 1 – 3

Salary \$32,459 – \$45,161

Access Officer

APS 4

Salary \$46,635 – \$50,635

Photographic Technician

APS 5

Salary \$52,015 – \$55,154

Teleline Operator

APS 5

Salary \$52,015 – \$55,154

Digital Assets Co-ordinator

APS 5

Salary \$52,015 – \$55,154

Senior Audio Technician

APS 6

Salary \$56,179 – \$64,534

Audio Technician

APS 4

Salary \$46,635 – \$50,635

Senior Access Officer

APS 6

Salary \$56,179 – \$64,534

### LIBRARY PROGRAM

Manager Library Digitisation Program

Executive Level 1

Salary \$71,920 – \$77,667

Digitisation Assistant (2 positions)

APS 3

Salary \$41,843 – \$45,161

Digital Archive Officer

APS 4

Salary \$46,635 – \$50,635 (pro rata)

Part-time, 3 days per week

Copyright Access Officer (Digitisation)

APS 5

Salary \$52,015 – \$55,154

Digitisation Design Officer

APS 4

Salary \$46,635 – \$50,635

Digitisation Assistant

APS 2

Salary \$36,735 – \$40,737 (pro rata)

Part-time, 2 days per week

Conservation Officer

APS 6

Salary \$56,179 – \$64,534

Cataloguer

APS 4

Salary \$46,635 – \$50,635

### CORPORATE SERVICES PROGRAM

Information Technology Manager

Executive Level 1

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DAMS Manager

APS 6

Salary \$56,179 – \$64,534

Digitisation Infrastructure Manager

Executive Level 1

Salary \$71,920 – \$77,667

Human Resources Officer

APS 4

Salary \$46,635 – \$50,635

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APS 6

Salary \$56,179 – \$64,534

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APS 2

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APS 4

Salary \$46,635 – \$50,635

Please note that positions may be filled on applications and referee reports. Please read the Information for Applicants before submitting your application.

Applications for these positions together with an application cover sheet and written referee reports should be sent to:

**Human Resources**

**Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies**

**GPO Box 553**

**Canberra ACT 2601**

Or email [HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au)

**Closing Date: COB 28 April 2008**

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.





Department of  
Corrective Services  
Government of Western Australia

## Community Corrections Officer

Community & Juvenile Justice Division

Recruitment Pool

Position No: 007871

Level/Salary: 3/4B PSGA, \$48,409 - \$57,609 pa

Location: Various metropolitan

Community corrections officers (CCOs) help create a safer community through their work with adult offenders at metropolitan Community Justice Services offices.

CCOs use counselling and interventions while working with offenders in the community and provide advice and reports to courts and releasing authorities.

Their work helps reduce re-offending, protects the community and directs offenders towards law-abiding lifestyles.

Successful applicants will be placed in a pool for a period of 12 months from which selection will be made to participate in a 12-week Entry Level Training Course, followed by completion of an on-the-job nine months practical and competency-based qualification. They will then be eligible to be considered for permanency.

People from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

### Information Sessions

• Saturday 12 April 2008 9.30-11.30am

Corrective Services Academy, 4 Allen Court, Bentley

• Tuesday 15 April 2008 12.30-2pm

Multi-Function Room, Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service,  
211 Royal Street, East Perth

For further job related information: Phone Anthony Howson 0418 943 038

**Job application package:** Visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key position number 007871 into the search box or phone (08) 9476 0011 (24 hours) and give your name, address and position number 007871.

**Closing date:** Monday 21 April 2008 4.00pm (WST)



Government of South Australia  
Department of Education and  
Children's Services

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If you are currently teaching, studying to be a teacher, a retired teacher, non teaching staff with relevant experience or a qualified specialist service provider - teacher aid, integration aid, indigenous education tutor or speech pathologist, why not register your interest?

You can register online at [www.anevenstart.dest.gov.au](http://www.anevenstart.dest.gov.au), or liaise directly with your local school to inform them of your interest.

EDP/NEA/11/008



The University of Sydney

## Project Manager (Antecedents of Renal Disease in Aboriginal Children)

Centre for Kidney Research

Reference No. 126052

The Centre for Kidney Research (CKR) seeks a passionate individual to manage a NHMRC-funded screening study. Don't miss this opportunity to make a critical contribution to vital research and develop both your project management and research skills. Aboriginal applicants are especially encouraged to apply.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 126052. Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Professor Jonathon Craig on (02) 9351 4823.

**Closing Date:**

22 April 2008



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### Child Safety Support Officer

(Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

Six permanent full-time positions available. Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent

**Child Safety**

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Nerang/Stones Corner/Beenleigh/Labrador/

Wynnum/Mermaid Beach

REF: QLD/CHS568/08

**Key Duties:** To provide high quality, culturally appropriate, child protection services to children and families services by the Child Safety Service Centre which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice and information to departmental staff.

**Skills and Abilities:** Demonstrated knowledge, skills and ability to deliver appropriate child protection services to children, their families and communities. High level of interpersonal communication skills.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 or E-Mail:

[vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au](mailto:vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Child Safety Support Officer

Child Safety Services Division

Two permanent full-time and one permanent part-time position available

**Child Safety**

Salary: \$44 347 - \$49 455 p.a.

Location: Nerang/Wynnum

REF: QLD/CHS568/08

**Key Duties:** Deliver culturally appropriate prevention and early intervention support services utilizing a range of strategies to divert families from the statutory child protection system.

**Skills and Abilities:** Demonstrated knowledge, skills and ability to deliver appropriate child protection services. Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 or E-Mail:

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Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Senior Project Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Communities**

Salary: \$69 726 - \$74 600 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/COM568/08

**Key Duties:** Manage the development and implementation of projects to support policy and program outcomes, improved coordination of government services and the development of solutions to local and regional issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**Skills and Abilities:** Coordinate, develop, support and monitor existing networks and engagement processes to ensure relevant input into policies, programs, projects and initiatives and establish new networks where necessary.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

[vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au](mailto:vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Project Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

**Communities**

Salary: \$66 770 - \$64 050 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/COM569/08

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Training Support Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

**Communities**

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM570/08

**Key Duties:** Coordinating process and assessment activities for nationally accredited awards such as Cert IV. Liaising with external education providers and internal stakeholders. Records upkeep and maintenance in keeping with contemporary practice and legislation.

**Skills and Abilities:** Excellent skills in organisational, supervision and communication within a team environment. Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Caseworker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Communities**

Salary: \$44 300 - \$56 700 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM570/08

**Key Duties:** The delivery of culturally appropriate casework and counselling services, the facilitation of the Young Person's positive progression through the stages of custody and the assistance in the avoidance of further offending.

**Skills and Abilities:** Excellent skills in organisational, supervision and communication within a team environment. Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Caseworker (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Communities**

Salary: \$44 300 - \$56 700 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM571/08

**Key Duties:** The delivery of culturally appropriate casework and counselling services, the facilitation of the Young Person's positive progression through the stages of custody and the assistance in the avoidance of further offending.

**Skills and Abilities:** Excellent skills in organisational, supervision and communication within a team environment. Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Case Worker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Communities**

Salary: \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Logan

REF: QLD/COM571/08

**Key Duties:** Deliver best practice statutory casework services to young people. Prepare and present information and evidence to the Children's Court. Participate productively as a member of a multi-disciplinary team and undertake a range of record and information management tasks.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Group Worker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Communities**

Salary: \$42 296 - \$46 436 p.a.

Location: Hervey Bay

REF: QLD/COM572/08

**Key Duties:** Assist in the development of group-based and individual activities and programs that target order requirements and the needs of Indigenous young people. **Skills and Abilities:** Provide high level supervision of young people performing youth justice programs and activities.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

[vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au](mailto:vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Cultural Liaison Officer

(Identified)

Custodial Operations

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Queensland Corrective Services**

Salary: \$44 346 - \$49 454 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/CS104/08

Enquiries: Jo Phelan (07) 4912 6260

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Ranger Indigenous (Identified)

Capricornia region, Terrestrial Parks

(The EPA has determined that it is a genuine Equal Opportunity Measure that an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person fills this position)

**Environmental Protection Agency**

Salary: \$34 391 - \$37 451 p.a.

Location: Blackdown National Park

REF: QLD/ENS584/08

**Key Duties:** Maintain visitor areas, walking tracks and signs. Operate various plant and equipment. Assist with fire, weed and pest animal programs. **Skills and Abilities:** Able to work in a team. Enquiries: (07) 4918 6206 or Email:

[br.nrk@shadeservices.qld.gov.au](mailto:br.nrk@shadeservices.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Friday, 11 April 2008

### Manager

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

**Housing**

Salary: \$109 886 - \$114 520 p.a.

(Total Remuneration Value)

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/HOS591/08

**Key Duties:** Provide leadership to a unit which generates quality policy advice and research to inform the strategic development of Indigenous housing for the department. The position oversees high level strategic analysis and advice on departmental and government policy issues to the Minister, Director-General and General Manager and will represent the department in various local, state and national forums.

**Skills and Abilities:** To provide leadership development of strategic policies to support the department's housing responses. The position participates as a member of the Senior Management Team within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing.

Enquiries: Toni Malamoo (07) 3227 6869 or E-Mail:

[jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 14 April 2008

### Manager Community Program Delivery

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

**Housing**

Salary: \$86 441 - \$91 424 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HOS647/08

**Key Duties:** Lead and manage the Community Program Delivery Unit, ensuring effective delivery of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Communities Program in partnership with funded Indigenous Councils/organisations to improve capacity building support to those councils, improving their ability to be self-managing.

**Skills and Abilities:** Work close with Indigenous communities within Queensland in the context of whole of government Indigenous community engagement arrangements. Enquiries: Toni Malamoo (07) 3227 6869 or E-Mail:

[jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 21 April 2008

### Senior Business Support Officer

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

**Housing**

Salary: \$69 725 - \$74 599 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/HOS591/08

**Key Duties:** Requires a range of support, coordination, advice and management to the Manager, Business Support which includes risk management, quality and environmental management systems and management and coordination of communication requirements.

**Skills and Abilities:** Well developed project management skills, a capacity for original thinking and significant levels of independent judgement.

Enquiries: Michael Hickey (07) 3225 1206 or E-Mail:

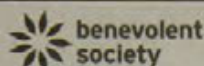
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Closing Date: Monday, 14 April 2008

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## Aboriginal Parenting Coordinator

### Part-time - Brighter Futures Program

Brighter Futures Program (BFP) is a new initiative funded by the Department of Community Services to provide targeted, long-term support for vulnerable Aboriginal families where the parents are facing challenges that may impact on their ability to care for their children.

We are looking for an Aboriginal Parenting Coordinator to provide parenting skills training and support to Aboriginal families referred to the program.

The location of the position will be negotiated with the successful candidate(s). The position is permanent part-time, (up to 24 hours per week). We provide training and support and an attractive salary package.

The position description and information on how to apply, see our website or contact Barbara Merrick-Bassett on (02) 6331 1457. Enquiries to Meagan Beasley on (02) 6360 1869.

Applications close: 12th May, 2008. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children (Criminal Record) Check.

[www.bensoc.org.au](http://www.bensoc.org.au)

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

### SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST, SENIOR SPECIALIST PSYCHOLOGIST

**PSYCHOLOGIST, Lismore - Tabulam, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08181.** Total remuneration package valued to: \$119,965 p.a. (\$87,974-\$108,713) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation, on call allowance, payment for work on one weekend per 28 day roster period, 10 public holidays and leave loading.

Position provides specialist consultancy, training and advice to COS officers, assists in working with families and on home visits to trainees, administers psychological tests and completes assessments and reports to judicial and treatment personnel. **Selection Criteria:** Minimum four year qualification in psychology with current full registration with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board. Proven expertise in assessment and treatment of offenders and their families, including addressing mental health issues. Superior, result focussed, behaviour management, consultation and report writing skills. Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team. Excellent communication/consultation and organisational skills across the Department and community. Possess a current NSW driver's licence and be willing and able to drive throughout NSW if required.

**Notes:** This is a re-advertised position, previous applicants will need to re-apply. An incidental allowance of \$2,229 p.a. applies during the occupancy of this position. Additional overtime and shift work may be required, appropriate remuneration will apply. For appointment as a Senior Specialist Psychologist you must satisfy the additional selection criteria and qualifications detailed in the information package. Please ensure you address those criteria in your written application and ensure you read the information package prior to submitting your application. Certified copies of your qualifications and registration must be included with your written application. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application and provide email addresses for two nominated referees one of which must be a current or recent supervisor. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment.

**Inquiries:** Julie Webber (02) 6622 1277 Email: Julie.Webber@dcs.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** Julie.Webber@dcs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6622 1277.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

**Closing Date:** Friday 11 April 2008.

## MANAGER - ATSI Services

Full Time \$56849-\$60155 - South Penrith, NSW.

To head up the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Services section in this busy, rapidly expanding organisation. The emphasis of this position is staff development and project development. This position will suit somebody who enjoys taking up opportunities to support local ATSI families and communities.

## PROJECT OFFICER - Harm Minimisation

Full Time \$55000-\$65000 - Surry Hills, NSW.

You will be responsible for supporting, strengthening and managing harm minimisation strategies, to reduce the amount of harm specifically caused by illicit drug use among Aboriginal communities in NSW.

## CHILD & FAMILY CASEWORKER

Full Time \$44945-\$48913 - South Penrith, NSW.

To provide an early intervention and prevention service for Aboriginal children and their families to prevent them from entering or further escalating into the child protection system.

To register for these vacancies please contact Dan on (02) 8966 9911 or email [dan@brcrecruitment.com.au](mailto:dan@brcrecruitment.com.au) or visit [www.brcrecruitment.com.au](http://www.brcrecruitment.com.au).



## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Council is seeking to fill the abovementioned position. This is a permanent 35 hours per week position. The position will give advice to the Council to better understand the issues affecting the local indigenous community. Key objectives of the position are to:

- enhance the health and well being of Blue Mountains Indigenous people;
- support the development of and improve access to services and facilities that meet needs of local Indigenous people; and
- strengthen relationships between Indigenous people and organisations in the Blue Mountains and Blue Mountains City Council.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as authorised under Section 14d of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants should hold Tertiary qualifications in the Social Sciences and/or related field. However, applications with a high level of practical experience and in-depth knowledge will also be considered.

**Salary:** commencing at \$1154.63 gross per week.

**For further information contact:** Maurice Brady on (02) 4780 5540.

**Reference:** Vacancy No. V08/084.

**Closing date:** 25 April 2008.

## MIIMALI ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

### Family Support Worker

Full-time position

With salary packaging equivalent up to \$42,000 per annum dependent on experience, including superannuation and other benefits.

For further information or job packages contact John Trikalis on 02 9673 4144. Applications close 24th April 2008.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

## NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL Aboriginal Education Support Worker

SSO 1 - Range 1 (48/52)

Fixed, Full-time (April-December 2008)

For a position description, contact the Northcote High School on (03) 9488-2332.

Forward application to: [liliang@nhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:liliang@nhs.vic.edu.au)

Further information, contact D. Pyke or R. Mason on (03) 9488-2321.

Application due 3pm, Friday, 18th April 2008.

## NSW Women's Refuge Movement Resource Centre Safe Houses - Orana Far West (OFW)

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

(Full Time position - based in Redfern)

12 month position with possible extension of 2 years

The NSW Women's Refuge Movement is the peak organisation for women and children domestic violence refugees and services across NSW. The organisation in partnership with the safe houses has been advocating for adequate resources and support for several years.

The NSW Women's Refuge Movement is seeking to employ a Project Development Officer to work with the Aboriginal women and children Safe Houses in Bourke, Brewarrina, Lightning Ridge, Walgett and Wilcannia to improve safety and wellbeing of women and children experiencing or at risk of domestic and family violence.

For a full copy of the job description and selection criteria, please visit our website [www.wrmc.org.au](http://www.wrmc.org.au) or phone our Resource Centre on 02 9698 9777.

Salary and conditions as per SACS Award Category 6 Level 2. Salary sacrificing available.

This position is a designated Aboriginal position in terms of section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW.

The WRMRC considers being a woman a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s.31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW.



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council

- Exciting Leadership Opportunity
- Community Service and Business Acumen
- Idyllic Location

Wreck Bay is situated on the South Coast of New South Wales (3 hours south of Sydney), near Nowra and adjacent to Jervis Bay. It is considered a very desirable area to work and live.

The Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council (WBACC) is an incorporated statutory body established under the Australian Government's Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986. WBACC holds title to land in the Jervis Bay Territory, including 403 hectares at Wreck Bay, and the Booderee National Park. WBACC is responsible for functions including land management, provision of services for the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community, and business enterprises through its wholly owned subsidiary Wreck Bay Enterprises Limited (WBEL) and possible other entities.

WBACC is currently seeking a Chief Executive Officer. The CEO's principal responsibilities are to ensure the Council's long term viability, ensure it operates efficiently and effectively, provide advice and support to the Board of Directors and provide leadership and support for the General Managers of WBACC, WBEL and other future entities.

The position requires a sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal societies and cultures and issues affecting Aboriginal people in contemporary Australian society. You will be able to communicate sensitively and effectively, including the requirement for culturally appropriate communication, consultation and negotiation with Aboriginal people.

**You must demonstrate your extensive ability and experience to:**

- manage at a high level of competence, with an emphasis on providing team leadership
- manage and develop Commercial and non-Commercial Services Business
- represent and promote WBACC at high level meetings, conferences, seminars and in the Aboriginal community
- successfully work with funding bodies on the development of programs and services.

**If you feel the above position describes you, please submit your written application marked "Confidential" to:** Mr Bubi Gerber, CEO WBACC, Wreck Bay Community Council, Administration Building, WRECK BAY, JBT 2540. **Applications close 12.00pm Friday 2nd May, 2008.**

Initial appointment will be for 3 years and an attractive Salary Package, commensurate with the position, will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

**For further information please contact Bubi Gerber on (02) 444 211 95.**

## Do you know where "Rocket" is these days?

Rod "Rocket" Silva joined the NSW Police Force 13 years ago. He is currently working at Auburn Police Station and has attained the rank of Sergeant. As a General Duties Team Leader, Rod is responsible for the actions of his team in dealing with daily Policing issues. Coming from Mount Druitt, Rod played First Grade Rugby League for both Easts and Canterbury and is proud of his Aboriginal heritage. "It would be good to have more Koori's in the job" Rod says, "It's a great job, come and give it a go".

If you would like to find out more about joining the NSW Police Force, contact the Aboriginal Recruitment Officer, Sergeant Steve LOWE on (02) 8835 9876.



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The NSW Public Sector Indigenous Cadetship Program provides an exciting opportunity for Indigenous students to combine university study with part time employment in a NSW Government agency. **Selection Criteria:** Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Completion of the Cadetship Application Form which forms part of the information package for this position. Enrolled full time in an approved course of study at a NSW or ACT University. Are an Australian resident.

**Notes:** Work placements are undertaken between December and February and involve work placements relevant to your field of study. Upon successful completion of your degree and work place components, cadets will be offered a permanent job with WorkCover.

**Inquiries:** Melayne Williamson (02) 4321 5489.

**Information Packages:** Melayne Williamson - (02) 4321 5489.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Applications may be submitted online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or emailed to [careers@workcover.nsw.gov.au](mailto:careers@workcover.nsw.gov.au) (place job reference number in the subject line).

**Closing Date:** Friday 11 April 2008.

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### Strategic Planning and Policy Unit

*Strong social, economic and cultural sustainability and equity for the Aboriginal people of Greater Shepparton*

#### Senior Manager: Projects and Communications

**Salary range:** \$55,068-\$68,639 negotiable depending on qualifications and experience

9% superannuation • Full-time preferred

1 year contract with possibility of extension

The **Aboriginal Community Strategic Planning and Policy Unit (SPPU)** is a community-managed resource which facilitates research, planning and policy development, engagement with all 3 levels of government, the broader community and business/industry. SPPU is governed by local Aboriginal leaders through the Interim Community Planning Council. Governance and Cultural Enhancement are our two main priorities.

An enthusiastic, committed person with extensive knowledge of and acceptance by the local Aboriginal Community, is required to effectively manage the range of SPPU's projects including its community engagement activities. These include:

- conducting a community consultation throughout 2008 to seek the community's view on decision-making processes and structures
- managing the Community Engagement Team, comprising approximately 10 individuals (employed on an as-needs basis) who will assist with the community consultation
- working with local Aboriginal organisations and other stakeholders developing the curriculum framework for the Cultural Literacy Unit
- working with the SPPU team on other priorities such as development of an Indigenous leadership program.

This is an innovative role requiring creativity and flexibility on the part of the role-holder.

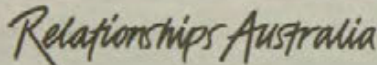
More information about the SPPU is at: [www.sppu.org](http://www.sppu.org)

For a position description contact Tania Murray on (03) 5821 1433 or email: [info@sppu.com.au](mailto:info@sppu.com.au)

Send your application addressing the key selection criteria, your resume and the names and contact details of 3 referees to: Tania Murray, PO Box 1412, Shepparton 3630 or email: [info@sppu.com.au](mailto:info@sppu.com.au)

For further information, contact Ellen Sanders, Acting CEO, SPPU on (03) 5821 1433.

**Applications Close:** 28 April 2008.



NEW SOUTH WALES

### FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRES

Due to the expansion of our family relationship services, Relationships Australia (NSW) has exciting opportunities for skilled and experienced professional staff to join our new Family Relationship Centres (FRC) in Bathurst, Brookvale and Sydney City (CBD), opening July 2008. Employment opportunities are also available in our current FRCs located at Blacktown and North Ryde due to internal transfers of staff.

**For Bathurst based positions - the following positions may be full time, part time or combined with each other to form a full time position.**

#### FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTITIONERS (MEDIATORS)

Applications are invited for full-time and part-time positions of Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners. Family Dispute Resolution is provided to assist families going through separation, prepare parenting plans and resolve disputes. Dispute Resolution Practitioners/Mediators will be expected to provide intake sessions for clients, assess safety and suitability, conduct mediations and provide information seminars for parents.

#### FAMILY ADVISORS

We are seeking social welfare professionals to work as full-time and part-time Family Advisors providing support and assistance to people seeking to form relationships or strengthen their relationships, as well as advice and referral for families dealing with separation. Family Advisors must be able to demonstrate skills in providing professional telephone and face-to-face client services including: engaging clients, providing needs assessments, case management and referral and delivering educational seminars for parents.

#### COUNSELLORS (Bathurst Only)

Applications are invited from experienced counsellors with skills in working with individuals, couples and families.

#### GROUP LEADERS (Bathurst Only)

Group leaders will run a range of therapeutic and psycho-educational programs for individuals, couples, children and families to strengthen their relationships and manage relationship difficulties.

#### ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS (Bathurst Only)

Administration Officer duties include customer service and reception, client intake and appointment allocation, record keeping, invoicing and accounts receivable, petty cash, payroll, HR and financial records system, maintenance of equipment, supplies and premises.

Due to diverse community needs, applicants with a second community language are encouraged to apply as well as people with experience and an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

#### SERVICE DEVELOPMENT WORKER FOR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES (Bathurst Only)

The initial focus of this role will be to consult with local service providers and Aboriginal communities in the area in order to build working relationships, identify needs and develop responsive services for Aboriginal families.

The role will then expand to provide direct service delivery in a flexible and culturally respectful way. This position is specifically for people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. (exemption 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977).

For all of the above positions you must obtain an information package and address the selection criteria in your written application. When obtaining an information package please specify the position/s you wish to apply for. An information package can be downloaded from our website at [http://www.relationships.com.au/vacancy\\_list](http://www.relationships.com.au/vacancy_list) or contact Bryce on (02) 9425 4922 or email [employment@ra-nsw.org.au](mailto:employment@ra-nsw.org.au). All positions are subject to a Working with Children check. The closing date for applications is included in the information packages.

## NSW HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

### MENTAL HEALTH

#### Dubbo

#### Mental Health Worker - Rehabilitation Options for Brief Outreach and Step-Down (ROBO) Pilot Project

TF1 for 12 months from commencement (2 FTE), Salary: As per relevant qualifications & experience. Recruitment No: GW56169. Enquiries & Application Kit: Raphael Chapman, (02) 6841 2963 or [raphael.chapman@gwhs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:raphael.chapman@gwhs.health.nsw.gov.au) Close: 02/05/08

Application Kits are also available on our website

[www.gwhs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gwhs.nsw.gov.au)

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Equal Opportunity, the principle of Cultural Diversity and promotion of a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except doctors) are eligible for Salary Package.

## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://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.

#### Communication Officer

Good For Kids Program, location negotiable between Newcastle or Tamworth

Temp Part Time, 32 hpw

Position No: 58541

Enquiries: Lynda Davies, (02) 4924 6131.

Closing Date: 25 April 2008.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

## Relationships Australia

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Relationships Australia NT is part of one of Australia's largest community based organisations whose vision is to create communities where relationships are respectful, diversity is valued and all people have a true sense of connection and belonging.

### Male Indigenous Advisor

Full Time

**FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE**  
(Alice Springs Outlet)

We are seeking a confident and committed professional to join our dynamic organisation!

- Develop and provide effective, innovative and culturally secure Family Relationship Centre (FRC) services for Aboriginal people in the NT.
- Provide professional development opportunities for FRC and RANT staff.
- Establish collaborative structures, linking mechanisms and referral networks between Aboriginal community groups, elders and other relevant government, business and community services in regards to family relationship issues.
- Committed to the principles of Social Justice.

To discuss the position further, call Robyn on (08) 8950 4100.

Application packs from Kalipi on (08) 89234999 or email [kalipi@ra-nt.org.au](mailto:kalipi@ra-nt.org.au) Electronic applications to the same address are preferred.

**Applications by COB Wednesday 23rd April 2008**

*Aboriginal people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.*



**Department of the Attorney General**  
Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Policy and Resolution Services

## Manager Aboriginal Dispute Resolution Services 50(d)

Aboriginal Services

Position No: 005004

Level/Salary: 6 PSGA, \$70,564 - \$78,138 PA

This position plays a vital role towards providing mediation and conflict resolution services to Aboriginal people through the overall management and operations of the business area.

You will be required to manage a small team.

Provide policy advice and facilitate the business planning process consistent with the state-wide mediation services.

For further job related information:

Please contact Stephen Gannon on (08) 9264 1917.

**Job Application Package:** To access information about this position, visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

**Closing Date:** Monday 21 April 2008 at 4.30pm WST.



OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

## Senior Advocate, Veterans Advocacy Service

Clerk Grade 9/10, Haymarket, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No CV08/081. Total remuneration package valued to: \$96,295 p.a. (\$79,188-\$87,263) Total remuneration package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Provide high quality legal advice & representation service in veteran's entitlements, conduct complex entitlement matters before Administrative Appeals Tribunal, determine applications for legal aid & conduct community educ of veteran's entitlements.

**Selection Criteria:** Proven Management Skills. Sound experience as an advocate and knowledge of veteran's entitlements legislation. Superior level of written and oral communication skills. High level analytical and research skills. Capacity to identify and understand the problems faced by socially and economically disadvantaged people.

**Notes:** Legal Aid Commission encourages applications from Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders.

**Inquiries:** Monique Hitter (02) 9219 5828.

**Information Packages:** Mary Healy-North (02) 9219 5656.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Jenny Del Rio, Human Resource Management, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238 or by email to [employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au).

**Closing Date:** Friday 18 April 2008

## Waverley Council

Waverley is one of Sydney's most popular residential areas, with the world famous Bondi Beach, great public transport, the vibrant Bondi Junction shopping centre and a diverse and involved community. Waverley Council is a major employer and service provider and is committed to working closely with the local community, environmental sustainability, efficiency and continual improvement. Before applying for a position, you **MUST** obtain a Job Information Pack.

### ERLGATSI COORDINATOR

File No: A08/0403

- Would you like to work an average of 10 hours per week?
- Would you like a job with flexible hours?
- Would you like to work for an organisation with family-friendly policies?

If your answer is yes to these questions, we want to hear from you! We are seeking an Aboriginal person to facilitate the smooth operation of the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ERLGATSI) Forum. This is a 12-month contract, paying up to \$25.78 per hour.

You will have excellent communication and organisational skills and enjoy working as part of a team. You will also be able to demonstrate knowledge of issues, policies and programs affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, and you will have the ability to maintain key networks.

For more information contact Leisa Simmens on (02) 9386 7912.

**CLOSING DATE:** Friday, 18 April 2008

Designated as specifically an Aboriginal position under Section 14d of The Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

**HOW TO APPLY:** To obtain a job package (including the selection criteria) for the above positions, please contact our Job Line on (02) 9389 8177 or download direct from our website at [www.waverley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au)

Please quote the relevant file number in your application. Send written applications to The General Manager, PO Box 8, Bondi Junction NSW 1535. Alternatively, applications may be submitted via fax to (02) 9387 1820 or email [jobs@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@waverley.nsw.gov.au)

### Ability Options Ltd

North West Personnel, a division of Ability Options, provides assistance to people with a disability to find employment. We are currently looking for a dedicated and self motivated person to fill the following position

### Employment Consultant

Penrith

North West Personnel requires an Employment Consultant for our office located in Penrith to provide assistance to people with a disability to secure and maintain employment.

To role includes marketing to employers to design and obtain jobs, pre-employment training, on the job support and negotiations with employers.

This is a Full Time position (38 hours per week) and the hours are flexible, in line with service and client needs.

**Essential Criteria:** Ability to meet KPI's and new job targets; Marketing and job search ability; Highly developed influencing skills; Planning, organization and time management skills; Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a varied and dynamic team; Strong communication skills and ability to convey Centrelink requirements to job seekers; Positive attitude towards people with a disability; Current Motor Vehicle driver's licence.

**Desirable Criteria:** Certificate IV Workplace training and Assessment; Multi Lingual ability

We are looking for a high achieving, target focused, reliable and flexible individual with excellent organizational and time management skills to join our close knit team.

Remuneration is in accordance with the Community Employment, Training and Support Service Award, a motor vehicle is included in the package and Salary Sacrificing is available to permanent staff.

North West Personnel is committed to equal employment opportunity principles. A prohibited person employee check will be conducted on successful applicants.

**Applications should be marked attention to:** Human Resources Manager, Ability Options, PO Box 165, Seven Hills, NSW 2147, [hr@abilityoptions.org.au](mailto:hr@abilityoptions.org.au)

**Applications close:** C.O.B Friday 25th April 2008



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC) 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 ALALC's affairs in accordance with the 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 local Aboriginal issues would also be required.

This position is an Indigenous Australian identified position. Awabakal LALC considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

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: Marilyn Rose (Contact Officer) Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council, PO Box 437, Hamilton NSW 2303. Phone number: 02 4965 4532.

Applications can be forwarded to the Chairperson and marked 'Confidential' and posted to: The Chairperson, Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council, PO Box 437, Hamilton NSW 2303.

Applications close 5.00pm, Friday 18th April, 2008.



Working for an Australia free of poverty

**POSITION:** Community Support and Inclusion Worker  
**REPORTING TO:** Manager - Coolibah Centre  
**LOCATION:** 67 Brunswick Street Fitzroy  
**HOURS:** 70 Hours per fortnight  
**DATE:** April 2008

The Coolibah Centre provides programs for frail older people and younger people with a disability in the Fitzroy Area.

We are currently looking for a dynamic, energetic, creative and passionate person to join our team. You must be committed to the rights of a person with a disability, be able to work flexible hours and be willing to support and assist people to meet their individual dreams and aspirations. You will need to have Cert IV in Disabilities (or other relevant qualification), an understanding of the Disability Act 2006 as well as knowledge of the Victorian Disability State Plan 2002-2012. Experience in Community Development or Divisional Therapy would be highly regarded. The role involves contributing to the development and implementation of programs within the centre whilst working as part of the Coolibah centre staff team. In turn we will be committed to ensuring your work is as enjoyable as possible, provide you with training and support and make you a valued and welcomed member of our team.

To obtain a position description please visit our website at [www.bsl.org.au](http://www.bsl.org.au) or phone 9463 1351 to have one sent to you.

Written applications should be addressed to: Penny Addison, People Work and Culture, 67 Brunswick St, Fitzroy Vic 3065 Or email to: [paddison@bsl.org.au](mailto:paddison@bsl.org.au)

Applications Close: Friday 18th April 2008.

## Team Leaders, Managers and Youth Workers

### Community Services in Central Australia

Do you have a passion in leading disadvantaged youth to a better life?

Our NT Integrated Youth Service is seeking 4 Team Leaders, 2 Managers and Youth Workers to join our team. Youth services in Alice Springs operate in 4 Traditional Indigenous Communities in the Central Australian Desert. Based in Finke, Mutitjulu, Imampa and Docker River, our team develop and facilitate program activities for community Youth aged 5 - 25.

Our ultimate objective is to develop the local Anangu people into proficient Youth Workers to empower the community to develop and run their own Youth programs into the future. The program began in July 2007 and already we have 8 full time and a number of casual Anangu Youth Workers across the 4 communities.

The limit is your imagination in the types of programs and activities that can be run for outback Youth. Quirky and extravagant skills are welcome! Discos, movie nights and swimming in natural water holes are frequent activities enjoyed by the Youth and Youth Workers alike.

Our team members work closely with Indigenous people, communities, government agencies and other service providers. We all seek to achieve a common goal of developing effective youth and other community services in Central Australia.

What are the perks?

- excellent salary
- 9 weeks of annual leave per year
- shared accommodation at no cost when in community
- salary sacrifice options
- extensive 4WD travel in the beautiful and remote Outback.

Does this sound like you?

- superior leadership, communication and coordination skills
- outcome focused in developing youth activities
- can manage multiple program operations
- accomplished in building community relationships
- mentors staff and clients to encourage self development
- can travel inter and intrastate, including remote communities
- enjoys spending time in Traditional remote Indigenous communities.

If you have read this far, we would love to hear from you. Please send your resume to Sara Amdahl [amdahl@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:amdahl@missionaustralia.com.au) or phone (08) 8935 0900 for further information. Applications close 11th April 2008.

Mission Australia is a non-denominational Christian community services organisation and an EEO employer.

**Mission Australia**  
[www.missionaustralia.com.au](http://www.missionaustralia.com.au)



## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SIRE
09/454	WCP Resources Ltd	154.71ha	68km Ely of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 27°36' Long 116°03'	Upper Gascoyne
16/2559-2	Lavine Robert Pook	9.88ha	67km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°27' Long 120°44'	Coolgardie
16/2563	Western Resources Pty Ltd	546.53ha	38km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°33' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie
09/2043	Silver Lake Resources Limited	198.89ha	31km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie/Kalbarrie-Boulder Cty
37/241-3	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	155.52ha	22km Ely of Gali	Lat 27°27' Long 118°06'	Gali
37/244-57	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	527.63ha	28km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°52'	Leonora
37/250-1	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	2722.63ha	30km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°43' Long 121°53'	Leonora
37/252-3	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	262.51ha	23km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°51'	Leonora
37/256	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	353.92ha	29km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°53'	Leonora
37/273	Mazzilli Holdings Pty Ltd	160.35ha	29km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°56'	Leonora
37/273	Mazzilli Holdings Pty Ltd	114.69ha	30km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°45' Long 121°55'	Leonora
37/273	Mazzilli Holdings Pty Ltd	27.09ha	32km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 121°54'	Leonora
37/273	Mazzilli Holdings Pty Ltd	172.95ha	36km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°54'	Leonora
37/273	Nordisk Nickel Wilkies NL	156.73ha	58km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°30' Long 121°00'	Leonora
37/273	Nordisk Nickel Wilkies NL	541.75ha	58km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 121°01'	Leonora
37/273	Nordisk Nickel Wilkies NL	23.85ha	58km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°21' Long 120°54'	Leonora
37/273	Nordisk Nickel Wilkies NL	120.03ha	58km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°22' Long 121°05'	Leonora
37/273	Nordisk Nickel Wilkies NL	428.18ha	58km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°27' Long 121°02'	Leonora
37/273	Regis Resources NL	242.47ha	41km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°44'	Leonora
37/273	Regis Resources NL	145.58ha	41km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 121°45'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	260.18ha	36km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°11'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	366.12ha	44km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°09'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	229.62ha	36km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°10'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	188.1ha	47km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°57'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	4.29ha	46m NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°18'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	56.88ha	27km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°09'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	393.45ha	30km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°36' Long 121°11'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	198.47ha	60km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°23' Long 121°14'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	141.70ha	60km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°23' Long 121°05'	Leonora
37/273	Tamook Australia Pty Ltd	200ha	58km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°24' Long 121°05'	Leonora
37/273	Norman Andrew Williams	471.4ha	24km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°00' Long 121°31'	Leonora
37/273	Tamook Australia Pty Ltd	301.51ha	48km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°27' Long 121°11'	Leonora
37/273	Golden State Resources Ltd	6982.7ha	22km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°52'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	26.12ha	22km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°18'	Leonora
37/273	Paul Richard Martin	71.05ha	46km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°29' Long 121°05'	Leonora
37/273	Paul Richard Martin	9.76ha	56km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 121°05'	Leonora
37/273	Rosa Frederick Crew	183.04ha	52km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 120°59'	Leonora
37/273	Zetec Resources Pty Ltd	1.75ha	47km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°13' Long 121°01'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	148.1ha	7km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°19'	Leonora
37/273	Pacific Energy Ltd	416.79ha	16km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°29'	Leonora
37/273	Peter Ben Pringall	221.28ha	18km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°28'	Leonora
37/273	St Barbara Ltd	9.69ha	9km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°21'	Leonora
37/273	Block Mines Ltd	191.27ha	88km Ely of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 28°03' Long 123°35'	Laverton
37/273	Genetic Technologies Ltd	52.84ha	51km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°59' Long 122°22'	Laverton
37/273	Genetic Technologies Ltd	851.36ha	52km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°56' Long 122°22'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	180.87ha	62km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°56' Long 122°23'	Laverton
37/273	Aurora Gold Mining Pty Ltd	1777.83ha	70km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°42' Long 122°09'	Laverton
37/273	Aurora Gold Mining Pty Ltd	908.82ha	70km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°44' Long 122°14'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	50.18ha	40km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°52' Long 122°24'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	13.59ha	54km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°56' Long 122°21'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	23.21ha	50km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°50' Long 122°21'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	12.07ha	59km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°20'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	195.43ha	50km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°50' Long 122°24'	Laverton
37/273	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd				
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited	53.23ha	9km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°32' Long 122°21'	Laverton
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	338.4ha	6km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°38' Long 122°20'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	62.3ha	11km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°20'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	13.47ha	14km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°19'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	7.49ha	3km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°36' Long 122°22'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	21.09ha	15km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°32' Long 122°16'	Laverton
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	4.9ha	10km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°38' Long 122°18'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	8.99ha	12km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°18'	Laverton
37/273	John Robert Mann Money	396.12ha	46m NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°35' Long 122°24'	Laverton
37/273	Mark Gareth Creasy	22.08ha	67km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°58' Long 122°12'	Laverton
37/273	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd				
37/273	Mark Gareth Creasy	94.62ha	68km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°13'	Laverton
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37/273	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	73.29ha	64km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°15'	Laverton
37/273	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd				
37/273	Mark Gareth Creasy	225.13ha	64km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°54' Long 122°15'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	302.97ha	49km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°27'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	12.18ha	55km NWly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 27°49' Long 122°20'	Laverton
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	68.02ha	9km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°38' Long 122°18'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd				
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	35.42ha	11km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°36' Long 122°17'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	13.1ha	19km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°14'	Laverton
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	39.58ha	20km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°14'	Laverton
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	110.4ha	13km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°30' Long 122°25'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd				
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	146.5ha	11km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°31' Long 122°23'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Metex Resources Ltd	200ha	10km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°31' Long 122°24'	Laverton
37/273	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
37/273	Regis Resources NL	393.57ha	7km NEly of Laverton	Lat 28°35' Long 122°27'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	62.52ha	17km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°29' Long 122°26'	Laverton
37/273	Regis Resources NL	31.2ha	17km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°28' Long 122°26'	Laverton
37/273	Block Mines Ltd	46.71ha	12km Ely of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 28°23' Long 124°02'	Laverton
37/273	Block Mines Ltd	46.4ha	13km SEly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 28°40' Long 124°01'	Laverton
37/273	Block Mines Ltd	191.24ha	13km SEly of Cooro-Newbury Mission	Lat 28°43' Long 123°59'	Laverton
37/273	Warwick John Flint	110.72ha	47km NWly of Newman	Lat 27°59' Long 120°10'	Meekatharra
37/273	Warwick John Flint	193.53ha	43km NWly of Newman	Lat 27°44' Long 119°44'	Meekatharra
37/273	Warwick John Flint	157.52ha	42km NWly of Newman	Lat 27°44' Long 119°48'	Meekatharra
37/273	Warwick Resources Ltd	56.58ha	41km NWly of Newman	Lat 27°23' Long 120°09'	East Pilbara
37/273	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	157.66ha	48km SEly of Wiluna	Lat 26°57' Long 120°25'	Wiluna
37/273	Frank Hill	8.5ha	30km SEly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°34' Long 116°51'	Yalgoo
37/273	Brenton Anthony Pary				
37/273	Forrestania Gold NL	44.92ha	92km NEly of Hyden	Lat 32°03' Long 119°46'	Yilgarn
37/273	Forrestania Gold NL	205.43ha	71km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°27' Long 119°40'	Kondinin
37/273	Forrestania Gold NL	147.61ha	71km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°32' Long 119°39'	Kondinin
37/273	Forrestania Gold NL	34.94ha	79km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°32' Long 119°44'	Kondinin
37/273	Forrestania Gold NL	87.53ha	57km Ely of Southern Cross	Lat 31°42' Long 119°32'	Yilgarn

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

**Notification date:** 9 April 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 **9 July 2008**. Any person who is, or becomes, a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **9 August 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 3628.





## Inspired and visionary Executive Officer for The Torch Project

Re-advertised position

The Torch Project is looking for an inspired and entrepreneurial Executive Officer to lead the Company into the future. The Torch produces ground breaking work that has stirred thousands of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Victorians to action.

Torch's leadership enables diverse and vibrant projects throughout Victoria that facilitate artistic collaboration between remote, rural and metropolitan communities and professional artists. The position of Executive Officer contributes to these goals by leading the day-to-day operations of Torch and staff, and together with the Board of Directors, ensuring that the artistic and community vision and company values are upheld, and objectives of the organisation are achieved.

For more information and Position Description:

www.thetorch.asn.au

Ellen Kessler (Company manager)

Tel: 03 94452479/94452480 Email: ekessler@tsi.org.au

To apply for this position go to: www.applynow.com.au/job5391



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(2) (Coffs Harbour & Dubbo)

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The successful applicants will have appropriate tertiary qualifications and/or experience; the capacity to interpret and implement legislation; effective communication skills and a sound understanding of Aboriginal issues.

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 Geoff Binns by email: geoff.binns@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4406.

Applications can be forwarded to geoff.binns@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator, NSW Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close: Monday 21 April 2008.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



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## Aboriginal Community Facilitators

Full-time and Casual Positions Available

The Lachlan Aboriginal Natural Resource Management Corporation has recently received funding to conduct a project in partnership with participating Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs), Department of Environment and Climate Change and their local Aboriginal communities to promote the skills and capacity of Aboriginal people and communities in conservation and natural resource management processes that are relevant to their needs.

Successful applicants will be paid for attendance at the training and community information sessions.

Applicants who successfully complete the induction and training program will be offered part time work as Aboriginal Community Facilitators and will be employed to facilitate meetings and training with Aboriginal community groups and provide support to individual community members as required throughout their work on the project. Aboriginal Community facilitators will be employed full time for a minimum 9 month contract.

Vehicle provided.

Two Full-time positions:

One based in Condobolin and covering Lake Cargelligo, West Wyalong, Hay, Hillston and Balranald.

The other based in Young and covering Forbes, Parkes, Cowra, Yass, Goulburn, and Blayney.

Casual Positions

The hours of employment are yet to be determined.

10 positions based in:

Lake Cargelligo, West Wyalong, Hay, Hillston and Balranald, Condobolin

Forbes, Parkes, Cowra, Yass, Goulburn, Young.

Applicants will need to meet the following selection criteria:

- Aboriginality and accepted by the communities in which you will work.
- An active member of your local Aboriginal community with current community contacts and networks.
- Knowledge of the local area.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team.
- Effective communication skills - experience as a trainer / facilitator would be an advantage (not essential)
- Current Driver's Licence

Applicants must have two referees from Aboriginal communities in which they will work.

Written applications addressing selection criteria due by closing date 4pm Friday 18 April 2008.

Selection Criteria and Job Description available by contacting Heidi or Diane at Recruitment Services, Central West Community College on (02) 68524455 or email: recruitment@cwcc.nsw.edu.au

# Notice of Proposed Grant of Authorities to Prospect

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Authorities to Prospect shown below under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

Authorities to Prospect to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
ATP661	Locality of Betoota Centred at approximately Lat.25°37'30"S Long.140°50"E Local Government Area: Barcoo Shire Council Diamantina Shire Council	Area: 1779 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 575 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Numbers 1115 to 1116 inclusive 1186 to 1188 inclusive 1258 to 1260 inclusive 1329 to 1331 inclusive 1401 to 1403 inclusive 1473 to 1475 inclusive 1545 to 1546 inclusive 1617 to 1618 inclusive 1689 to 1690 inclusive	Liberty Petroleum Corporation 086 194 443
ATP739	Approx. 109 km South South East from Quilpie Centred at approximately Lat.27°37'30"S Long.144°30"E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council Paroo Shire Council Quilpie Shire Council	Area: 2281 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 750 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Numbers 2813 to 2814 inclusive 2885 to 2887 inclusive 2956 to 2959 inclusive 3028 to 3033 inclusive 3100 to 3105 inclusive 3172 3174 to 3176 inclusive 3246 to 3247 inclusive 3318 3389 to 3390 inclusive	Black Gold Oil Pty Ltd 091 321 274
ATP934	Approx. 75km North from Jackson Centred at approximately Lat.26°55'S Long.142°02'30"E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council Quilpie Shire Council Barcoo Shire Council	Area: 1430 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 477 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Numbers 2351 to 2352 inclusive 2354 Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, o, p, t, u, z 2423 to 2424 inclusive 2426 Sub-blocks e, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2427 2495 Sub-blocks a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2496 2498 Sub-blocks d, e, j, k, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2499 2568 to 2571 inclusive 2640 to 2641 inclusive 2642 Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2643 Sub-blocks a, h, c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 2713 2714 Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y	Avery Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd 115 193 729 (50%) Continental Oil N. L. 008 151 219 (20%) SCGAU Pty Limited 104 297 752 (30%)
ATP944	Approx. 65km North East from Jundah Centred at approximately Lat.27°47'30"S Long.143°30"E Local Government Area: Barcoo Shire Council Longreach Regional Council	Area: 4120 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 1374 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Numbers 355 to 359 inclusive 428 to 431 inclusive 499 to 503 inclusive 569 to 575 inclusive 640 to 647 inclusive 710 to 713 inclusive 714 Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 715 Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, o, p, t, u, z 716 to 719 inclusive 787 Sub-blocks e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 788 to 791 inclusive 861 to 863 inclusive 933 to 935 inclusive 1005 to 1007 inclusive 1077 to 1079 inclusive	Bow Energy Ltd 111 019 857
ATP948	Approx. 85km North East from Eromanga Centred at approximately Lat.26°07'30"S Long.143°42'30"E Local Government Area: Quilpie Shire Council	Area: 1950 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 650 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Numbers 1581 1650 to 1653 inclusive 1723 to 1727 inclusive 1798 to 1800 inclusive 1870 to 1872 inclusive 1941 to 1944 inclusive 2013 to 2015 inclusive 2086 to 2087 inclusive 2158	Bow Energy Ltd 111 019 857

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# Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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\* Authorities to Prospect are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-block Code) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks. Identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

It is to be noted that these Authorities to Prospect will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of this authority.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Authority to Prospect under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a period not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Authorities to Prospect will be granted under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (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 Authorities to Prospect, 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 3803.

**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 Authorities to Prospect. 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.

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: 23 April 2008.



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## DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

## UNIT COORDINATOR (ABORIGINAL)

Campbelltown, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08/063. Total remuneration package valued to: \$69,582 p.a. (\$55,010-\$63,056) Salary includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Supervises and directs the work of a team of Youth Officers to ensure the appropriate care and custody of clients and safety of staff. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture. Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice (Youth Work) or Community Service or equivalent. Experience in working with, motivating, supporting and communicating effectively with young people with challenging behaviours, including an understanding of their needs. Capacity to maintain a safe and secure environment for staff and clients. Demonstrated ability to manage a team including conflict resolution, negotiation, liaison and problem solving and advocacy skills. Demonstrated ability to prepare accurate and concise reports and make recommendations. Knowledge of the Department's casework and programming practices. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.

**Notes:** In this position, an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants will be the subject of an employment screening check. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package.

**Inquiries:** Ian Gray (02) 4629 3800. **Information Packages:** Androulla Charalambous (02) 4629 3800.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 18 April 2008.



## MINERAL CLAIM APPLICATION No. 72 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

**Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease.**

An area of 2 hectares situated approximately 10 kilometres east south east of Glen Innes, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

### Description of the nature of the act

Anthony Claude Berger is the applicant of Mineral Claim Application No. 72 (Act 1992), for a mineral claim which would authorise the mining for gold, silver, lead and zinc by open cutting, costeaning, pitting and shaft methods and be granted for a term of 5 years.

### Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

### How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Steve Hughes; Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, telephone (02) 4931 6450, fax (02) 4931 6776.

### Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 23 April 2008. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 23 April 2008



This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 22 July 2008. After 22 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 22 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:** Monbeef Pty Ltd  
**Non-native title interest:** Grazing Licence 307408  
**Federal Court File No:** NSD235/2008

**Location:** The area subject to this application covers about 0.5km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 2km east of Cooma and covers Lot 295 and Lot 305 on DP750535 as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Cooma-Monaro Shire Council.

**Data statement:** Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Public Sector Mapping Agency.

For assistance or further information contact Tom O'Reilly on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://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: 23 April 2008



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



Q12007/041 Joint Bar-Barrum Jirbal Herberton Project ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement covers about 115.9km<sup>2</sup> and is located in the vicinity of Herberton, south west of Atherton as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Tablelands Regional Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

North Queensland Metals Pty Ltd  
C/- Mr Dominic McGinn, Level 11, 66 Eagle Street  
BRISBANE, Qld 4000

Walker Resources Pty Ltd, C/- Mr John McKinstry,  
Level 8, K Tower, 269 Wickham Street  
FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006

Gerald McKenzie, Ivan Masina, Betty Cashmere, Patrick  
Barlow, Marise Barlow and Julie Go Sam on their own  
behalf and on behalf of the Jirbal Native Title Parties.  
C/- Mr Martin Dore, North Queensland Land Council,  
61 Anderson Street, MANUNDA QLD 4870

Dianne Mining Corporation Limited,  
C/- Mr Leonard Miles  
PO Box 4060 CALOUNDRA DC QLD 4551

Bar-Barrum Aboriginal Corporation,  
C/- Kym Elston, North Queensland Land Council,  
61 Anderson Street, MANUNDA QLD 4870

Tom Congoo, John Wason, Layne Malthouse, Tennyson  
Kynuna, Lynette Burke, Jean Rosas and Jane Day on their  
own behalf and on behalf of the Bar-Barrum Native Title  
Parties, C/- Kym Elston, North Queensland Land Council,  
61 Anderson Street, MANUNDA QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

**Clause 7 Consent to Agreed Future Acts**

(a) On and from the date this Agreement is Registered, the Bar-Barrum Native Title Parties and Jirbal Native Title Parties, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Bar-Barrum People, the Bar-Barrum #4 People, the Bar-Barrum #5 People, the Bar-Barrum #6 People, the Bar-Barrum #7 People, the Jirbal #1 People, the Jirbal #2 People, the Jirbal #3 People and the Jirbal People, consent to the doing of the Agreed Future Acts.

(b) Subject to compliance with this Agreement, the Bar-Barrum Native Title Parties and Jirbal Native Title Parties on their own behalf and on behalf of the Bar-Barrum People, the Bar-Barrum #4 People, the Bar-Barrum #5 People, the Bar-Barrum #6 People, the Bar-Barrum #7 People, the Jirbal #1 People, the Jirbal #2 People, the Jirbal #3 People and the Jirbal People, agree that they:

(i) will take reasonable steps to enable the doing of any acts permitted or authorised under an Agreed Future Act; and

(ii) will not object to the doing of the Agreed Future Acts or omit to do anything that would prevent or delay the doing of the Agreed Future Acts.

(c) Clause (a) is a statement for the purposes of sections 24EB(1) (b) of the NTA. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bar-Barrum Native Title Parties and Jirbal Native Title Parties acknowledge that Subdivision P of the NTA is not intended to apply to the grant of any Project Rights or to any other Future Acts consented to under clause 7.

(d) To the extent this Agreement provides for consent to Agreed Future Acts, the Agreement is not intended to operate over areas within ILUA Area C where Native Title Rights and Interests have been validly extinguished by previous acts of the Commonwealth of Australia

and the State, or by operation of the common law.

[Sub-clause 8.1(b) of the agreement provides as follows]

8.1(b) The Parties agree that for the purpose of the NTA the area of or covered by this Agreement is ILUA Area C only.

[Clause 1 of the agreement contains the following definitions]

'Agreed Future Acts' means the:

(a) grant to NQM, Walker Resources, and Dianne Mining of the Project Rights and the implementation of those Project Rights (including the creation, grant, registration or transfer of any Project Rights to NQM);

(b) construction, operation and maintenance of the Herberton Project and all works (including Public Works) and Ancillary Works necessary or incidental to the Herberton Project which is done by or at the request of, or on behalf of, NQM;

(c) implementation and operation of the Herberton Project (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the creation, grant, registration or transfer of any Project Rights to NQM); and

(d) the decommissioning of the Herberton Project and the required rehabilitation of land affected by the Herberton Project

to the extent they are within ILUA Area C.

'Herberton Project' means NQM's project in the Herberton-Irvinebank area (including the Baal Gammon mine and Silver Valley treatment plant) being the Project Area for the exploration for, mining of, and processing of copper, indium, silver and other metals.

'Interest' includes any easement, consent to and registration of any easement, right of way, permit to occupy, licence and any leasehold (including subleasehold) and any consent to and registration of any lease, or other interest in land or waters.

'Project Rights' means any

grant, permission, licence, permit authorisation, approval, interest, or the rearrangement of existing property boundaries which are necessary or desirable for the undertaking of the Herberton Project, including, but not limited to:

(a) any Exploration Permits or Mining Leases;

(b) any permits, licences, or other authorisations under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld);

(c) any permits licences or other authorisations required under the Water Act 2000 (Qld);

(d) any approvals required under the Fisheries Act 1994 or the Fisheries Freshwater Management Plan 1999 (Qld);

(e) any approvals required under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld), including environmental authorities related to the Herberton Project;

(f) any approvals required in respect of the opening and closing of roads pursuant to the Land Act 1994 (Qld);

(g) any approvals required in respect of the clearing or trees or vegetation under the Land Act 1994, the Forestry Act 1959 (Qld) or the Vegetation Management Act 1999 (Qld);

(h) any approvals required in respect of the establishment of any quarry or the use of any forest products under the Forestry Act 1959 (Qld);

(i) any approvals required under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth);

(j) any approvals required in respect of construction and development of the Herberton Project under the Integrated Planning Act 1997 (Qld);

(k) any approvals under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth); and

(l) any approvals under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld) to the extent they are within ILUA Area C.

**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, 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 205BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns by 23 July 2008.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Karrell Ross on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

**Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.**

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Island. Held at Musgrave Park, Brisbane. There is a bus leaving from Sydney. For details call (0413) 188 907.

**20 April:** Australian Rugby League Modified Games Coaching Course. There will be a modified games coaching course for all interested volunteers that are wanting to coach from under 7 to 12 years old. Cost \$55.00. Held in Tully from 9am-5.30pm. For details call Peter Narducci on (07) 4041 7379 or (0409) 554 844 or email [cairns@qrl.com.au](mailto:cairns@qrl.com.au) or visit [www.qrlcairns.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.qrlcairns.leaguenet.com.au)

**20 April-31 October:** ARMTours calling for interest. We are looking for up to 50 role models to join ARMTour mob and come on tour. We welcome role models from different sport, academia, music and cultural backgrounds. For tour details contact Carrie Bendelich on (02) 9221 8655 or (0433) 157 316 or email [carrie@nasca.com.au](mailto:carrie@nasca.com.au) or visit [www.nasca.com.au](http://www.nasca.com.au)

**21-23 April:** Aboriginal Cultural Birthing and Parenting camp. This is an invitation for women, members, friends and supporters of Aboriginal Cultural Birthing and Parenting NSW. We also have a request for donations and volunteers in support of the camp. All welcome. For details call Fleur Magick on (0400) 409 102 or Michelle Blakeney on (0406) 217 483.

**21-24 April:** Wilin Week 2008 - Keep the Fire Burning. This year's Wilin Week at the VCA will honour all Indigenous Australian Languages - lost, found and surviving. There will also be a lineup of music, arts, talks and more. Free event. All welcome. Held at The Victorian College of the Arts, 234 St Kilda Road, Southbank. For details call Kate Munro on (03) 9685 9324 or email [kimunro@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:kimunro@unimelb.edu.au) or visit [www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/wilinweek](http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/wilinweek)

**22 April:** National Close the Gap Day. This event will give Australians the opportunity to come together and show their support for closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians. For details call (03) 9289 9444 or 1800 088 110 or visit [www.oxfam.org.au/events/close-the-gap-day](http://www.oxfam.org.au/events/close-the-gap-day)

**22-23 April:** Sport and Recreation Workshop - Coaching General Principles. This workshop is a great learning opportunity for coaches, administrators, instructors and volunteers operating at the grassroots level. The workshop will cover safety, fitness, group management, communication, development of the athlete, teaching sports skills and the roles and responsibilities of the coach. Please RSVP by 16 April. Free and all welcome. Held at Tully Country Club, Pratt Street, Tully from 6-9pm. For details call (07) 4039 8220 or email [rsvp@srq.qld.gov.au](mailto:rsvp@srq.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.sportrec.qld.gov.au](http://www.sportrec.qld.gov.au)

**23 April:** Football Fun Day. This is a fun filled day for indigenous and non-indigenous students with a



**11 June:** Kev Carmody will perform at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival on 11 June. Also appearing will be special guest Sara Storer.

combination of both Football and healthy lifestyles for kids. You will learn teamwork, ball skills and social skills. There will be games and giveaways at the event. Morning tea & lunch to be provided. Held at the PCYC in Coffs Harbour from 10am onwards. For details call PCYC on (02) 6651 9961 or Jimmy Ellis on (0432) 515 898.

**24 April:** 'The Other Boelyn Girl' and 'Deception' Film screenings. In celebration of Coffs Harbour's Senior Citizens Week, Birch Carroll and Coyle will be holding a special screening of 'The Other Boelyn Girl'. Tickets \$7. For details call Hattie Watson on (02) 6651 5568 or (0448) 095 298 or email [hattie\\_watson@birch.com.au](mailto:hattie_watson@birch.com.au) or visit [www.birch.com.au](http://www.birch.com.au)

**24 April:** Focus Group for Indigenous women legal issues. We need you to tell us your stories! This will help us support Indigenous young women better with their legal issues. This is aimed at Indigenous young women aged between 12 and 25. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Each young woman who attends will be given \$20 for their time and to cover travel costs. Held at Youthlaw at Frontyard Youth Services, 19 King Street, Melbourne from 5.30-7.15pm. For details call Bridie Hudson on (03) 9611 2412 or (03) 9611 2433 or email [projects@youthlaw.asn.au](mailto:projects@youthlaw.asn.au)

**25 April:** ANZAC Day 2008 'The Coloured Digger Project'. This ANZAC Day march and service will honouring, recognising and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and servicewomen. Held at The Block, Redfern from 1pm onwards followed by afternoon tea in St Saviours Church Hall. Transport available for those unable to march. For details call Ray on (0417) 929 701 or Harry on (02) 8255 7614.

**27 April:** Marcel Khalife - ticket offer and giveaway. Using propulsive rhythms, colourful timbres, cascading ornaments and subtle phrasing, Marcel Khalife combines ancient traditions with modern instrumental compositions and passionate folk idioms, to create a musical dialogue that has a power that reaches beyond the Arab world. Held at the Arts Centre, Hamer Hall, Melbourne. For details bookings call 1300 136 166 or visit [www.marcelkhalife.com](http://www.marcelkhalife.com) or [www.theartscentre.com.au](http://www.theartscentre.com.au)

**28-29 April:** 3rd Engaging Indigenous Communities Conference 08. Engaging with communities to improve cultural, social and economic outcomes and stability. Featured speakers: Steven Hagan, Mary Cowley, Ivan Copley.

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Fiona Moore, Brian Norris and many more plus two separately bookable half day workshops on 30 April. For details call (02) 9437 1311 or email info@liquidlearning.com.au or visit www.liquidlearning.com.au

**5 May-13 June:** Free Show for Aboriginal Communities – Muttacarr Sorry Business. This is an award winning theatre performance about road safety. There will be a Metro tour and a Great Southern tour. For details call Michelle or Meredith on (08) 9202 1966 or (0439) 948 183 or email meredith@yirrayaakin.asn.au

**5 May:** Resuscitation Course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park

from 5.30-7.30pm. For details call 131 302 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

**7-13 May:** Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership. This course equips current and emerging Indigenous leaders with an array of competency based tools to address policy, management and administrative issues including quality service delivery and capacity development of groups, organisations and communities. Held in Sydney. For details call (02) 6251 5770 or email alic@indigenousleadership.org.au or visit www.indigenousleadership.org.au

**9 May:** Indigenous Staff Scholarship Program. Scholarship applications are now open for eligible Indigenous higher education staff across Australia who actively encourage Indigenous students to gain formal higher education

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept. of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA).

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/224	Whitcomb Enterprises Pty Ltd	406.14ha	8km SSW of Eneabba	Lat 21°59' Long 114°05'	Eneabba
08/230	Whitcomb Enterprises Pty Ltd	1270.8ha	29km S of Eneabba	Lat 22°10' Long 114°02'	Eneabba
15/1150	Mining Resources WA Pty Ltd	244.28ha	43km SSE of Widgeemool	Lat 31°48' Long 121°52'	Cooberdye
15/1348	Yamarna Goldfields NL	905.33ha	13km E of Kambalda	Lat 31°13' Long 121°47'	Cooberdye
15/1482	John Dennis Williams	752.8ha	19km W of Kambalda	Lat 31°19' Long 121°36'	Cooberdye
15/1755-6	Australian Gold Resources Pty Ltd	1418.5ha	29km S of Widgeemool	Lat 31°44' Long 121°47'	Cooberdye
24/508	Peddergold Pty Ltd	111.6ha	65km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°22' Long 120°55'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
	Richard Henry Cooke				
	Nel Wesley Smit				
26/810	Raymond John Khan	0.1ha	2km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
	Fred Hadwin				
26/879	Borlor Resources NL	732.38ha	13km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 121°01'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
	Natural Intelligence Ltd				
29/743	Yamarna Goldfields NL	626.12ha	13km NE of Kambalda	Lat 31°09' Long 121°47'	Cooberdye/Kalgoorlie Boulder City
29/914	Pennine Minerals Ltd	885.50ha	98km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°14' Long 122°18'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
30/597-8	Gondwana Resources Ltd	1730.55ha	3km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 21°58' Long 122°52'	Laverton
30/1030	Urbis Pty Ltd	599.08ha	31km S of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 122°02'	Mandera
30/1040	Urbis Pty Ltd	45ha	29km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°22'	Mandera

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification Day:** 9 April 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 9 July 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9226 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 9 August 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF 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 26664 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5270

Exploration Licence 26665 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5270

Exploration Licence 26666 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 223 Blocks (719 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CHAPMAN locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5768

Exploration Licence 26668 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 500 Blocks (1586 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LUCY locality.



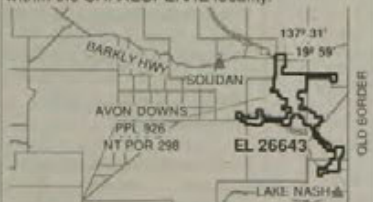
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Exploration Licence 26642 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 489 Blocks (1561 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the AVON locality.



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Exploration Licence 26643 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 423 Blocks (1362 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SHAKESPEARE locality.



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Exploration Licence 26644 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 493 Blocks (1589 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CORELLA CREEK locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6061

Exploration Licence 26651 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 367 Blocks (1192 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ROCKHAMPTON DOWNS locality.



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Exploration Licence 26661 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 498 Blocks (1620 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MUNKADERRY locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5860

Exploration Licence 26681 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 97 Blocks (265 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BARRY CAVES locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6257

Exploration Licence 26683 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 500 Blocks (1595 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MORAY locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5161

Exploration Licence 26655 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.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5759

**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:** 9 April 2008



# TO ADVERTISE IN THE KOORI MAIL CONTACT NAOMI OR STUART ON 02 66 222 666

## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland  
Notification day: 23 April 2008

National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



### Q12007/039 Jirrbal Herberton Project ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement covers in total about 28km<sup>2</sup> and is located in the vicinity of Herberton as shown on the locality map. The agreement covers those parts of EMP14016, EMP14741 and EMP16231 east of the Atherton Herberton Road and the Wild River.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Tablelands Regional Council.

### The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

North Queensland Metals Pty Ltd,  
C/- Mr Dominic McGann,  
McCullough Robertson Lawyers,  
Level 11, 66 Eagle Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000

Walker Resources Pty Ltd, C/- Mr John McKinstry,  
Level 8, K Tower, 269 Wickham Street  
FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006

Gerald McKenzie, Ivan Masina, Betty Cashmere,  
Patrick Barlow, Maisie Barlow and Julie Go Sam on their  
own behalf and on behalf of the Jirrbal Native Title Parties,  
C/- Mr Martin Dore, North Queensland Land Council,  
61 Anderson Street, MANUNDA QLD 4870

Dianne Mining Corporation Limited, C/- Mr Leonard  
Miles, PO Box 4060, CALOUNDRA DC QLD 4551

### The agreement contains the following statements:

(Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by  
the National Native Title Tribunal)

### Clause 7 Consent to Agreed Future Acts

(a) On and from the date this  
Agreement is Registered, the Jirrbal  
Native Title Parties, on their own  
behalf and on behalf of the Jirrbal  
#1 People, the Jirrbal #2 People, the  
Jirrbal #3 People and the Jirrbal  
People, consent to the doing of the  
Agreed Future Acts.

(b) Subject to compliance with this  
Agreement, the Jirrbal Native Title  
Parties on their own behalf and on  
behalf of the Jirrbal #1 People, the  
Jirrbal #2 People, the Jirrbal #3 People  
and the Jirrbal People, agree that they:  
(i) will take reasonable steps to enable  
the doing of any acts permitted or  
authorised under an Agreed Future  
Act; and

(ii) will not object to the doing of the  
Agreed Future Acts or omit to do  
anything that would prevent or delay  
the doing of the Agreed Future Acts.  
(c) Clause (a) is a statement for the  
purposes of sections 24B(1) (b)  
of the NTA. For the avoidance of  
doubt, the Jirrbal Native Title Parties  
acknowledge that Subdivision P of the  
NTA is not intended to apply to the  
grant of any Project Rights or to any  
other Future Acts consented to under  
clause 7.

(d) To the extent this Agreement  
provides for consent to Agreed Future  
Acts, the Agreement is not intended to  
operate over areas within ILUA Area B  
where Native Title Rights and Interests  
have been validly extinguished by  
previous acts of the Commonwealth of  
Australia and the State, or by operation  
of the common law.

[Sub-clause 8.1(b) of the agreement  
provides as follows]

8.1(b) The Parties agree that, for the  
purpose of the NTA the area of or  
covered by this Agreement is ILUA  
Area B only.

[Clause 1 of the agreement contains the  
following definitions]

'Agreed Future Acts' means the:

- (a) grant to NQM, Walker Resources,  
and Dianne Mining of the Project  
Rights and the implementation of  
those Project Rights (including the  
creation, grant, registration or transfer  
of any Project Rights to NQM);
- (b) construction, operation and  
maintenance of the Herberton  
Project and all works (including  
Public Works) and Ancillary Works  
necessary or incidental to the  
Herberton Project which is done by or  
at the request of, or on behalf of NQM;
- (c) implementation and operation of  
the Herberton Project (including, for  
the avoidance of doubt, the creation,  
grant, registration or transfer of any  
Project Rights to NQM); and
- (d) the decommissioning of the  
Herberton Project and the required  
rehabilitation of land affected by the  
Herberton Project  
to the extent they are within ILUA  
Area B.

'Herberton Project' means NQM's  
project in the Herberton-Irvinebank  
area (including the Baul Cammon  
mine and Silver Valley treatment  
plant) being the Project Area for the  
exploration for, mining of, and  
processing of, copper, indium, silver  
and other metals.

'Interest' includes any easement,  
consent to and registration of any  
easement, right of way, permit to  
occupy, licence and any leasehold  
(including subleasehold) and any  
consent to and registration of any  
lease, or other interest in land or  
waters.

'Project Rights' means any  
grant, permission, licence, permit  
authorisation, approval, interest,  
or the rearrangement of existing  
property boundaries which are  
necessary or desirable for the  
undertaking of the Herberton Project,  
including, but not limited to:

- (a) any Exploration Permits or Mining  
Leases;
- (b) any permits, licences, or other  
authorisations under the *Mineral  
Resources Act 1989* (Qld);
- (c) any permits licences or other  
authorisations required under the  
*Water Act 2000* (Qld);
- (d) any approvals required under the  
*Fisheries Act 1994* or the *Fisheries  
Freshwater Management Plan 1999* (Qld);
- (e) any approvals required under the  
*Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld),  
including environmental authorities  
related to the Herberton Project;
- (f) any approvals required in respect  
of the opening and closing of roads  
pursuant to the *Land Act 1994* (Qld);
- (g) any approvals required in respect  
of the clearing or trees or vegetation  
under the *Land Act 1994* (Qld); the  
*Forestry Act 1959* (Qld) or the *Vegetation  
Management Act 1999* (Qld);
- (h) any approvals required in respect  
of the establishment of any quarry or  
the use of any forest products under  
the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld);
- (i) any approvals required under the  
*Environmental Protection and  
Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth);
- (j) any approvals required in respect  
of construction and development  
of the Herberton Project under the  
*Integrated Planning Act 1997* (Qld);
- (k) any approvals under the *Aboriginal  
and Torres Strait Islander Heritage  
Protection Act 1984* (Cth); and
- (l) any approvals under the *State  
Development and Public Works  
Organisation Act 1971* (Qld) to the  
extent they are within ILUA Area B.

### 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, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203B(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal,  
PO Box 9973, Cairns Qld 4870 by 23 July 2008.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Karrell Ross  
on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

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[www.indigenousleadership.org.au](http://www.indigenousleadership.org.au)

qualifications. For details call Shirley  
on (02) 6240 5441 or visit  
[www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous\\_education/programmes\\_funding](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous_education/programmes_funding)

**15 May:** *Sharkwater* Film  
screening. This film is a critically-  
acclaimed, multi award winning  
documentary. Held at Coffs Harbour  
Birch Carroll and Coyle. For details  
call Hattie Watson on (02) 6651 5568  
or (0448) 095 298 or email  
[hattie\\_watson@birch.com.au](mailto:hattie_watson@birch.com.au) or visit  
[www.birch.com.au](http://www.birch.com.au)

**30 May:** *Journey of Healing*  
Dinner. The colour theme for the  
evening is black, white, mauve,  
purple and lavender. Cost \$40  
employed and \$20 students. Held at  
UQ Centre, St Lucia Campus from 6-  
10pm. For details call (07) 3365 6714  
or (07) 3365 6699.

**31 May-9 June:** Elizabeth  
Guzsely Gallery 30th Annual art  
Exhibition. Works must have been  
completed in the two years  
proceeding June 2008 and be the  
artists own unaided original work.  
Held at the Elizabeth Guzsely Gallery,  
125 Charlotte St, Cooktown. For  
details call (07) 4069 5322.

**11 June:** Adelaide Cabaret  
Festival feat Kev Cammody with  
special guest Sara Storer. From blunt  
protest songs to poetic ballads,  
including From Little Things Big  
Things Grow written with Paul Kelly.  
Kev's songs embrace a range of  
music styles, all complemented by his  
straight talking, sharp-edged vocals.  
Held at the Adelaide Festival Centre  
from 7.15pm onwards. Tickets \$30  
per person. For details call (08) 8216  
8600 or 131 246 or visit  
[www.bass.net.au](http://www.bass.net.au) or [www.adelaidecabaretfestival.com](http://www.adelaidecabaretfestival.com) visit  
[www.tarwin.com.au](http://www.tarwin.com.au)

**14-15 June:** Education Expo. This  
Expo enables you to reach out and  
connect with a time-poor audience in  
a new way. It enables you to build  
name awareness and establish  
relationships with a targeted crowd  
that is totally focused on learning.  
Held at Rosehill, Sydney. All  
welcome. For details call Lynette  
Eggs on (02) 6643 4643 or email  
[info@edexpo.info](mailto:info@edexpo.info) or visit  
[www.edexpo.info](http://www.edexpo.info)

**2-7 July:** Certificate IV in  
Indigenous Leadership. This course  
equips current and emerging  
Indigenous leaders with an array of  
competency based tools to address  
policy, management and  
administrative issues including quality  
service deliver and capacity  
development of groups, organisations  
and communities. Held in Melbourne.  
For details call (02) 6251 5770 or  
email [ailec@indigenousleadership.org.au](mailto:ailec@indigenousleadership.org.au) or visit  
[www.indigenousleadership.org.au](http://www.indigenousleadership.org.au)

**6-13 July:** NAIDOC Week 08. The  
national theme is, Advance Australia  
Fair? NAIDOC celebrates the survival  
of Indigenous culture and the  
Indigenous contribution to modern  
Australia. All Australians are  
encouraged to participate in NAIDOC  
Week activities. For details visit  
[www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)

**20 July-2 August:** 10th Festival of  
Pacific Arts. Arts Queensland and the  
Australia Council are offering  
Indigenous artists and groups in  
Queensland the chance to be part of  
this festival. The event attracts artists  
and delegates from 27 Pacific nations  
and features performances,  
presentations, forums and advocacy  
events during its 10 day program. For  
details phone Raelene Baker on (07)  
3224 4896 or visit [www.arts.qld.gov.au](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.festival-pacific-arts.org](http://www.festival-pacific-arts.org)

**13-16 August:** International Unity  
in Diversity Conference. The  
conference will address the need for  
collaboration, communication and co-  
operation across cultural, religious  
and ideological barriers. The program  
has immediate relevance to work,  
community, education, health and  
Indigenous partnerships. For details  
call (07) 4772 4800 or email  
[Farvardin.Daliri@bigpond.com](mailto:Farvardin.Daliri@bigpond.com)  
or visit [www.unityindiversityconference.com](http://www.unityindiversityconference.com)

**13-17 August:** Cultural Fest 08.  
The theme is 'Unity in Diversity'.  
During five fun filled days of dance,  
food, music, arts, workshops and  
sports. Held at Strand Park,  
Townsville from 10am-10pm. Entry  
fee \$2 and kids under 10 free. Alcohol  
and drug free event. All welcome. For  
details call (07) 4772 4800 or email  
[culturalfest@bigpond.com](mailto:culturalfest@bigpond.com) or visit  
[www.culturalfest.org](http://www.culturalfest.org)

**9-12 September:** 3rd Annual  
National Basketball Championship.  
There will be a dunk competition and  
3 pointer shoot out. Cost for a team  
\$250. Held at the Darwin Basketball  
Stadium. Drug and alcohol free event.  
For details call Nikita Ridgeway on  
(0415) 095 661 or email  
[koorigirl@mail.com](mailto:koorigirl@mail.com) or visit  
[www.darwin.basketball.net.au](http://www.darwin.basketball.net.au)

**12-13 September:** National  
Indigenous Legal Conference. Held at  
the RACV Club, Melbourne. Bookings  
essential. For details call Aislinn  
Martin (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009  
072 or email [amartin@liv.asn.au](mailto:amartin@liv.asn.au) or  
visit [www.tarwin.com.au](http://www.tarwin.com.au)

**13 September:** Inaugural  
Indigenous Legal Ball, Town Hall,  
Melbourne. Bookings essential. For  
details call Aislinn Martin on (03) 9607  
9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email  
[amartin@liv.asn.au](mailto:amartin@liv.asn.au)



WireMC will be holding hip-hop workshops from 14-18 April at the  
Nowra Youth Centre.



# Major part of winning team

By ALF WILSON



Cairns Ladies AFL grand final in a row.

Tania played centre half forward for the North Cairns Tigers, who beat South Cairns 6-6 (42) to 2-0 (12) at Cairns AFL

headquarters Cazaly's Oval on 14 March.

"There are at least 10 Indigenous girls on my team and this has been a blast," she said.

North Cairns have dominated the season, but had to battle with a horrific spate of injuries in the final.

The Tigers were cruising to victory in the fourth quarter when three key players went down in a drama-filled five minutes.

Vivian Pearson broke her wrist, best-on-ground Jade

Pregelj received a deep gash to her knee which required five stitches, and inspirational captain-coach Jo Butland was concussed.

All three were taken to Cairns hospital, with Butland still recovering from a heavy knock the day after.

Butland said Pearson's injury was disappointing, but had failed to take the shine off the victory.

"It's a bit of a shame because she was one of our shining stars throughout the season," she said.

The North Cairns players after their grand final victory.



## 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:

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

JAMES ANTHONY SALVESTRO and NILLA SANDERA SALVESTRO for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 98 or 99 DP751741, Parish WILLBRIGGIE, County COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lots 98 & 99 DP751741, Parish WILLBRIGGIE, County COOPER. (Ref No. 40WA405133)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6953 0700. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

FRANCESCO FATTORE and BRENDA ELIZABETH FATTORE for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 3 DP737066 Parish WEST WARADGERY, County WARADGERY for IRRIGATION. (Ref No. 40WA405131)

LINDSAY GORDON PARK and JILL PARK for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 26 or 27 DP756761, Parish JELLALABAD, County WARADGERY for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lots 27 & 28 DP756761, Parish JELLALABAD, County WARADGERY. (Ref No. 40WA405132)

### NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (MURRAY RIVER)

ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY for 1 x Pump at a Reserve adjacent Parliament Street, Parish Corowa, County Hume for Industrial purposes - Road/Bridge construction & dust suppression. (Application No. 1747).

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

CARRINGBUSH PTY LTD for 2 x bores (additional) at Lot 14 DP756342 & 37/56342, Parish Werai, County Townsend for Irrigation & Stock. (Ref No. 50CA504186)

An application for a replacement Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

N A & J INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED for 1 x Bore (existing) at Lot 37 DP756255, Parish Booroorban, County Townsend for Irrigation (currently stock & domestic only). (Application No. 1748)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

An Application for a Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

### NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

(Wentworth weir pool of the lower Darling River)

Nicholas George ROBERTSON for Irrigation of 3Ha of vegetable crops on Lot 8, DP 740361, Parish Avoca, County Wentworth. (Application No. 1741)

An Application for an amended Water Supply Works & Water Use approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

Vincent John LITTORE & David Alan LITTORE for a pipeline and irrigation of an additional 400Ha of grapevines at Lot 5141, DP720089, County of Wentworth, Parish of Tugima for irrigation. (Ref No. 60CA581367)

Applications for a Water Supply Works and Water Use approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

### LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

Jacqui PASCALE & others for a regulator (box culvert with control gate) on an unnamed watercourse within the Darling River floodplain at Balcalatherine Station at Lot 31, DP756925, Parish Burtand, County Wentworth, for wetland rehabilitation, a project funded by the Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority. (Application No. 1742)

Malcolm Ian CROZIER for a regulator (box culvert with control gate) on an unnamed watercourse within the Darling River floodplain at Moorara Station at Lot 4755, DP767975, Parish Glenstal, County Perry, for wetland rehabilitation, a project funded by the Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority. (Application No. 1743)

Geoff RIX & others for a regulator (box culvert with control gate) on an unnamed watercourse within the Darling River floodplain at part (formerly) Balcalatherine Station at Lot 20, DP756970, Parish Para, County Wentworth, for wetland rehabilitation, a project funded by the Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority. (Application No. 1745)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on ph (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

GA2-538460



## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (GTH) 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 exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1712	Black Mountain Gold NL	143.01km <sup>2</sup>	89km N of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°25' Long 125°20'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1720	Blackfin Pty Ltd	67.97km <sup>2</sup>	56km SE of Derby	Lat 17°49' Long 124°20'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1724-5	Newiers Uranium Ltd	1226.55km <sup>2</sup>	158km SW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°00' Long 124°21'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1726	Newiers Uranium Ltd	233.19km <sup>2</sup>	120km SW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°57' Long 124°47'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1728	Ply Kimberley Pty Ltd	175.59km <sup>2</sup>	107km SE of Derby	Lat 18°10' Long 124°04'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1729	Ply Kimberley Pty Ltd	52.03km <sup>2</sup>	79km SE of Derby	Lat 17°54' Long 124°02'	Derby-West Kimberley
09/1804	GFI Resources Ltd	12.62km <sup>2</sup>	144km SE of Ordvale	Lat 22°50' Long 115°40'	Ashburton
09/1473	Romion Pty Ltd	258.99km <sup>2</sup>	137km SW of Pardubice	Lat 24°00' Long 117°07'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1489	Black Raven Mining Pty Ltd	206.18km <sup>2</sup>	91km N of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°15' Long 115°24'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1500	Black Raven Mining Pty Ltd	218.36km <sup>2</sup>	71km N of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°26' Long 115°24'	Upper Gascoyne
20/652	Resource Properties Pty Ltd	21.44km <sup>2</sup>	16km N of Cue	Lat 29°17' Long 117°50'	Cue
25/360	Sparkling Tarnments Pty Ltd	23.57km <sup>2</sup>	48km E of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/362	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	5.88km <sup>2</sup>	51km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°58' Long 122°08'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1742	'Great Gold Mines NL	50.35km <sup>2</sup>	127km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°13' Long 122°38'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1797	Charles George Chitty	2.94km <sup>2</sup>	41km W of Rawlinna	Lat 30°50' Long 124°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/845	Sulphide Resources Pty Ltd	48.09km <sup>2</sup>	95km W of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 120°21'	Merces
29/851	Coolidge International Pty Ltd	150.51km <sup>2</sup>	68km NW of Merces	Lat 28°45' Long 120°24'	Merces
29/852	Potman Iron Ore Ltd	9.02km <sup>2</sup>	110km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°46' Long 119°57'	Merces
29/852	Vado Energy Pty Ltd	29.9km <sup>2</sup>	40km N of Merces	Lat 28°20' Long 120°59'	Merces
30/350	Potman Iron Ore Ltd	5.97km <sup>2</sup>	90km W of Merces	Lat 29°29' Long 120°08'	Merces
30/355	Potman Iron Ore Ltd	50.43km <sup>2</sup>	66km NE of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°06' Long 120°08'	Coongah/Merces
30/356	Potman Iron Ore Ltd	44.92km <sup>2</sup>	121km W of Merces	Lat 29°19' Long 119°51'	Merces
30/358	Potman Iron Ore Ltd	35.74km <sup>2</sup>	100km W of Merces	Lat 29°52' Long 120°01'	Merces
30/359	Potman Iron Ore Ltd	200.32km <sup>2</sup>	102km W of Merces	Lat 29°27' Long 120°01'	Merces
36/650	SP Samuel Mines NL	148.04km <sup>2</sup>	40km S of Leonora	Lat 28°16' Long 120°44'	Leonora
36/653	APG Resources Pty Ltd	27.25km <sup>2</sup>	30km E of Leonora	Lat 27°52' Long 121°00'	Leonora
36/659	Russell Geoffrey McKnight Christopher Crow Ross Frederick Grew	6.06km <sup>2</sup>	28km E of Leonora	Lat 27°51' Long 120°58'	Leonora
37/618	Nemex Pty Ltd	36.48km <sup>2</sup>	64km NE of Leonora	Lat 27°32' Long 121°10'	Leonora
37/641	Jindalee Resources Ltd	20.98km <sup>2</sup>	30km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°01' Long 121°36'	Leonora
37/661	Aura Energy Ltd	120.96km <sup>2</sup>	90km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°04' Long 121°44'	Leonora
37/663	Jibru Metals Ltd	3.01km <sup>2</sup>	50km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°25' Long 121°03'	Leonora
38/1835	Rita Marian Brooks	123.61km <sup>2</sup>	53km SE of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°22' Long 123°13'	Laverton
38/1895	Diversity Resources Pty Ltd	24.01km <sup>2</sup>	30km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°35'	Laverton
38/1974	Pegapoint Exploration Pty Ltd	366.61km <sup>2</sup>	30km NE of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°48' Long 123°13'	Laverton
38/2039	Corona Resources Ltd	606.91km <sup>2</sup>	53km E of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°41' Long 123°46'	Laverton
38/2046-8	Elektra Mines Ltd	608.89km <sup>2</sup>	15km SE of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°36' Long 124°04'	Laverton
38/2080	Powdermill Ltd	3km <sup>2</sup>	19km W of Laverton	Lat 28°36' Long 122°12'	Laverton
38/2086	Golden Oaks NL	9.04km <sup>2</sup>	28km N of Laverton	Lat 28°32' Long 122°24'	Laverton
38/2087	Dukeston Consolidated Pty Ltd	9.02km <sup>2</sup>	25km E of Laverton	Lat 28°39' Long 122°39'	Laverton
38/2071	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACH 002 594 881)	42.03km <sup>2</sup>	24km S of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 122°25'	Laverton
38/2084	Classic Minerals Ltd	33.07km <sup>2</sup>	8km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/2123	Rodding Pty Ltd	327.29km <sup>2</sup>	90km E of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°18'	Laverton
38/2126	JML Resources Pty Ltd	21.03km <sup>2</sup>	18km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°29'	Laverton
39/1086	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	3km <sup>2</sup>	48km W of Laverton	Lat 28°36' Long 121°54'	Laverton
39/1241	Carnico Pty Ltd	104.37km <sup>2</sup>	125km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°32' Long 122°10'	Merces
39/1312	Montrose Resources Ltd	207.55km <sup>2</sup>	190km SE of Laverton	Lat 30°07' Long 122°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Merces
39/1330	Jindalee Resources Ltd	65.94km <sup>2</sup>	58km S of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°12'	Leonora
39/1332	Hughson Investments Pty Ltd	68.87km <sup>2</sup>	58km S of Laverton	Lat 29°01' Long 122°06'	Leonora/Leonora
39/1362	Meier Resources Ltd	68.87km <sup>2</sup>	58km S of Laverton	Lat 29°06' Long 122°15'	Leonora
39/1364	Elektra Mines Ltd	209.73km <sup>2</sup>	150km SE of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 29°04' Long 124°01'	Leonora/Merces
47/11036	Iron Hill	113.32km <sup>2</sup>	79km E of Pardubice	Lat 23°13' Long 118°25'	Ashburton
57/8028	Yellin Minerals Pty Ltd	121.69km <sup>2</sup>	82km SW of Wiluna	Lat 27°12' Long 119°46'	Wiluna
57/735	Empire Resources Ltd	38.13km <sup>2</sup>	79km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°38' Long 119°56'	Sandstone
63/1192	Brandon Chevaly Deshon	14.49km <sup>2</sup>	19km SE of Nonarman	Lat 32°19' Long 121°52'	Dundas
63/1199	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	14.53km <sup>2</sup>	30km NE of Nonarman	Lat 31°55' Long 121°58'	Dundas
69/2406	Tack Comco Australia Pty Ltd	962.39km <sup>2</sup>	101km NE of Rawlinna	Lat 30°29' Long 126°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
69/2410	Mineral Sands Limited	101.53km <sup>2</sup>	90km SW of Balakonia	Lat 32°55' Long 123°03'	Exmouth
69/2412	Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd	364.12km <sup>2</sup>	66km NE of Rawlinna	Lat 30°29' Long 125°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
69/2413	Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd	122.41km <sup>2</sup>	66km W of Coolbaddy	Lat 31°50' Long 125°24'	Dundas
69/2414	Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd	137.78km <sup>2</sup>	53km SE of Rawlinna	Lat 31°23' Long 125°35'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
69/2415	Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd	103.94km <sup>2</sup>	121km NE of Rawlinna	Lat 30°09' Long 125°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Merces
69/2416	Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd	138.06km <sup>2</sup>	39km SE of Rawlinna	Lat 31°11' Long 125°34'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
70/3248	Englefield Holdings Pty Ltd	609.84km <sup>2</sup>	41km N of Kalbarrie	Lat 27°20' Long 114°15'	Northampton/Clark Shire
77/1461	Edd Resources Pty Ltd Goldville Pty Ltd Darlington Geological Services Pty Ltd	25.96km <sup>2</sup>	100km S of Sandstone	Lat 29°09' Long 119°08'	Sandstone
80/3991	Junarum Ltd	636.59km <sup>2</sup>	53km N of Balgo Mission	Lat 19°18' Long 127°51'	Halls Creek
80/3994	Abolide Prospecting Pty Ltd	32.39km <sup>2</sup>	93km SW of Halls Creek	Lat 18°55' Long 127°12'	Halls Creek
80/3998	Eagle Nickel Limited	68.7km <sup>2</sup>	138km S of Kunurra	Lat 18°58' Long 128°22'	Halls Creek/Windham & East

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 date: 9 April 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 9 July 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 9 August 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 3628.



## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 23 April 2008



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



### Q12007/040 Bar-Barrum Herberton Project ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to the agreement covers about 400km<sup>2</sup> and is located within the vicinity of Irvinebank, south-west of Atherton as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Tablelands Regional Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Tom Congo, John Wason, Layne Malthouse, Tennyson Kynuna, Lynette Burke, Jean Rinas and Jane Day on their own behalf and on behalf of the Bar-Barrum Native Title Parties  
C/- Mr Kym Elston,  
North Queensland  
Land Council, 61 Anderson Street,  
MANUNDA QLD 4870

Bar-Barrum Aboriginal Corporation,  
C/- Mr Kym Elston,  
North Queensland Land Council  
61 Anderson Street,  
MANUNDA QLD 4870  
North Queensland  
Metals Limited, C/- Mr Dominic  
McGann, McCullough Robertson  
Lawyers, Level 11, 66 Eagle Street,  
BRISBANE Qld 4000

Dianne Mining  
Corporation Limited  
C/- Mr Leonard Miles,  
PO Box 4060,  
CALOUNDRA DC QLD 4551

Walker Resources Pty Ltd,  
C/- Mr John McKinstrey  
Level 8, K Tower, 269 Wickham Street  
FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

#### Clause 7 Consent to Agreed Future Acts

(a) On and from the date this Agreement is Registered, the Bar-Barrum Native Title Parties, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Bar-Barrum People, the Bar-Barrum #4 People, the Bar-Barrum #5 People, the Bar-Barrum #6 People and the Bar-Barrum #7 People, consent to the doing of the Agreed Future Acts.

(b) Subject to compliance with this Agreement, the Bar-Barrum Native Title Parties, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Bar-Barrum People, the Bar-Barrum #4 People, the Bar-Barrum #5 People, the Bar-Barrum #6 People and the Bar-Barrum #7 People, agree that they:

(i) will take reasonable steps to enable the doing of any acts permitted or authorised under an Agreed Future Act; and

(ii) will not object to the doing of the Agreed Future Acts or omit to do anything that would prevent or delay the doing of the Agreed Future Acts.

(c) Clause (a) is a statement for the purposes of sections 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bar-Barrum Native Title Parties acknowledge that Subdivision P of the NTA is not intended to apply to the grant of any Project Rights or to any other Future Acts consented to under this clause 7.

(d) To the extent this Agreement provides for consent to Agreed Future Acts, the Agreement is not intended to operate over areas within ILUA Area A where Native Title Rights and Interests have been validly extinguished by previous acts of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State, or by operation of the common law.

[Sub-clause 8.1(b) of the agreement provides as follows]

8.1(b) The Parties agree that for the purpose of the NTA the area of or covered by this Agreement is ILUA Area A only.

[Clause 1 of the agreement contains the following definitions]

'Agreed Future Acts' means the:

(a) grant to NQM [North Queensland Metals Limited], Walker Resources, and Dianne Mining of the Project Rights and the implementation of those Project Rights (including the creation, grant, registration or transfer of any Project Rights to NQM);

(b) construction, operation and maintenance of the Herberton Project and all works (including Public Works) and Ancillary Works necessary or incidental to the Herberton Project which is done by or at the request of, or on behalf of, NQM;

(c) implementation and operation of the Herberton Project (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the creation, grant, registration or transfer of any Project Rights to NQM); and

(d) the decommissioning of the Herberton Project and the required rehabilitation of land affected by the Herberton Project

to the extent they are within ILUA Area A.

'Herberton Project' means NQM's project in the Herberton-Irvinebank area (including the Basil Gammon mine and Silver Valley treatment plant) being the Project Area for the exploration for, mining of, and processing of copper, indium, silver and other metals.

'Interest' includes any easement, consent to and registration of any easement, right of way, permit to occupy, licence and any leasehold (including subleasehold) and any consent to and registration of any lease, or other interest in land or waters.

'NTA' means the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

'Project Rights' means any grant, permission, licence, permit, authorisation, approval, interest, or the rearrangement of existing property boundaries which are necessary or desirable for the undertaking of the Herberton Project, including, but not limited to:

(a) any Exploration Permits or Mining Leases;

(b) any permits, licences, or other authorisations under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld);

(c) any permits, licences or other authorisations required under the Water Act 2000 (Qld);

(d) any approvals required under the Fisheries Act 1994 or the Fisheries Freshwater Management Plan 1999 (Qld);

(e) any approvals required under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld), including environmental authorities related to the Herberton Project;

(f) any approvals required in respect of the opening and closing of roads pursuant to the Land Act 1994 (Qld);

(g) any approvals required in respect of the clearing or trees or vegetation under the Land Act 1994, the Forestry Act 1959 (Qld) or the Vegetation Management Act 1999 (Qld);

(h) any approvals required in respect of the establishment of any quarry or the use of any forest products under the Forestry Act 1959 (Qld);

(i) any approvals required under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth);

(j) any approvals required in respect of construction and development of the Herberton Project under the Integrated Planning Act 1997 (Qld);

(k) any approvals under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth); and

(l) any approvals under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld)

to the extent they are within ILUA Area A.

#### Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BEC(1)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns, Queensland by 23 July 2008.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact

Ms Louise Doyle on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



Indigenous Australian boxer Anthony Mundine stands over compatriot Danny Green as he stumbles during a super-middleweight eliminator fight in Sydney on 17 May 2007. Mundine won the 12-round match after he was awarded an unanimous points decision. - AAP Image

## Danny Green hangs up his gloves



NOT even the prospect of another fight against Anthony Mundine was enough to convince Danny Green to delay his retirement from the boxing ring.

Tearfully ending his professional boxing career, world light heavyweight champion Green said no amount of money could tempt him to reverse a decision to quit made after an early-morning Easter Sunday 'epiphany'.

In a move which will cost Green millions of dollars, the 35-year-old emotionally quit the ring, saying his future as a husband, father and grandfather was more important than defending the WBA title he won last December.

And while Green said he felt fitter and sharper than at any time in his 16-year career, he also believed he was making the decision of a wise man to walk out of the sport at his peak.

"I woke up at 1am Sunday morning with my stomach churning, and it was telling me to hang up my gloves basically," Green said last month.

"You can imagine I have struggled with the decision as I believe I am at the top of my game and the peak of my career as a professional fighter.

"I have never gone against my gut feelings and I am not about to start doing that now.

"There is going to be questions about whether there is anything wrong with me physically, the answer is categorically no.

"It was almost like I had a premonition, an epiphany - I am not religious by any stretch of

the imagination - but I do listen to my stomach and that is what it has told me.

"I have clarity, it was weird but that is the way it is. I leave with my dignity and my health intact."

Green was in preparation for his mandatory defence against Argentinian Hugo Garay at Challenge Stadium on 27 April, having abandoned plans to train in Perth in favour for his usual Sydney surroundings.

But after wrestling with his decision for hours, he said he was happy and content.

"You won't see me come back. I am turning down millions and millions of dollars," Green said.

With the Garay fight off, the much talked about rematch with Anthony Mundine - which would have brought both men monster paydays - also won't eventuate.

"It would have been nice to go out in front of 20,000 fans at Burswood with a massive rematch, but it is not to be," Green said.

"All I would say to Choc is keep your chin down and look after your health because it is a very tough sport ... and thanks for a great rivalry, because you have made the sport so much more exciting."

Mundine's manager, Khoder Nasser, said Green's retirement would be a loss to boxing, and he hoped he would reconsider.

"Danny is a gentleman who was part of the greatest fight in Australian history, he fought back from adversity to become a world champion again and his retirement is a massive loss to boxing," Nasser told Radio SEN.

"Every man is entitled to change his mind and we certainly hope he does so he can fight Anthony again." - AAP



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# McGrath leads Bulldogs

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



TOBY McGrath has long been held in high-regard as one of the best West Australian Football League (WAFL) players and among the best Indigenous players to not get the chance in the Australian Football League (AFL), but all he is worried about now is leading South Fremantle to a premiership as its new captain.

McGrath is closing in on 150 WAFL games after starting his senior career in 1998, but before that he was no stranger to the Bulldogs as he grew up at the club.

After winning a Sandover Medal (best player in the competition), Simpson Medal (best on ground in grand final), playing in the 2005 premiership and representing Western Australia three times, there's little the 27-year-old hasn't achieved with the club he loves, but he has one dream left: To captain them to a premiership.

And with a side consisting of quality players such as James Walker, Sam Hunt, Robert Hadrill, Kris Miller, Tim Malseed and Andrew Siegart; Indigenous stars Keren Ugle, Shane Tipuamantamerr; as well as current AFL players Ryan Murphy, Paul Duffield, Scott Thornton and Josh Head, he has a chance in 2008.

"My only goal now is to lead the club to a premiership. A lot of people have said that we've under-achieved with the talent we've had the last few years and should have won more premierships, but they

aren't as easy to come across as people think," McGrath said.

"I know how hard it is to win them and anything can happen this year. We weren't the best team during the season in 2005 but won it, so hopefully if we get together, improve our skills and implement our game plan, we can."

While McGrath wasn't able to play an AFL game like his older and younger brothers, he did spend time with Essendon before he left to pursue a career in the Army. That didn't quite work out, but did help his fitness and after spending time as a mechanic, he has now settled and is loving being a fire-fighter.

His younger brother, Ashley, is a premiership player with Brisbane and once he overcomes his most recent injury, will add to his 98 games with the Lions.

McGrath's older brother, Corey, also played 28 games with Essendon and 31 with Carlton. He will play with Port Melbourne in the VFL this year and Toby doesn't hold hope of the trio lining up with South Fremantle any time soon.

"It would be nice, but I don't see that happening. Corey is settled back in Melbourne and by the time Ash finishes with Brisbane, I'll probably be



● LEFT: Toby McGrath in the South Fremantle colours. McGrath is closing in on 150 WAFL games after starting his senior career in 1998. On being appointed captain, McGrath said "hopefully I can ... lead the boys on and off the field".

retired," he said. "Corey was at South Adelaide last year, but has a job with the AFL this year and is playing with Port Melbourne.

"All three of us have only played once together, which was an All Stars game against Carlton in the Northern Territory, apart from when we were little and in the country with only one team, but I don't have any ambitions for that to happen."

As for the captaincy, McGrath is tremendously proud of the honour given to him after David Gault's retirement last year after 208 games and leading the side to the 2005 flag.

"This is my 13th year at the footy club. I started as a water boy before I started playing colts and after being a leader around the club has stood me in good stead for the role. We have a good leadership group of seven or eight guys

and it's just me that has the title as captain," he said.

"I have to be responsible for what happens and it was even more satisfying because the club had a vote from the players on who they wanted to captain and that's how the recommendation came about.

"At the end of the day, the board and coaches made the final choice, but hopefully I can prove that they have made the right decision and lead the boys on and off the field."

Not only does McGrath have the added responsibility as captain in 2008, he comes into it with the confidence of his first full pre-season in

several years. He is injury-free, feels stronger and fitter than ever before and judging by his early season form, is in for a year that could rival his of 2005 — where he won the Sandover and Simpson medals.

"The last couple of years I haven't had much of a pre-season. I went away to the Army one year, and then had my achilles problem before 2006 and back problems last year, but this year I've been fine. I have actually enjoyed the pre-season this year and I can tell a big difference in the running I can do," he said.

"I've been doing more weights at work and on the field; I can feel that extra strength in one-on-one contests. I'm more confident to take on bigger blokes and it has also helped me to run faster, harder and longer."

# Imparja Cup to go to air again

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE Imparja Cup national Indigenous cricket competition is to be aired again on NITV.

Edited highlights of the Imparja Cup have been going to air through NITV's Foxtel and Austar networks.

Now, the four-hour presentations already aired are being edited into two-hour segments, and three-hour segments are being cut to 90 minutes and will be shown on NITV beginning in late April.

NITV Imparja Cup producer/director Johnnie Bay said there was such a rush to get the edited highlights to air that there was no time to properly promote them.

"We won't make that mistake next time," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"We're halving the length of the original presentations and we will make sure they get the proper promotion.

"A lot of people have told us they missed the first round of highlights because they didn't know they were on."

Bay said NITV had been pleased with its first attempt

to cover the Imparja Cup and that coverage could only improve from now on.

"We had a few teething problems but we've learned from them," he said.

"Alice Springs is a great place to host the Imparja Cup. Traeger Park is a wonderful venue, with the mountain ranges a magnificent backdrop.

"We're looking forward to next year."

Bay said NITV was a providing a platform for leading Indigenous sportsmen and women to launch their careers.

He singled out the Imparja Cup coverage and NITV's Barefoot Rugby League Show as vehicles to promote outstanding Indigenous sportsmen.

A Cricket Australia spokesman praised NITV's coverage and commitment to Indigenous sport.

"NITV is giving the Imparja Cup real exposure across Australia and Cricket Australia is very grateful for that," the spokesman said.

"The effort to pull the coverage together at such short notice went well beyond our expectations and we are excited about the Imparja Cup reaching more and more people on NITV in the coming years."



● ABOVE: NITV producer/director Johnnie Bay directing operations in the nerve centre at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, last February.



● LEFT: An NITV cameraman focuses on one of the day-night games played at Traeger Park.



# Mundraby untroubled by Thai challenger

By ALF WILSON



**TALENTED**  
Australian  
bantamweight  
champion  
Aboriginal boxer  
Fred Mundraby  
knocked out his

Thai opponent Pomchai Sithsoei in the first round on a gala night of five professional fights at Townsville's Shark Park last Friday night.

Townsville Indigenous man Nat Saylor, of Gladiator Promotions, put on the fight night held at the home ground of Aboriginal rugby league club the Bindal Sharks United.

There were hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islanders in the 2000 strong crowd.

The Picpah Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers also performed for the crowd between fights and the last event ended just before midnight.

In the main bout, powerhouse Russian boxer Victor Oganov fought New Zealand-based Kenyan Kariz Kariuki for his WBO Asia Pacific and Pan-Asian Boxing Association super middleweight titles.

Oganov took his impressive record to 28 knockouts from 29 bouts when he stopped the much taller opponent.

The 30-year-old Kariuki boasted a record of 15 wins, six losses and two draws before the loss and was floored by Oganov at the two minute 38 second mark of round two.

"It was anybody's fight in the first round and I love coming to Townsville and want to return again," Oganov said.

Both fighters were over the weight limit at the weigh-in the night before and had to exercise and fast.

Controversial former NRL footballer John Hopoate fought New Zealander Sio Vitale in the main under card and won by knockout in a brutal bout in round two.

## Hammered

In 2007, Hopoate hammered New Zealand opponent Hiriwa TeRangi in a bout at the Townsville Rugby Union Club and is popular with crowds in the north Queensland city.

The former Manly player was booed off the field during an NRL match against the Cowboys in 2003.

South African Peter Cronje beat Fijian Oscar Tolemaire in a heavyweight undercard when the referee stopped the fight in round two.

Cronje had previously been runner-up in the over 75kg division of a toughman contest in Townsville last year.

Tough Oyawale Omotoso fought Thai Somchai Nakbalee and won by unanimous points decision over six rounds in what was the only bout to go the distance.

Mundraby's title was not on the line but he never looked in doubt against the hapless but courageous Thai and landed some telling sharp and radar-like right-handers.

"I came out and got in some hard hits which included landing some good rights and some of my family came down to watch me from Cairns and Yarrabah," Mundraby said after maintaining his unbeaten record of five wins and one draw.

Townsville Indigenous fighter, 24-year-old Wayne Parker Junior, had been scheduled to fight in another bout which was cancelled due to a weight dispute.

Ingham's Shaun Quagliotto was scheduled to meet Garth Wood in another pro bout but weighed in 4kg heavy and both watched from the ringside tables.

Saylor gained glowing praise from fans for his first-time effort as a promoter and ringside tables included food and drinks.

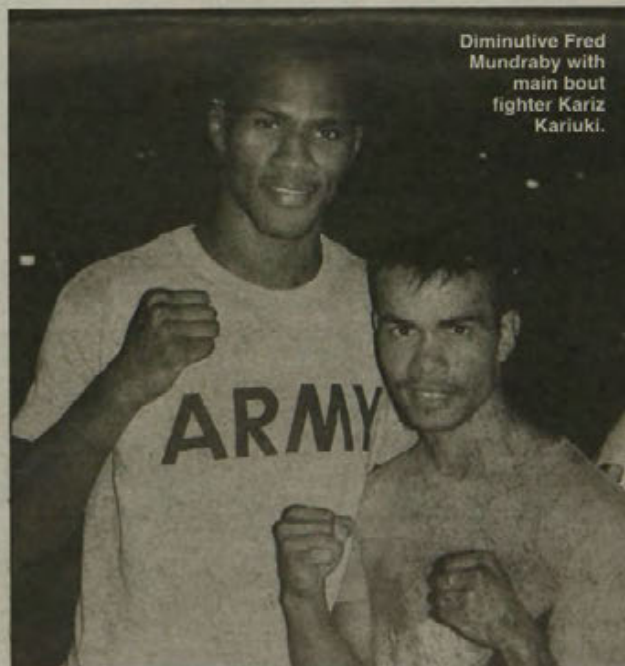
"I want to thank every one of you who has come along and supported the fights," Saylor said.



Fight promoter Nat Saylor, left, and Jackson Koroi.



All eyes are on the scales as Victor Oganov weighs in.



Diminutive Fred Mundraby with main bout fighter Kariz Kariuki.



● LEFT:  
Fred Mundraby with trainer Bob Burows and Mundraby's family members after his win.



● RIGHT:  
Picpah Aboriginal and TSI dancers performed on fight night.



# Rising Star nominee has the pedigree

By PETER ARGENT



**JOSH Hill**, the round two NAB Australian Football League Rising Star nominee, was

always destined to play football at the top level.

The boy from two tribes, the Nyooongar and Bardi peoples (WA), has a strong legacy in the national football code.

His father Matt played league football in the SANFL (South Australia) with West Torrens, while St Kilda star Nick Winmar is a relation, and former AFL mark-of-the-year winner Ashley Sampi is a first cousin.

This nomination was the culmination of a terrific fortnight for the 19-year-old quicksilver mid-sized utility player. He kicked a goal and gathered 16 possessions in the narrow three-point win over Adelaide in round one.

He then slotted through three goals amongst 17 disposals in the Western Bulldogs' emphatic 95-point defeat of expected cellar-dwellers Melbourne in just his third AFL match, on March 29.

"This has been the first full and hardest pre-season I've been involved in," the second-year Bulldogs player said.

"It was a pretty big shock and an honour when they moved Andrew McLeod on to me in the round-one match against the Crows as he was a hero of mine when I was growing up."

Hill started his football with the Armadale Junior Football Club, on the outskirts of Perth, before moving to Broome for a couple of years in his early teens.

After continuing his football with Trinity College, he was recruited to the AFL from the Claremont colts.

"While I was in Perth, Phil Narkle was a mentor of mine - I'd do skills work and running drills with him after work," he said.

(Former West Australian

State and Geelong player) Gary Malarky was a very good coach at Trinity College as well.

"I played a lot of football as a junior up forward, but I do prefer the open space on the wing."

While he was not invited to the 2006 NAB AFL Draft Camp, Hill impressed at the State screening and the Bulldogs secured him as their fourth selection (61 overall) in the draft that year.

Playing alongside current AFL listed players like Alex Rance, Chris Masten, David Gourdis, Rhys Palmer and North Melbourne rookie Cruise Garrett, Hill represented Western Australia in the 2006 NAB AFL Under-16 Championships as well.

Last year he played the majority of the year for the Bulldogs' VFL affiliate Werribee,

making his AFL debut in round 17 against the West Coast Eagles at the Telstra Dome.

Western Bulldogs coach Rodney Eade said Hill had grabbed his chance to play AFL with both hands following a chance selection late last year to fill in for veteran Scott West.

"Josh is an example of what hard work can do," Eade said.

"He didn't really deserve his selection in that game last year but he jumped at it and worked extremely hard over the pre-season."

"He has done well in our first two games because he has continued to train hard and focus on what the coaches are advising him to do."

"His form thus far has been encouraging and his work rate off the ball is very pleasing to see."



**JOSH HILL**  
AFL Photo

**COREY AHCHEE**



## Magpies have an Aboriginal captain

By PETER ARGENT



**INDIGENOUS** star Corey AhChee is captaining the Port Adelaide Magpies in South Australia's domestic Australian football season.

This was announced at the senior players' jumper presentation night on 26 March before the season opener against Central District.

For a club with a rich SANFL history which includes 36 senior flags, AhChee is the first player with Aboriginal heritage in the club's history to assume the captaincy.

The Port Adelaide Football Club was formed in 1870 and started in the original SAFA competition in 1877.

"This will be the first time I have captained a team in my career," AhChee said.

"My only experience is that I have led the side in one of the three trial games this year."

"It was a proud moment for me when it was announced, as some pretty big names of SANFL football have captained Port Adelaide."

"I hope I can continue their excellent standard."

AhChee said he never expected to be captain of Port Adelaide, but as a senior player he was already in a leadership role.

Now 27, AhChee has played 165 league games for the Magpies after debuting back in 2000.

Being recruited from Darwin the previous year, he won a best-and-fairest medal at the club, and was Port Adelaide's vice-captain for the previous four seasons and a regular member of the State team.

"Corey has proven his credentials as a player over a long period," Magpies coach and seven-times premiership player Tim Ginever said.

"The example he sets on and off the field is exemplary."

"Being a natural leader, by giving him the captaincy he will continue to blossom."

"Having four good years left at this level, you would expect him to have some longevity in the role as well."

At 192cm and 91kg, AhChee has played mainly as a key defender, but is equally capable of being used at centre half forward.

### Highly respected

"AhChee is one of the most highly respected players in the competition and the club believes that he thoroughly deserves the responsibility of leading the team in 2008," Magpies CEO Matthew Richardson said.

On Port Adelaide's chances this year, AhChee suggested it was an important part of the Magpies' ethos to be playing finals football on an annual basis.

Still understated about his personal achievements, he was not expected to inform his parents, Sharon and William, who still live Darwin, of his new honour until his weekly conversation with them after the first-round match.



Catholic colleges say academy is aimed at giving kids a ...

# Sporting chance



**SUPPORTING** Indigenous youth in reaching their full potential is the key objective of the Sports Academy for Catholic Colleges program, which was launched for 2008 in late March at Townsville by Australian discus champion Benn Harradine.

Now in its second year, the Academy is proving to be a great success, with 110 students registered from north Queensland centres Mount Isa, Ayr, Ingham, Abergowrie, Charters Towers and Townsville for the 2008 program.

Co-ordinator Shayne Harrison said the presence of Harradine at the launch served to motivate students and gave them a sense of the scope of possibility that existed through programs such as this.

"Contact with Indigenous role models is a vital component of this program," said Mr Harrison.

"Having Benn present is a wonderful opportunity to show these students the possibilities that exist through attitude, determination and commitment.

"As one of Australia's top four all-time discus throwers, Benn is a positive role model and is widely respected for his success and professionalism in the sport."

## Role models

Cowboys Young Guns under-20 players James Munns, Ben Henaway and Obe Geia were present at the launch, serving as local role models. The boys all work part-time in Catholic schools in Townsville, undertaking their Certificate III in Sport and Recreation.

Indigenous Education Co-ordinator for the Townsville Catholic Education Office Thelma Gertz said: "The Academy is a fantastic opportunity for more than 100 of our Indigenous secondary students who are interested in using their interests and talents in sport, to help them reach other academic and lifestyle goals.

"The program combines sports, sports theory and academic studies as a motivation to finish Year 12, or a vocational equivalent."

Mr Harrison said the energy of the group of students was electric.

"They know and understand the wonderful opportunity they have to help break the cycle of disadvantage and open doors to further career and study opportunities," he said.

"This program seeks to raise their self-esteem, strengthen their spirit and arm them with a 'can-do' attitude that will serve as a foundation for the rest of their lives, both personally and professionally."

## 13 Australia-wide

The Townsville Catholic Education Office was successful in securing one of only 13 academies in Australia, funded by the Department of Education, Science and Training as a key part of the Federal Government's Sporting Chance Program.

Rio Tinto has re-confirmed its major sponsorship of the program for 2008.

The Academy has been made possible through partnerships between the Australian Government, (Department of Education, Science and Training - DEST), the National Aboriginal Sports Corporation of Australia (NASCA), National Rugby League (NRL), North Queensland Toyota Cowboys and Townsville Catholic Education Office.



Australian discus champion, Benn Harradine, front centre, pictured with North Queensland Cowboys Young Guns Obe Geia and Ben Henaway, with students at the 2008 program launch of the Sports Academy for Catholic Colleges.



● **LEFT:** Students from Columba Catholic College in Charters Towers, Brook Bathern and Jannaya Santo.

● **BELOW:** Students from Columba Catholic College in Charters Towers at the Sports Academy 2008 Launch in Townsville, from left, Brandon McGilvary, Johnathon Hunter-Bouchier and Koza Coburn.



## He's a big man in the world of discus throwing

**B**enn Harradine has competed at a high level in many sports, including swimming (against Olympic champion Ian Thorpe), baseball, basketball, water polo and cricket. Where possible, he continues to devote time and effort to Athletics Australia's Indigenous development program.

As a teenager, Harradine, a Wajjabalak/Wergia man with roots to the Wimeria region of Victoria, was a leading discus thrower and made gradual improvement during his early 20s. During these years he travelled from Newcastle to Sydney for coaching with Rudolf Sopko, then relocated to Brisbane to train under Steve Lemke.

In 2004, Harradine moved to Melbourne and joined coach Gus Puopolo. The move paid immediate dividends as Harradine's best throw improved by six metres in the space of a calendar year.

In May 2005 there was a major breakthrough on a tour of the United States where he threw 63.65m and climbed to No 4 on the Australian all-time list.

Harradine finished second at the 2006 Australian Championships with a throw of 60.12m. Commonwealth Games representation followed, giving Harradine his first senior international championships, where he finished eighth.

The big man captured his first national discus title during the 2006-07 domestic season and a number of 60m-plus throws in Hobart, Sydney and Adelaide.

Harradine then embarked on three-month European campaign, highlighted by a win at the Stavanger Games in Norway and another victory in Sweden.

— From Athletics Australia's web site



# Mixing business with pleasure



QUEENSLAND Indigenous Employment and Training Support Officer Syl Johns has found a way to mix his work with his passion – boxing.

Johns works for the Queensland Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.

Last year he led a team of boxers on the 2007 Guruguneminyina Tour to Fiji as part of his duties as Manager of the Australian Indigenous Boxing Company.

The tour was a success, with the team winning 19 of the 20 bouts.

Johns, himself a former amateur boxer, has been training and managing fighters for 15 years.

He says his goal is to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boxers earn Olympic and Commonwealth Games selection as well as become positive role models in their communities.

"Boxing promotes healthy living and fitness as well as discipline and respect," Johns said.

## Paid leave

The Department of Employment and Industrial Relations supports Johns' goals and agreed to give him six weeks' paid leave a year to pursue his boxing commitments, provided he obtained employment and training outcomes as well.

"Through the company I have helped a number of coaches earn their Level One qualifications and have signed boxers up to apprenticeships or traineeships," he said.

"We've also had a few boxers earn Indigenous scholarships with the Australian Institute of Sport.

"Developing skills inside and outside the ring is very important for Indigenous people. Getting good role models promotes our sport and can lead other people to live healthier lifestyles and pursue their own goals.

"More Indigenous boxing clubs have started up since the Australian Indigenous Boxing Company was formed. This is very encouraging. With support at that grassroots level, we are providing more training opportunities for coaches and fighters so they

can improve their skills and hopefully we'll see more Indigenous boxers selected to represent Australia."

Johns said meeting other boxers and coaches through the tours was a great experience for both sides.

"On the Fiji tour, our team donated some equipment and money to them and we all have new contacts amongst the coaches and boxers so we can develop our relationship with them," he said.

Queensland Employment and Industrial Relations Minister John Mickel said Johns' activities highlighted the role Indigenous Employment and Training Support Officers played in their community.

"There are 42 support officers like Syl based throughout Queensland and their role is to assist Indigenous people into stable employment, which includes apprenticeships and traineeships or further training," Mr Mickel said.

"Discipline, motivation, self-confidence and healthy living are important in everyday life, including employment just as they are in boxing, and while Syl is based in the Brisbane North region, his contact with Indigenous communities obviously reaches far beyond that.

"The Department of Employment and Industrial Relations also employs 12 Indigenous Employment and Training Managers who work with businesses and industry, training providers, Indigenous communities and other State and Federal Government departments to broker new employment opportunities for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders in the State.

"Queensland's Indigenous Employment and Training network is the largest of its kind in Australia and is making a big difference to Indigenous people."

The latest event on the Australian Indigenous Boxing Team's calendar was on Friday 4 April at the Brisbane Broncos Leagues Club. The 14 bouts were part of the National Talent Identification Program and promising boxers can be selected to go to Thailand to train with their Cuban coach and broaden their experience.



Indigenous Employment and Training Support Officer and Manager of the Australian Indigenous Boxing Company Syl Johns (right), of Bracken Ridge, Brisbane, with his son, Australian titles silver medallist Tyler Johns (centre) from Ashgrove, and Kurbingui Boxing Club trainer Neal Hayman.

## Imparja Cup stars shine at family day



NSW Imparja Cup player Ryan Donovan top scored with 56 not out and was named man of the match in

the third annual Paul Travini Cup community cricket day in the Sydney suburb of La Perouse on 9 March.

Another Imparja Cup player, John Duckett, weighed in with 42 not out.

The aim of the Paul Travini Cup is to bring Eastern Beaches Local Area Command NSW police officers and the La Perouse community together in a community cricket day of family fun.

The Cup recognises the community work achieved by the late Principal of the La Perouse Public School, Paul Travini. Mr Travini worked towards reconciliation and improving relationships between police and Indigenous children.

The Twenty/20 game was between the La Perouse Aboriginal XI and the Eastern Beaches LAC police.

The Aboriginal team won by three wickets.

About 300 people watched the match.

Organiser Blake Champion paid tribute to committee members Danny and Trudy Allende, Arthur Little and Steve Rowe.

He also thanked the Eastern Beaches LAC, La Perouse Cricket Club and Randwick Council and sponsors Noel De Souza Chemist Matraville and Xsite Building Services.

La Perouse Aboriginal XI 7/115 (R Donovan 56 not out, J Duckett 42 not out; A Little 2/12) d Eastern Beaches LAC 10/110 (N Missenden 39, M Hoskin 31; G Lester 3/13).



The La Perouse Aboriginal team and some junior players at the family cricket day.



The Eastern Beaches LAC police team.



OVER the past few months, as clubs have made hard decisions about their coaching positions for next season and players such as Israel Folau and Willie Tonga have taken advantage of the new rules covering player transfers, there have been cries that the concept of loyalty in the game is dead.

Well, I've got some news for them.

Loyalty died in 1908 when the first player accepted payment as a professional.

Sure, there will always be those who want to be 'one-club' players, but the reality of professional sport is that this will be a rarity in the professional era.

Just ask Petero Civonociva.

As a player, he bled for the Broncos and had every right to believe that the Broncos would reward this perceived loyalty with a final contract to see out his career.

But at the end of the day, as the Broncos underwent a process of renewal, Petero could not command the contract that he believed he was worth.

### Headed for the Mountains

Penrith came in with a three-year offer and the mighty Civonociva did what was best for him and his family and headed for the Mountains.

Many of the Broncos' fans expressed their displeasure, but not too many were complaining when the Broncos convincingly defeated the Panthers in the competition's opening round.

Fans will always forgive success.

The same goes for all the debate around the current movement of coaches.

As much as fans might perceive that the coaching situation at the Broncos, Cowboys, Dragons and Bulldogs means

# Honesty ahead of loyalty

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that none of these teams can win, there is little truth to this belief.

For a start, clubs are forced into this position because the majority of players will always want to know the coaching

situation before they sign for a new club.

Once clubs make a decision to choose a new coach, they are forced to go public early to ensure they can secure their next coach early on so they can compete on equal terms in the player market.

Does this have a negative impact on the current team?

While it can be unsettling, once a decision has been made, the majority of players just want to get on with the job.

### Week-to-week form

You do not put your body on the line to lose and, like coaches, your future can depend on your week-to-week form.

I believe my experience at Parramatta can be used to explain what I mean.

When Brian Smith was told his contract was not going to be renewed at the end of the season, the Press had a field day at the club's expense.

A poor start to the season was compounded by some off-field incidents and Brian decided it was in best interests

of all if he moved on.

I have always respected Brian for what he did for me and I accepted his decision in good faith.

But in the context of this article, it is the period following Brian's departure that I wish to concentrate on.

Jason Taylor was appointed coach for the remainder of the season and the team was effectively written off.

When Michael Hagan was confirmed as coach for the following season, it just confirmed the opinion of experts that the team was now dysfunctional.

What they underestimated was both the professionalism and pride of the team.

A large number of players – including myself – were coming off contract and every game played could be considered our letters of application for a new job.

In short, we were playing for our futures.

When you considered that Jason Taylor was in the same situation as a professional coach, then there were quite a few of us literally playing for our supper!

This will be the same situation in all of the clubs mentioned.

Players will be motivated by the need to survive and there is no greater motivation than that!

At Parramatta, we were also fortunate that we were all still good mates who were motivated by the desire to play for each other and for the basic pride in our individual and team performance.

No matter what level you play at, if you have a sense of team, then you will always perform close to your best.

History shows how that Parramatta team went on to be knocked out by the eventual grand finalists in Melbourne Storm and confounded all by our refusal to give up.

The team had remained exactly that – a team.

### External factors

I saw where Gordon Tallis was critical of teams who blamed external factors such as the change of coach for their poor performance.

In general, I have to agree with him because players are responsible for what happens on the field.

The one thing that players do require from administrators, though, is honesty.

In the harsh world of professionalism, you can deal with honesty.

If reasons for a change in coach are made clear and the coach has accepted the decision, then the team can move on.

The current form of the Broncos suggests this is true.

The situation at other clubs might not be as clear at this point, but you can be sure that every player will be playing for his future.

As professionals our futures depend on it and, as professionals, we realise where our true loyalties lie.

The great Gordon Tallis on the run. He has been critical of teams that blame external factors for their poor performance.





# World at his feet

Hawthorn's Lance Franklin celebrates kicking a vital goal against Collingwood, during their Round 13 Australian Football League match at the Telstra Dome, Melbourne, last 1 July. Hawthorn won the match 15-5 (95) to 12-15 (87).  
- AAP Image



## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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**H**AWTHORN'S Lance Franklin could be a star in so many sports, we should be thankful he has chosen the AFL.

The NRL's Greg Inglis is a similar talent and I am sure both could have achieved in either code.

Both codes are blessed with a new wave of Indigenous talent, but these two stand out as potential greats in their respective codes.

Franklin already has the capacity to stamp his dominance on a game.

He is the type of player a team turns to when they are in need of a flash of inspiration or brilliance to take them to the next level.

The stamp of a true champion is the consistency with which they can respond to this challenge.

Franklin has already shown the capacity to stand tall when the situation demands it of him.

Who could not be impressed by Franklin.

### Has everything

Tall, skilful, fast, athletic: This young man has all the physical attributes to be a superstar.

With his long legs and enormous stride, he is as hard to miss by spectators as he is hard to catch by defenders.

And there is a touch of the freakish about the youngster as you can never be completely sure what he will do next.

Often, the end product is destined for the highlights reel, and a sharp awareness for the uprights make him a real threat inside 50.

At the present time, for all his undoubted talent, Franklin is still a work in progress.

At times he can be out-thought by players smaller, slower and weaker than he, and marking contests he should rightfully win can sometimes prove problematic.

Last year, a blot on an otherwise fantastic season was the fact he ranked fifth in the AFL for average frees conceded per match.

But Franklin is still learning what it is all about at the top level.

When the penny drops to the bottom, a potentially brilliant player awaits.

He is the key to Hawthorn's gradual rise under coach Alistair Clarkson.

Hawthorn has finished 14th, 11th and sixth in Clarkson's first three years at the helm.

Five wins in the first year grew to nine in the second then 14 last year, including one in a final.

It makes for an impressive graph.

The question now is whether Clarkson's group is ready to take the smaller yet infinitely tougher step into the top four, the platform for a genuine premiership tilt.

Hawthorn has assembled an exciting list, with a nice blend of experience and youth, height and strength, and a splash of flair.

Franklin is the key. Despite Clarkson's best endeavours to paint him as just another player, he is the match-winner.

He booted five goals or more six times in his 22 games last year for a total of 73, and won the elimination final against Adelaide off his own boot.

At his best, he is unstoppable, as Adam McPhee, Dustin Fletcher and other Essendon defenders found at the MCG in Round 6, when he kicked nine.

There's still plenty of upside in him at 21, but he is already the one opposition coaches will be plotting to stop.

It is what those close to him say that gives me confidence that he is a potentially brilliant player.

### One of the best

Former Hawthorn skipper Shane Crawford has described Buddy as one of the best young players he has seen in his time at the club.

"Out of all the young kids that I've seen come through the club over my time at the club, he's definitely up there," Crawford said.

"If he can maintain his work ethic and the way he applies himself, he's going to be one of the good players around the club."

"When he first came down to the club, straight away he showed that he had enormous talent and he seems to be improving all the time."

"He's obviously got the talent, it's just a matter of how he applies himself."

"He certainly plays with a lot of confidence."

Coach Alistair Clarkson reinforces this assessment while trying to water down expectations on the young star.

"He has the capability of taking some very, very strong marks and part of it and a lot of it is too that as a young fella coming into the AFL, it's not so much whether you can take the catch or not - it's sometimes wondering whether you should be the one going for the ball," Clarkson said.

"And sometimes there is just that slight hesitancy."

"As time goes by, some of these boys playing up forward just generate some belief in themselves: 'There's the footy and I can go at it and I'm going to go at it'."

"I think that's been the most pleasing aspect of Lance's game... is that he's really started to impose himself on games and believe that when a ball comes into his area, he's just as capable as anyone else in that area of the ground and that he can win it."

This is the sign of a champion in the making.

As a fan of the game I love to watch Franklin play.

As a Swans player, I trust he keeps his best when playing against the other sides.

Until next time.... Keep Dreaming!!!



# Prince in line for the throne

LET me start this article by stating that a fit Darren Lockyer and a fit Johnathan Thurston would be my automatic choices as five-eighth and halfback in the upcoming Centenary Test against New Zealand.

Let me further add to this that Greg Bird did an outstanding job in his Test debut in the pivot position against the Kiwis last year.

Both those admissions being made, however, I believe that there is a need to start a campaign to have Scott Prince selected in the upcoming Test team.

Thurston and Lockyer are undoubtedly among the best players in the world, but even their most ardent supporters would agree that they are yet to gain top form after returning from significant off-season surgery.

Lockyer, in particular, is struggling and – despite flashes of his undoubted brilliance – is no where near his best both physically and mentally.

Thurston has also stated that the hardest part of his recovery has been the mental side.

## Tried too hard

Despite being far from the 'speed-bump' that the Titans' Mat Rogers described him as, Thurston has thrown himself into the fray as he tries his best to lift the hapless Cowboys.

If anything, Thurston is trying too hard. Meanwhile, Cronulla's Bird has started the season at lock and while his form merits representative consideration, I do not believe he can claim the incumbent's right to the Test position.

In the meantime, Prince has been in sublime form for the Titans as the new club continues to impress with its professionalism on and off the field.

At the Titans' superb new stadium, Prince dominated in performances against the Cowboys and the Sharks, and while Thurston and Bird were probably the best for their respective sides, there is little doubt Prince was the more impressive.

Prince, for his part, is more worried about the Titans than his own representative claims.

The Gold Coast captain says the Titans must become road warriors to be finals contenders in 2008.

The former Test and Origin halfback said the club's record of two wins from 12 away games in 2007 was 'not up to scratch' and had to improve significantly for the club to secure a maiden play-off berth.

The Titans have lost their last seven games away from the tourist strip, with their last road win coming against the Wests Tigers on 17 June.



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Prince said the Titans were desperate to find a winning formula on the road.

"Any good side has to be able to win away games if they want to do anything in the competition," he said.

"If you want to make the top eight, you just have to find a way to battle through and get the points and that's something we lacked last year.

"We struggled with our away trips and it's something we have spoken about and something we are aiming to change pretty quickly.

"It just wasn't up to scratch so we have looked at our routines and our preparation to try and turn it all around."

## New element

Prince said dealing with flying interstate or overseas was the key to becoming NRL high-flyers, with most of the Titans recruits being used to driving to 'away' games.

"Most of the guys in the team came from Sydney and they were not accustomed to flying every second weekend. It takes a toll on you and at the back-end of the year it hurt us," he said.

Prince's performances in helping establish the Gold Coast Titans as a competitive team in their first season in the NRL has been nothing short of outstanding.

His inspirational co-captain at the Gold Coast, prop Luke Bailey, claimed Prince is

more important to the NRL club than former Test captain Andrew Johns had been to Newcastle.

Bailey said Prince was the jewel in the crown for the Titans, especially considering last year was the club's inaugural season in the NRL.

"I think he's more important than Joey was to Newcastle (when Johns was playing)," Bailey said.

"You take out the key player and it's a lot tougher."

There lies the reason for Prince to be selected if either Thurston or Lockyer is not available.

Prince has the experience of the hardened professional whose team depends on him week in and week out.

He is one of the classiest players to lace up a boot in our great game.

Consistency and class together demand selection.

Prince deserves his recall to the Test team.



Scott Prince at training last week.  
AAP Image



# Obe Geia: Faster than Bowen!

By ALF WILSON



HE'S the fastest player at the North Queensland Cowboys – and it's not Matt Bowen.

Only one thing has rivalled teenager Obe Geia's express pace at the club – his whirlwind NRL introduction.

And it shows no sign of slowing.

The learning curve facing the 19-year-old will only get steeper, especially after he turned out against the Broncos in the much-anticipated NRL derby clash at Suncorp Stadium.

Geia – whose first name is short for Obadiah – made his NRL debut as a late, shock replacement for former Origin flyer Ty Williams against the Wests Tigers in the 2008 NRL opening round.

As expected from a bloke who can outprint Bowen, Geia beat Anthony Perkins and Sam Bowie in the last-minute race for Williams' wing spot after coach Graham Murray opted for a 'change in direction'.

"His eyes are wide open and he is learning," Cowboys football manager Dean Lance said of the Palm Islander.

"He's like a kid in a lolly shop at the moment. He's having a great time."

Cowboys head trainer Glen Murphy confirmed Geia was the club's fastest player – but kept his cards close to his chest when asked just how quick.

"We don't release that sort of information," he said.

But if leaving livewire Bowen for dead did not put his speed in perspective, Geia's resume also boasts a second placing in the 2006 national schoolboys' 100m final.

"When we tested the players he was the quickest. I've always known how quick he is, so that was no surprise to me," Murphy said of Geia outpacing Bowen.

"The kid's got talent, otherwise he wouldn't be where he is right now."

Geia was earmarked for an NRL debut 12 months ago when the Cowboys lost wingers Williams (injury) and Matt Sing (England) in early 2007.

But Murray resisted the temptation and protected the then 18-year-old, nurturing the raw talent for another year. The leading try-scorer on the 2006 Australian Schoolboys tour has made every post a winner since.

"I was real impressed with how he handled the up in class," Lance said after Geia's debut against the Tigers.

"He made a couple of errors position-wise, but he did plenty of good things too for a young bloke on first-grade debut."

"He's one of those young blokes you don't hear boo out of – he doesn't cause too much fuss."

There was no more nervous person amongst the 20,665 at Dairy Farmers Stadium on 22 March when the Cowboys played the West Tigers than Obe Geia Snr.

Geia Snr is a former top club rugby league forward who played with the Cardwell Axemen in the defunct Herbert River competition, and Estates, in the Townsville comp.

He is a regular at All Blacks carnivals and organises the successful Vern and Frank Daisy Cup to be held next October in Townsville.

"I thought he didn't go too bad," Geia Snr said of his son's NRL debut.

"He said that the pace of the game was a big difference for him and he wasn't use to that. He looked as though he was a part of the team and fitted in well and went looking for the ball."

"There was a few times that his inside back could have passed to him when Obe was in clear space but he chose not to and the opportunity went begging."

"But I hope he's started something good for himself. I don't normally go to Dairy Farmers Stadium, but couldn't miss seeing Obe make his debut."

Athletics officials also have been eyeing off Geia Jnr, and in December 2005 he attended the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra.

On the footy field, Geia is equally at home on the wing, in the centres, or at halfback or five-eighth. His pace is his biggest asset.

His raw ability came to the fore at the November 2005 All Blacks rugby league carnival in Townsville when he scored 15 tries and booted 27 goals for Bindal Sharks United.

He was one of the youngest players at the carnival and scored 24 points in the plate final when his side beat Jabirus.

"I enjoy rugby league and running and would love to play NRL for the North Queensland Cowboys," he said at the time.

– with AAP



Obe Geia on the athletics track



Obe Geia Jnr and proud dad Obe Geia Snr.

## Picture this: Geia and Shannon Walker on the field at the same time!

RUGBY League followers are relishing the prospect of seeing two of the sport's hottest properties – the Cowboys' Obe Geia and the Titans' Shannon Walker – on the field at the same time.

Geia has made his NRL debut, but Walker is being held back... for now... by Titans' coach John Cartright.

But it will only be a matter of time before Walker is chosen to play first grade.

Titans' fans can't wait for that moment.

Like Geia, Walker has electrifying speed. In fact, Geia and Walker could well be the two fastest rugby league players in Australia.

Imagine them playing against each other.

Better still... image them playing together.

Already, there's talk of State of Origin honours for Geia and Walker. Maybe not this year, but not too far down the track.

There's no doubting Geia's Maroon breeding, but Walker could find himself being the subject of a tug-of-war between Queensland and NSW. His mum Vera is a Queenslander and his dad Michael comes from NSW.

Walker played his first junior football at Kyogle, in northern NSW, and Blues selectors no doubt will argue that that gives them the right to choose him.

But Walker has also played

rep footy with Queensland, and that may be enough for Queensland selectors to argue their case for his services.

Whatever the outcome, we can't wait to see him and Geia on the paddock at the same time.

Bring it on!

– Graham Hunt



● LEFT: Shannon Walker on his way to the try line when playing for Seagulls in the Queensland State Cup last year. Tweed Daily News picture



# This granny packs a punch!



The 'Fighting Grandmother', Elizabeth McAvoy, ready for the next Bad Bitches contest.

By ALF WILSON



MOTHER of seven and super fit grandmother Elizabeth McAvoy is training hard in a bid to win the ladies Bad Bitches section of the 2008 Toughman Contest to be held in Townsville later this year.

Known as the 'Fighting Grandmother', Elizabeth is now in her late 30s and won the Bad Bitches final in 2002 on the Toughman Contest card at Townsville.

"It was good to win and I beat some younger opponents and people were yelling out for me everywhere in the crowd," Elizabeth said.

The following year Elizabeth was hit by a lucky 'haymaker' in a qualifying bout and was eliminated.

"That loss was to a Gold Coast kickboxing female who went on to

win the final," she said.

At the 2006 Bad Bitches, Elizabeth was ready to take on the best, but the other three female competitors pulled out, leaving no-one to fight her.

"I looked mean that night dressed in my dress which had an Aboriginal flag on it," she said.

The *Koori Mail* caught up with Elizabeth in late March and she was getting ready to take on allcomers at the next contest to be held in May or June.

Elizabeth realises that she will be coming up against younger ladies – some of whom may be half her age.

But that doesn't daunt this determined and proud Indigenous lady who feels that experience will count for much.

"I learned to fight in many street brawls and I am very tough and will land some big punches," she said.

The Bad Bitches bouts draw crowds often more than 5000 strong.

"Many in the crowd will be Aborigines who will support me," Elizabeth said.

Rules allow contestants to punch and kick, but not below the belt and there is only one ladies' division.

However in the man's Toughman Contest, there will be the under 75kg and over 75kg divisions, as well as a tag team event.

There is usually no shortage of male competitors as winners in each pocket \$5000 and many are Aborigines or Torres Strait Islanders.

"If anybody thinks they are tough, then they should put up or shut up," promoter Chris Condon said.

Contestants come from all over Australia and in the last toughman contest one male even was from South Africa.

Some of the contestants are bikers, ringers, street brawlers, crew from trawlers, labourers and even the odd policeman has entered.



Elizabeth McAvoy pictured leaving a Townsville church where she had been attending a meeting about stolen wages.

## Black Games planned

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more Indigenous people to the fore in regional and national sport.

"Dale Seaniger, a well known figure in many Indigenous communities, is amazed at the number of Indigenous people who have the physical ability to participate in sport but are never encouraged to participate in regular competition because community clubs just don't exist," Mr McCullough said.

"Sure, exceptional talent is being spotted and encouraged by national sporting bodies, but as I have said in the concept paper there are some great teachings and lessons to be enjoyed by participating in sport."

Mr McCullough said greater

participation in sport would lead to better health, better lifestyle and learning the lessons which sport could teach.

"This includes, winning, losing, mixing with people and managing the many aspects of developing sport. For example, management, coaching, training and discipline. Overcoming obesity and maintaining health and fitness are other important areas," he said.

Mr McCullough said the support for the concept was strong, with more letters coming in supporting the Games.

"I had a beautiful letter from the Mayor of Darwin advising of his and the Darwin City Council's support," he said.

"There are no negatives except for the warning that it is going to take time to achieve

and it needs to be well funded.

"I am confident that the concept will attract strong corporate financial support and governments will see the potential benefits in financially supporting the Foundation."

Mr McCullough is putting together a conference format.

"I am attempting to bring in successful Indigenous sportspeople to relate their stories and what sport has done for them and their communities. I am chasing up a number of people like Cathy Freeman, Patrick Johnson, Michael Long and the star basketball players. I am also in contact with people like Chris Sarra who is a great ambassador, and also Steven Renouf. I am also in touch with the Cape York Institute people," he said.

## Right pedigree



TEENAGE Brisbane Broncos winger Jharal Yow Yeh has a family pedigree to suggest he could be a player to

watch. His great uncle, Kevin Yow Yeh, was a Thursday Islander blessed with electrifying speed who started his rugby league career in the centres in country Queensland centre Roma alongside the great Arthur Beetson.

The pair joined Balmain in 1966, Beetson going on to become one of the greats of the game, and Yow Yeh playing 41 first grade games over two seasons, including the 1966 losing grand final to St George

before disappearing from the rugby league landscape.

His nephew, Jharal, is tall and skinny with genuine speed, balance and footwork according to new Broncos football manager Peter Nolan.

"He's pretty quick, maybe not the quickest to come through the club but he's still developing," said Nolan.

Yow Yeh hails from Brisbane and plays for Brisbane Norths.

Another interesting youngster and one who's already turning heads is big second-rower Palmer Wapua. Wapua, who has an array of skills, played alongside Matt Bowen when they attended Abergowrie College together.

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Australia's  
fastest rugby  
league player?

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## Charging Cowboy Carl



North Queensland Cowboys star Carl Webb in action during the NRL Rugby League round four game against Parramatta in Townsville last Saturday. The Cowboys won 38-14. Webb was back to his explosive best in the game, while fellow Aboriginal man and Cowboys champion Johnathan Thurston landed all seven of his goal attempts. AAP Image

# Let the Games begin

Townsville talks for major Indigenous event covering a multitude of sports

Exclusive: By ALF WILSON



SUPPORT is growing for a National Indigenous Games involving more than 50 sports for men, women and children.

Talks will be held in Townsville on 16-17 May, where it will be discussed whether the concept is viable.

The Townsville conference will be held a month after the biennial North Queensland Games (11-14 April). These Games are contested by a majority of non-Indigenous sporting people, but there is a strong Indigenous participation level.

Concept papers have already been drafted and the prime mover behind the Australian Indigenous Games Foundation is Bob McCullough, a non-Indigenous man who was involved in the initial NQ Games many years ago.

The Games would be spread throughout Townsville and maybe nearby towns, but the focal point would be the Townsville Sports Reserve.

The aim is to attract thousands of competitors from throughout Indigenous Australia. Organisers are not just talking about sport for the elite. They want the Games to be for competitors at all levels.

"I am keen to ensure that I get a strong representation from the Indigenous communities at the conference to be held at the Townsville Plaza," McCullough said.

"This aspect is very important to me as I see the whole concept as the Indigenous people playing a significant role in their own destiny in sport and the delivery of sports services and in the areas of fitness, health and lifestyle.



BOB McCULLOUGH

"I expect the first Games to be held in 2010 as there is considerable work to be done in establishing individual community sports and then regional competitions.

"The latter would be done in consultation with existing Indigenous competitions and Indigenous sports festivals."

Mr McCullough said that while there were many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people involved in sport at State and National levels, few came directly from the Indigenous communities and those communities were not getting the opportunity to regularly enjoy the benefits of sports participation.

"We are looking at having Indigenous people in all communities, including the very remote involved in sport and recreation on a regular basis," Mr McCullough said.

He sees the concept leading to the creation of jobs and a greater sense of pride in bringing more and

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