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The 100 delegates who took part in the *Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia* session at the Australia 2020 Summit in Canberra.

## Our wish list



A TREATY with Indigenous Australians, a new representative body, a 'Future Fund' for Indigenous children and a government accountability watchdog. Those items topped the wish list drawn up by Indigenous delegates attending the Australia 2020 Summit in Canberra at the weekend.

The summit brought together 1000 Australians to workshop ideas which could help forge the future of Australia.

The 100 delegates taking part in the *Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia* session, which was co-chaired by Queensland academic Jackie Huggins and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, agreed that formal recognition of Indigenous

people should be a top priority for the Rudd Government.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said if he could 'crack the whip', the Government would provide a response to summit suggestions before the end of the year.

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**M**y name is Naomi ... as in Campbell! Yeah, I wish! My grandfather was Robert Moran and my grandmother was Edna Bolt, both of the Bundjalung nation in northern New South Wales.

Most of my mob are from Ballina, Lismore, Kempsey and Armidale – there are so many of us that I'm always meeting family members I never knew I had!

My grandparents lived on Cabbage Tree Island until my grandfather passed away and Nan moved the family into Ballina where she lived until she passed away just over four years ago.

My mother, Laurel Moran, is one of nine children. My uncles are Robert (Bob), Ben (deceased), Lester, Albert (Digby) and Dennis. My aunties are Joan (deceased), Eileen and Marlene.

I have two sisters, my older sister Laina and my younger sister Yoorana. Laina is mother to my nephew Yumakani, and she's a proud Koori and Murri.

Her father is Tige Bayles and he is one of the deadliest fullas I know. I have a lot of respect for him for everything he has done for not only my sister but for his family and his community.

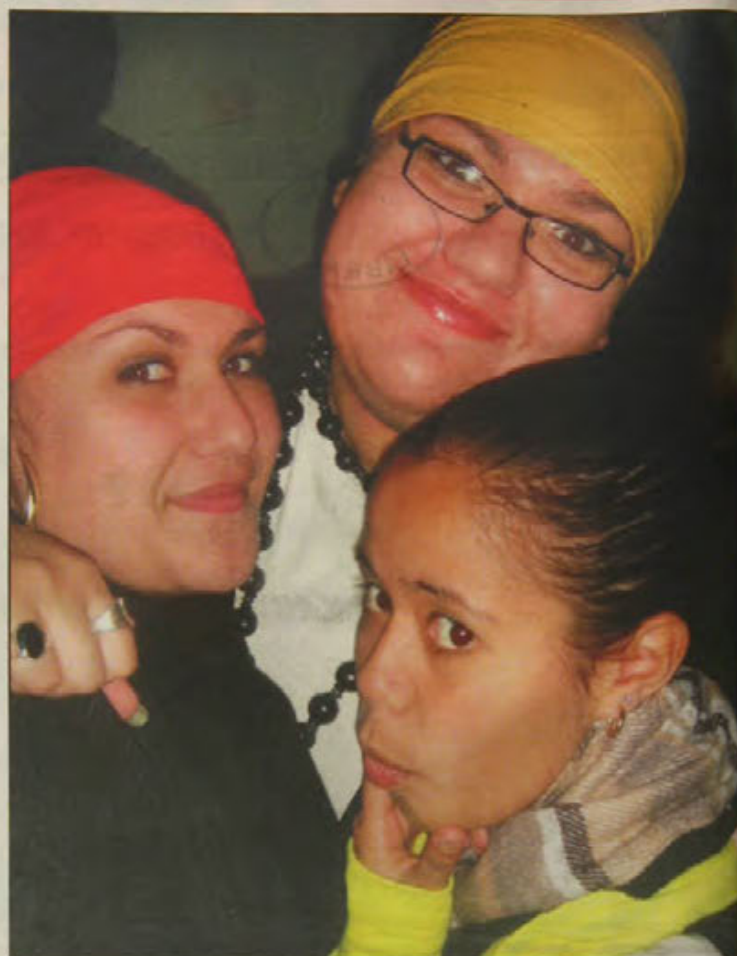
My nephew is the only grandchild. His father is from the Torres Strait so he is a Koori, Murri and Islander – deady, huh! He's my little side-kick, my five-eighth.

Sadly, I didn't grow up with my father around. I often feel like there is a piece of me missing by not knowing of my father and his family, but when I think of my beautiful mother, my sisters, uncles, aunties, cousins, cousins, cousins and ... cousins, they are all I need and I am so happy.

I have great memories from when I was young growing up around my aunties and uncles and their children.

My aunty Eileen has five daughters and I am very close to them. We are always getting together to have a big feed – a real big feed!

Uncle Lester is the ACLO at the Lismore Police Station, I'm so proud of him for all his years of hard work. Uncle Digby is an artist and he's just deady. When I was little he used to make the best potato scallops. He was always in the kitchen at Nan's cooking up feeds, grinding up nippis in his tricky mincer or



Naomi and her sister Yoorana, and their cousin Liana

scaling mullet after going fishing.

Mum is my world. She's been my mother, father and friend. Raising three children, especially girls, definitely wasn't easy. Nan was left to raise her children on her own, so was mum, and my aunty Eileen raised her daughters on her own after her husband passed away. I am so proud to have had these strong and humble women in my life.

I've always lived in Lismore but this year I might make a move.

I'll miss my family, but they are my heart and soul, so wherever I go they are coming too!

● Naomi has just completed 10 years' of outstanding service at *The Koori Mail*, and has decided to move on. She will be sadly missed by all of us here.

# OUR CHILDREN

**Y**OUNG Kivue Kinyua-Kagwaini was Spiderman while Muthani Kinyua-Kagwaini preferred butterfly colours at the Healthy Indigenous Parenting Program Family Fun Day held this month at Townsville's Riverway Complex. Hundreds of people of Torres Strait Islander descent enjoyed the activities, organised by Magani Malu Kes Ltd. The kids were well looked after, with face painting and balloon animals, a jumping castle, playground and merry-go-round. Lifesavers were also on duty to talk to the hundreds of youngsters who were there.

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## In a spin at the 3on3

Rapper B Boy 2 Ezy breaks it down during the Vibe 3on3 at Liverpool, western Sydney, this month. The latest in the two-day Aboriginal youth weekend festivals attracted a large crowd to take part in basketball, dancing, art, culture and health. Sports role models and former Australian Idol Casey Donovan also attended. Organisers said the Liverpool event was the most successful 3on3 yet held in Sydney.

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# UN to hear concerns

**ABORIGINAL** concerns about the Northern Territory Intervention are about to be voiced on the world stage.

A delegation of more than 40 Indigenous Australians left for New York last Friday to attend the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

This meeting of the Permanent Forum will be focused on the situation facing Indigenous people in the Pacific.

Delegation leader Les Malezer said he and other delegates would explain the impact of the current intervention on Aboriginal people. "We have a situation in Australia where the Racial Discrimination Act has been suspended so Aboriginal people in Australia can be discriminated against just as much as we were 50 years ago," he said.

As well as requiring the repeal of parts of the Act, Mr Malezer said the intervention also breached a number of United Nations charters.

It breached the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, he said.

Barbara Shaw, a prominent spokeswoman against the NT Intervention and a resident of Mt Nancy Town Camp, at Alice Springs, said she would use the trip to strengthen support for the campaign demanding the repeal of all NT Intervention legislation.

### Resolution

She wanted to build support for the following resolution: "The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recognises that the Australian 'Northern Territory National Emergency Response Intervention legislation' contravenes a number of articles of the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples".

"The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues therefore:

1. Demands the Australian Government signs and ratifies the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
2. Demands that the Australian Government

immediately reinstate the Racial Discrimination Act 1975  
3. Demands that the Australian Government repeal all Northern Territory Emergency Response Legislation (2007)

4. Demands that the Australian Government implement the 97 recommendations of the *Ampe Akelyernemane Moko Mekarie – Little Children are Sacred* report (Anderson and Wild, 2007).

Meanwhile, National Aboriginal Alliance Chairman Sol Bellair said the intervention legislation was having "a huge unforeseen impact on Aboriginal people's lives".

"There has been a 30 per cent increase in the Aboriginal population of Darwin, for example, as well as an increase in fringe dwellers in town camps as many people cannot afford to return home after being forced to use certain supermarket chains in the larger towns and cities," Mr Bellair said in a statement.

"Aboriginal people should be entitled to basic access to health care without the punitive measures of the intervention."

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# Eddie ready for Torch relay

Story and photo by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



WHEN Tasmanian Aboriginal man Eddie Thomas grabs the Olympic torch in Canberra this week, he expects the feeling to be tremendous, despite the promised pro-Tibet protests which have dogged the torch relay around the world. While he sees reason for the protests, he hopes that they will be peaceful.

Despite this, the softly spoken 71-year-old could not be prouder about his selection. Of the 80 Australians running in the relay, he is one of only two Tasmanians and one of only six Aborigines.

Eddie (as he prefers to be known) considers it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "Apart from marriage, children and grand children coming along, I do believe it is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me," he told *The Koori Mail* from his home at Wynyard, on Tasmania's north-west coast, last week.

"There is reason to be proud. It's being part of a team who's bringing the world together, second only to the Olympic Games in bringing the world together."

"Light the flame and share the passion. I'll wear that uniform proudly and be a great ambassador for Tasmania."

Eddie has been training for the past five months, with his walk recently breaking into a jog. Not that a training regime is a foreign concept to Eddie. In his younger days he was a sporting star in his own right.

"I enjoyed many good years of football, at a high level. I was the first Aboriginal

Eddie Thomas near his home in Wynyard, Tasmania, last week, ready to grab the Olympic torch!



player to win the Senior Association Best and Fairest, in 1961 with East Launceston with the then Northern Tasmanian Football Association. It was the Tasman Shield Trophy, like the Brownlow in Melbourne back in those days," he said.

Eddie has also been reading the torchbearer handbook at least once a day since it has arrived in the post. "Just reading it makes me tingle and feel like I'm over there ready to run," he said.

Eddie said he and his wife, Jenny, who is in Canberra with him for the event, were initially worried about the pro-Tibet protests, especially after seeing they had escalated into violence overseas, but they are expecting the protests in Canberra to be peaceful.

Eddie, a member of Tasmania's Stolen Generation of Aboriginal children and a well-known face in the campaign for recognition and compensation, can draw comparisons between what is happening in

Tibet (where China is suppressing the local people) and what happened to him as a child.

"They're (the Chinese) taking away their culture. It is sad. China is a very powerful country and Tibet is just a small country," he said.

"Tibetans have a reason to protest."

The Beijing Olympic Games torchbearer relay will be shown live on channels seven and nine from 8.45am tomorrow (Thursday).

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# Court set to decide on Perth claim



THE decision regarding the appeal of the Single Noongar Claim over Perth will be handed down today, 23

April, at the Federal Court in Perth. The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) and the Noongar people said they welcomed the announcement, which would clarify the court's original finding.

SWALSC CEO Glen Kelly said Noongar people had been awaiting the decision for a long time. "The court originally found that the Noongar people form a society and had maintained their connection to the Perth area. We are confident the original decision can be upheld," he said.

In September 2006, the Federal Court ruled that native title did exist in the Perth metropolitan area on



GLEN KELLY

unoccupied Crown Land. It ruled that Noongar people had continued an unbroken tradition of law and customs since sovereignty in 1829.

"Many Noongar Elders gave evidence about the Noongar society. The original ruling was a very proud day for the Noongar people," Mr Kelly said. "The Noongar community has been fighting for recognition of their native title for more than a decade now."

The State and Federal

governments immediately moved to appeal the decision, saying that a Noongar people had never existed.

SWALSC Chairperson Ted Hart said the State's appeal was particularly nasty.

"The Single Noongar Claim already excludes all freehold land and virtually all leasehold land as well. This will mean that the vast majority of Perth will not be affected," he said.

"There are so many misconceptions about native title. It does not remove any rights or land already owned by the community."

Mr Kelly said: "Win or lose, we are urging the State to come out and support the Noongar people. Resolving native title is not simply about land, it is an historic opportunity for the State and Commonwealth to turn a new page in history in relation to Noongar people. We have always wanted to sit down and negotiate with the Government."





Some of the participants at the *Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia* session in Parliament House, Canberra.



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd opens the summit.



Kimberley fellas Joe Ross, Patrick Dodson and Mark Bin Bakar II arrive at Parliament House on Saturday morning.

# Priorities listed

By DARREN COYNE



INDIGENOUS delegates to the Australia 2020 summit have listed a treaty, a new representative body, a government accountability watchdog and a 'Future Fund' for Indigenous children as their main priorities.

The weekend summit brought together just over 1000 Australians to workshop ideas to forge the future of Australia. The 100 delegates taking part in the Indigenous stream agreed that formal recognition of Aborigines was a top priority.

The need for a new representative body and a new watchdog to oversee the Government's approach to Indigenous issues were also proposed.

Delegates also pushed for better partnerships between Indigenous people and business, more educational choices, including boarding schools for Indigenous students, and the establishment of a future fund for Indigenous children.

The summit had a strong Indigenous theme right from the start.

A Welcome to Country by traditional owner Matilda House-Williams, and a speech by young Torres Strait Islander Sana Nakata, rallied participants to build a future for all Australians.

Ms House-Williams told the gathering it did not make sense to her for proud, smart, courageous and good Indigenous people to be 'marginalised and forced to try and make a living on the edges of this rich country of ours'.

"And it does not make sense to you, or you would not be here today with ideas to make Australia a place we are all proud of," she said.

By the end, the Indigenous delegates had delivered a series of key recommendations. They were:

- Establish a new philosophical framework to negotiate a new definition of the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.



Makinti Minutjukur and Alison Milyka Carroll from the Pitjantjatjara Lands at registration for the summit

- Increase the formal and legal recognition of Aborigines, possibly in the form of a treaty.
- Create a new watchdog to hold governments to account on Indigenous issues.
- Establish a new national Indigenous representative body.
- Establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Future Fund.
- Establish a national Indigenous Knowledge Centre network.
- Endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.
- Foster more and better partnerships between Indigenous communities and business.
- Develop a new education framework to give real choice for Indigenous children to get high-quality education, including attending boarding schools or hostels.

Other streams also dealt with Indigenous issues.

A major recommendation of the National Health Strategy Group was to develop a national health equalities commission which would aim to reduce the disparity in health across different communities. One of its first jobs would be to ensure all Aboriginal mothers had access to antenatal care to reduce the gap in infant mortality rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous kids.

Indigenous members of the session said Indigenous health had to be the focus of the equality

commission. "We must make it the number-one priority or we've missed a big opportunity," Aboriginal doctor Ngiare Brown, from the Northern Territory, said.

From the Creative Australia session, delegates said that by 2020 they wanted creativity to be central to defining the Australian nation, and Indigenous culture was central to that. The session recommended the establishment of a national Indigenous Cultural Authority to grow the Indigenous arts sector.

## Foundation

In the Communities, Families and Social Inclusion session, participants recommended the establishment of a housing foundation with half a per cent of all goods and services revenue going to social and public housing to address homelessness.

The Future of Governance in Australia session suggested a Bill of Rights for all Australians, including Indigenous Australians.

"We want a national process to consult all Australians on how to protect human rights," they said. They proposed that the preamble to the Constitution be changed to recognise the First People custodianship.

Aboriginal academic Marcia Langton said she was pleased to see that other streams had placed Indigenous issues as a priority in their findings.



Queenslanders Tania Major, State Premier Anna Bligh and Neil Willmetts.

Prof Langton said recognising Aboriginal people within the body of the Constitution was widely supported, as was closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancy.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Chairman Dr Mick Adams said education was the key to ensuring that children were healthy, and stayed that way.

"Our stream worked on using the apology as a basis, or a seed, for change. We need to push forward with that," Dr Adams said.

Jeannie Egan, from Yuendumu near Alice Springs, urged delegates to push for the protection of culture, especially in remote communities. She said the knowledge and history in Aboriginal communities should be nurtured and protected.

Delegate Janina Gawler, speaking for her group of delegates, said any treaty should build on the Government's intentions to endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. "To formally recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first people of Australia, involving a legal agreement as to the status, rights and obligations of Indigenous people and the Australian Government," Ms Gawler said.

Some delegates urged the Government to establish a long-term endowment fund, overseen by independent trustees,

to provide funding certainty for Indigenous programs.

Not everyone, however, was happy with the way the summit outcomes were being delivered in the Indigenous session, with some delegates complaining that ideas had been watered down.

A number of delegates expressed dissatisfaction with a working document meant to sum up the group's ideas, and urged changes and additions.

Former Australian of the Year Fiona Stanley said the document had 'watered down' delegate's ideas and failed to capture the passion in the room.

Prof Stanley later helped Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin make changes to the document.

Meanwhile, Queensland Indigenous leader Noel Pearson did not turn up to the summit on the second day after criticising the first sessions for failing to generate new ideas.

Patrick Dodson called Mr Pearson's assessment 'a bit harsh', but said he feared the ideas generated may be 'eaten up by the same political machine which repeatedly failed to act on reports into Indigenous disadvantage'.

"(Ideas) will be put back into the same framework, and it will be responded to on a convenience basis, rather than on a reformist agenda," Mr Dodson said in the Sunday morning session.

— with AAP

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Cec Fisher

## Time for closure



THE last time Aboriginal Elder Cec Fisher was in Korea was more than 50 years ago when he served in the Korean War.

The Cherbourg veteran has been invited back to Korea several times but has always refused - until now.

He's going back this year because, he says, he's ready for closure.

"I am going back for the closure, because I came back with bad memories," Mr Fisher said.

"I knocked it back in the past because I couldn't talk about it, I was too upset about things that happened over there.

"Seeing dead people, and my friend get shot. He went out on patrol ... when they

came back and counted one was missing and he was the one."

Mr Fisher said there were some other Aboriginal men who didn't come back.

"It will be different now because everything is at peace," he said.

"I won't be seeing anybody getting shot, I can go there and come back, know that I will be coming back and that my family will be seeing me off.

"I was out on the missions them days and my family couldn't come and say goodbye, but now my family will come and say goodbye.

"That was the thing that really hurt me. All the white kids had their mothers and fathers see them off, but because we were Aboriginal and lived on missions we just weren't allowed to."

# A soldier remembered

ON the eve of Anzac Day, Koori Mail reader Patti Bond, from Cherbourg, Queensland, felt compelled to share the story of her great uncle who fought in World War I (1914-1918).

PRIVATE George Robert Aitken was raised by a white family. He went to school and later worked as a stockman before enlisting in the army in 1916 and going to war.

Mrs Bond said that telling this story was important to her and her family for many reasons because it would not only bring the family of the Aboriginal soldier Private George Robert Aitken and his mother together, it would also highlight the acceptance of his adopted family, the Hampsons, in those far off days.

She said it also proves the importance of preserving local history, which is how she gathered the information.

Mrs Bond said that her great uncle was shown on the Roll of Honour in Canberra as being killed in action on the 19 October 1917, which led her to discover that his death was not recorded on the Queensland Death Register until the beginning of 1922.

"The details of the Register revealed only the name of his mother, who was listed as 'Princess Carlo', and that George was part Aboriginal, and in those days it was unusual for Indigenous people to have full names. George took his father's name Aitken," she said.

Although there is no official record of George's birth, from his age at enlistment it seems he was born in November 1893 at Walloon Station, Qld.

Mrs Bond said that in 1915, George, and Dennis Hampson, the son of George's adopted family, travelled to Longreach, Central Queensland, droving cattle. There was little money, but Dennis helped them along by winning a foot race.

The prizemoney he received helped them to get to Cloncurry where they joined the Army on 5 April 1916, George being 22 and Denis 27.

"After their training, the two soldier boys of the 5 Reinforcements, 52nd Battalion Australian Imperial Force embarked from Brisbane on the 19 September 1916 on 'His Majesty's Australian Troopship Seang Choon', arriving in Plymouth, England, on 19 December of the same year.

"Denis reported sick and was in Camp Hospital from 2-15 January 1917.

"While Denis was in hospital, George was involved in an incident at Codford Village on the 13 January, and appeared



Private George Robert Aitken.

before a court martial a week later charged with disobeying an order.

"George pleaded not guilty to the charges, but was subsequently found guilty

and sentenced to two years' intensive hard labour, which was subsequently commuted to 12 months without pay by the Australian Commanding Officer.

"All soldiers were compelled to make a last will and testament and there are two wills signed by George.

The first, dated 10 February 1917, is addressed to No2441 Pte D Hampson that reads: "Just a little story of our friendship. Well Den I can safely say that we are the only true mates there are in the world. That's a big word to say. Well if I get knocked you can have anything you can find on me that is any use to you, and my allotted money is to be left to Mrs T Hampson. Show this to one of the Heads, don't forget. Signed - Only a Private, G R Aitken, NO 2367."

This will is completed by the following statement:

"Goodbye old man and good luck to you, wishing you all sort of luck to pull through this war. We have been the very best of mates and the only thing I wish is that we meet over the other side of the world if there's any such place. I don't think I will ever forget you Den and I will think of you when I am dead. I never used to say much to you when we used to knock about together. I was very funny like that. Anybody that I like I never say much to. Goodbye old man and good luck."

Mrs Bond said the remainder of the Army record for her great uncle was brief and confirmed that he was killed in action six days after he was taken as a prisoner, on 10 October 1917, and the details of his final resting place in France.

A letter was sent to base records by Lily Hampson which identified the next of kin for George, his mother 'an Aboriginal woman at the Barambah Mission Station, Maryborough' by the name of Princess Carlo, and correspondence between the Officer in Charge Records to the Public Curator Brisbane on 4 April 1921 which Mrs Bond believed led to George's death finally being recorded.

"The story of his life fighting for freedom that we enjoy today and the magnificent heroism, self sacrifice and endurance of the soldiers, airmen, sailors, and nursing sisters of Australia and New Zealand, who, on the first Anzac Day and throughout The Great War of 1914-18, conferred a glory on Australia and New Zealand that will never fade," she said.

"It is impossible for my family to understand the hardships my Great Grandmother Princess Carlo and the many Aboriginal families endured, and the long months, sometimes years, of not knowing the fate of their loved ones."



# They will be remembered



OUR Black diggers will not be forgotten this Anzac Day, 25 April, with a number of events happening around the country to honour all Indigenous service men and women. The Coloured Diggers March will be held for a second time in Redfern, Sydney, on Anzac Day. Last year's march was popular, attracting more than 300 people. In Canberra, there will be an Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Commemorative Ceremony after the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Aboriginal Memorial plaque on the side of Mount Ainslie. It will start at 6.30. This ceremony is conducted to remember those Indigenous Australians who served in the Australian Forces since 1901.

In Perth, the annual event organised by the Hills No War Alliance will be held for the third time on Anzac Day. It is a 'Sunset Peace Commemoration' which remembers Australia being colonised.

## Veterans' department starts compiling full Indigenous database

BY SOLUA MIDDLETON



THE Department of Veterans Affairs is compiling a database of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who has served in Australia's military.

Department of Veterans Affairs Policy and Development General Manager Barry Telford said there had been an overwhelming response to emails, which had been circulating around the Aboriginal community.

"Several hundred emails, faxes, letters and phone calls have been received in the six weeks since the email went out to the community," he said.

"Our Indigenous liaison officer, Bob Noble, has spoken to many Indigenous veterans from every part of the country who have yarned about their experience of war with him, both good and bad."

"He has talked with Elders and family members of deceased veterans who have shared their stories of sadness and of the difficulties which their relatives experienced after their return from war."

The concept for the project came from a concern about not being able to identify Indigenous veterans on the Department of Veterans Affairs' (DVA) veterans pension database.

"It has also been difficult to identify Indigenous servicemen and women from their service records," Mr Telford said.

"All Indigenous men and women who served overseas during wars and conflicts are listed on DVA's nominal lists. These lists contain names only for the particular conflict and do not identify the cultural background of each serviceman and woman."

Mr Telford said DVA had a veterans' database which lists veterans receiving service pensions and health entitlements, but it had been impossible to identify Indigenous veterans

receiving a pension from this source.

"The difficulty of identifying Indigenous servicemen and women has its foundation in the time when they joined the force," he said.

"In the past, when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women joined the defence forces, there was no requirement to identify their culture or background."

"Because of the lack of this identifying information, DVA has been concerned for some time about Indigenous veterans not accessing their due war service entitlements perhaps due to cultural impediments."

"To address this concern, in recent years DVA put together an Indigenous Veterans Strategy to ensure that all Indigenous veterans, ex-servicemen and women, their dependants and families, were aware of DVA services and how they can be accessed."

### Information

The database will include information about Indigenous veterans who served in all wars and conflicts, hopefully including conflict(s), their service number and unit. The database will help family members locate information about their relatives who contributed to the war effort. It is anticipated that it will eventually be available through the Australian War Memorial website.

Mr Telford said that this database was important because it would highlight, recognise and commemorate the contribution made by Indigenous people in all wars and conflicts and to ensure that Indigenous veterans and their dependants receive all the benefits and services for which they are entitled.

"The Defence Act of 1903 excluded Aboriginal men from joining up to fight in the First World War unless they were substantially of European

descent," he said.

"The Aboriginal men of this era were very resourceful and managed to get around this ruling by joining up as Maori, Indian or Pacific Islander. Records indicate that over 500 Aboriginal men served in WW1."

"Similarly, while the Act applied in World War II, due to high losses in the early stages of the war, this rule was relaxed and a large number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joined the forces to defend the country. They were still not required to identify their cultural background."

Indigenous people who joined the Australian Defence forces during the Korean War, Malaya and Borneo campaigns and the Vietnam War were also not required to identify their Aboriginality.

Mr Telford said in the past the Department believed that the efforts of Indigenous service men and women was often insufficiently recognised.

"In the past the Department believes this has been the case," he said.

"The psyche of the 'Digger' legend, which was born in the trenches of Gallipoli, did not include the Indigenous veterans for a number of years, even though Indigenous people served in every war and conflict Australia has been involved in."

He said it was in recent years through education, the support of Ex-Service Organisations, the support of the Indigenous veterans' community and increased interest from the wider Indigenous community, and the commemorative activity of the Department have contributed to a greater understanding of the contribution of Indigenous soldiers and their role in the 'Digger' legend.

The DVA would like to express its gratitude to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Indigenous community for their overwhelming response to Bob Noble's email.

Former sergeant Eigan Leedie practices the Last Post in preparation for his pilgrimage to Belgium.

Picture: Rockhampton Morning Bulletin

## Ex-soldier on a pilgrimage to battlefields

By DARREN COYNE



AN Aboriginal man is off on a pilgrimage to Belgium to play the Last Post over the grave of his grandfather on ANZAC day.

Eigan Leedie, a former sergeant in the Australian Army, is taking two instruments on the journey - his bugle and his didgeridoo.

He plans to play the didge on top of the Eiffel Tower in France, and his bugle on the battlefield which claimed his grandfather, George Robert Aitken.

Mr Leedie, originally from Cherbourg, joined the army when he was 18 years old and was discharged two years ago.

He spent six years serving in Townsville before moving to Norfolk, based in Darwin. There he spent 14 years as a patrol commander, dealing with drug and people smugglers.

Two years ago, after leaving the army, he learnt that his grandfather had died in World War I on a battlefield in Belgium.

Mr Leedie said he had learnt

that his grandfather was raised in a white family, the Hampsons, with their son who became like his brother. When they were about 16 years old, the brothers rode their horses to St George in Queensland, where one of the brothers won a foot race.

The pair used the prize winnings to travel to Cloncurry where they enlisted in the army together. They were sent to join the 52nd battalion based in Europe and fought in the Infantry.

On 19 December 1917 George Aitken was killed, although Mr Leedie is unsure exactly where his grandfather was buried.

He plans to visit war cemeteries in the area and track down his grandfather's grave. But first, he and his wife Annie will travel to England, and then to France, where he will play his didgeridoo.

As for blowing his bugle, Mr Leedie is no newcomer. He learnt the instrument while based in Townsville, and played it every year on Anzac Day, and at the Australian War Memorial from 2000 to 2003.

● George Aitken's story - facing page



# 'The stolen wages issue is not going to go away'



A QUEENSLAND Government decision to spend more than a third of a multi-million-dollar stolen wages reparations fund on Indigenous education scholarships has greatly damaged its relationship with the Indigenous community, a stolen wages campaigner has warned.

Aunty Ruth Hegarty said she and others would meet with union representatives to seek advice and gauge support for action against the decision. Boycotts of government events and welcome to country ceremonies were already happening, she said.

About \$35 million remains of a \$55.4 million Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations (IWSR) Scheme established in 2002 to help address historical injustices suffered by Indigenous Queenslanders through the controls imposed by the successive governments over their wages and savings from the 1890s to the early 1970s.

In late 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 remaining \$21.2 million would be added to \$10.8 million from the defunct Aborigine Welfare Fund (AWF) to provide about 140 scholarships of up to \$20,000 to Indigenous young people each year under a new Indigenous Queenslanders Foundation (IQF), starting by the middle of the year.

The announcements shocked stolen claimants who had expected the entire \$35 million to be paid out, and sparked a protest rally in Townsville and community meetings throughout the State.

The head of World Vision Australia, Tim Costello, compared

## Campaigner lashes Govt



Peter Bird, Gracelyn Smallwood, Aunty Ruth Hegarty and Tiga Bayles address the media outside a stolen wages action meeting in South Brisbane last Monday. Photo: SAMANTHA JEFFERSON

the Queensland stolen wages episode to slavery and called for proper compensation.

And at least one Indigenous organisation identified as a possible recipient of IQF scholarship funds distanced itself from the announcement.

A second community meeting on the issue was held in Brisbane last Monday. It welcomed a Queensland Council of Unions (QCU) position that the total amount of \$35 million be distributed.

"This is an industrial wage issue and workers are entitled to receive their wages," the meeting resolved. The QCU is the peak union

body in Queensland with 40 affiliated unions covering about 350,000 workers.

Last week's community meeting re-stated that the entire remaining \$35 million must be paid out immediately to existing successful claimants or their heirs and that the AWF not be rolled over into the Indigenous Queenslanders Fund.

It resolved to continue with plans for legal action against the Cabinet decision.

"The stolen wages issue is not going to go away," said a statement from the meeting. "On the contrary, the Cabinet's second-round offer has so angered claimants, their families and the growing number of

non-Indigenous Australians who know about the issue that the struggle for a more equitable settlement is gaining momentum."

Some claimants suggested that politicians should have money withdrawn from their super funds to fund the IQF.

Aunty Ruth Hegarty told *The Koori Mail* that she and other Elders were already personally protesting the Cabinet decision by refusing to participate in welcome to country ceremonies for government events.

"I was asked to do a welcome to country last week and I said 'I am fighting with the Government and you'll get no welcome out of me'."

she said, adding that she had also declined an invitation to attend a Government community cabinet meeting at Redcliffe on Monday.

"These people would not even talk to us about this decision and now they invite us to lunch with them," she said. "What a cheek."

"It would be hypocritical to go to the lunch and pretend that everything is well between us."

Last week, one of several Indigenous organisations named potential recipients of IQF scholarships emailed community members saying it was not contacted or asked before the media release about the use of such funds.

"As with many Indigenous folk in Queensland, I understand the angst the article has brought to many Indigenous folk whose parents and relatives worked for next to nothing in the early years and can readily empathise with these folk," wrote John Wenitong, development officer with the Cape York Institute for Leadership and Policy which runs the Higher Expectations Scholarship Program (HEP).

Mr Wenitong said HEP was established to support the creation support and development of academically qualified future leaders for these communities for the future, "and has always put Indigenous culture and rights at the same level as an academic pathway for all participants".

He said HEP was fully and solely funded via the Macquarie Group Foundation, the Philanthropic arm of Macquarie Bank in Australia, in association with the CYI, Griffith University and with support via Abdestudy.

The program had 34 participants in partner boarding schools throughout the State, with the first three participants starting degrees with HEP-Tertiary support at Griffith University this year.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTAR) Qld is also considering what action it can take in support of the demands by the stolen wages claimants.

# 'Guinea pigs' claim

## Stolen Gens kids used to test medicine, inquiry hears



THE Federal Government will search health department archives to get to the bottom of claims members of the Stolen Generations were used as 'guinea pigs' for

leprosy treatments. The alarming allegations were made on the first day of a Senate inquiry into the Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008, held in Darwin last Tuesday.

Kathleen Mills, from the Stolen Generations Alliance, told the inquiry the public did not know the full extent of what happened to some children.

And efforts to obtain records that support the claims, such as that children were injected with serums to gauge their reaction

to the medication, had been hampered, she said.

"These are the things that have not been spoken about," Ms Mills told the inquiry.

"As well as being taken away, they were used ... there are a lot of things that Australia does not know about."

Outside the inquiry, Ms Mills said her uncle had been a medical orderly at the Kahlin Compound in Darwin.

She said he told her that children were used as 'guinea pigs' for leprosy treatments. "He said it made our people very, very ill ... the treatment almost killed them," she said.

Ms Mills said information to do with the testing would be in health department archives and she called on the Government to assist 'opening Pandora's box'.

The Federal Government has bowed to that request, with Health Minister Nicola Roxon saying she had ordered her department to investigate.

"These are obviously very serious allegations (and) we will do everything we can to ascertain the facts of the situation," Ms Roxon said.

"I have asked my department to look at the archives to see if there are any documents which can shed light on this situation," she said.

The allegations prompted reactions of

shock among other politicians, including Northern Territory Indigenous Affairs Minister Marion Scrymgeour, who said she was disturbed by the claims.

"Members of the Stolen Generation have been exposed to so much pain," she said.

Greens Leader Bob Brown said he was shocked and alarmed by the allegations, adding that it was important to get to the bottom of them.

"It may be right, it may not," Senator Brown said. "It needs investigation. If within the Indigenous community there is a feeling that children may have been experimented upon for a treatment for leprosy or anything else, the air needs to be cleared."

### National responsibility

Senator Brown said there was a national responsibility to help Aboriginal people to get to all the records, including those being held by church institutions.

"This is about their identity, this about their sense of being, their history," he said.

The compensation bill aims to pay money to victims of the Stolen Generations, including living descendants, out of a Stolen Generations Fund.

Ex-gratia payments would be set at \$20,000 as a common experience payment, with an additional \$3000 for each year of institutionalisation.

Rodney Dillon, from the National Sorry Day Committee, said that while the Government debated action, more Aboriginal Elders entitled to some form of compensation were dying.

"We are going to lose a lot of people between now and the next time this bill is put on the table," he said. "Although it does not have all the things in it we would like, I think we should push ahead."

Stolen Generations Alliance Chair Zita Wallace said it was time to act 'with urgency'.

"Because I know we are dying and all of us Elders from the first generation we will be all gone ... maybe the Government would wish that would happen, then they would not have to pay compensation."

Director of Sydney's Edmund Rice Centre Phil Glendenning told *The Koori Mail* that the issue was important to Aboriginal people and highlighted how difficult it was for Aboriginal people to access their records.

"And unless and until that happens their issues will come up and we need to be urging the Government very strongly to making the pathways for Aboriginal people to do that a lot more clearer and cleaner than they currently are," he said.

"It's outrageous." - AAP

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# Kids miss health checks



THOUSANDS of Aboriginal children may still be waiting for initial health checks seven months into the Federal intervention

in Northern Territory communities, says Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon.

About 40 children in Alice Springs underwent ear surgery last week, following the screening of 8500 children as part of the measures to combat child sex abuse.

During a two-week blitz, visiting ear, nose and throat specialists will see up to 200 children who have been bused in to the desert town from nearby communities.

More than 500 children from across the Territory are identified as needing immediate treatment,

particularly for hearing problems.

"It's really good for listening and learning, they can listen more," said Marjorie Nelson, whose 13-year-old daughter Lekissa will be part of the first of five medical blitzes.

But Ms Roxon last week acknowledged there could still be thousands of children who had not had a basic health screening.

"The estimates vary because the Northern Territory (Government) has also undertaken a number of checks themselves, but they vary from anything from a few hundred up to a few thousand," she told reporters in Sydney.

"We want to make sure that in communities – even those who have had these teams come through – that if children missed out, if they were away, if they were

scared or if the families were hesitant, that there will be an opportunity to go back and have these checks undertaken."

Two specialists and three theatre nurses have been flown to the Alice Springs Hospital to carry out the treatment.

"The logistics behind this are phenomenal," said Rural Health Services Director Noelene Swanson.

"From the initial phase when there was a lot of fear attached to it (but) now the mob out bush are bringing their kids in to get their primary health care and follow-up ... it means they start accessing other health services for their children ...

"They are so enthusiastic and they have come here with gusto."

Ms Swanson said it would take between a 'couple of days to a

couple of weeks' for the surgery patients to recover.

"This is mainly about hearing, to be able to hear to learn at school to develop language ... and they do have a noticeable difference in the weeks following the operation," she said.

Ms Roxon said last week marked an important new phase in a long-term plan for improvements in health care in the Northern Territory.

"Of course we want to make sure that there will be regular follow-ups," she said.

"The key to this, long term, is making sure that the primary care services that exist in the Northern Territory are properly strengthened and that we make sure that we support those nurses and doctors in the communities so they will be able to provide into the future

much of this ongoing work."

Blitzes of dental surgery for Indigenous children are scheduled to begin next month.

Meanwhile, some families are avoiding health checks ordered as part of the intervention into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities for fear of it being discovered that their children have been sexually abused, a NT politician says.

NT Member for MacDonnell Alison Anderson says some families avoided the intervention health teams because their children have sexually transmitted diseases.

"I know for a fact that certain people that have children in that category actually ran away from the community when the health checks (were to take place)," she told ABC TV.

## Indigenous people have friend in new Governor General

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AUSTRALIA'S first female governor-general says the well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be a priority when she takes up the position later this year.

Prominent lawyer, academic and women's activist Quentin Bryce will take over the role of the Queen's representative in September, replacing incumbent Major-General Michael Jeffery.

The former sex discrimination commissioner and current Queensland Governor will be the 25th governor-general in 107 years, and the first woman to hold the role.

Previously, there had been speculation that Aboriginal leader and Stolen Generations campaigner Lowitja O'Donoghue was being considered for the job.

Announcing the decision on 13 April, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd cited Ms Bryce's commitment to Indigenous issues as one of the reasons for her selection, and said his fellow Queenslander will be a governor-general for 'all Australians'.

"It's obvious that we needed to have a governor-general for Australia who captures the spirit of modern Australia, and the spirit of modern Australia is many things," Mr Rudd said.

"Giving proper voice to people from the bush and the regions, giving proper voice to the rights of women, giving proper voice to the proper place of women in modern Australia and proper place to someone committed to the lives of, improving the lives for Indigenous Australians.



Prominent lawyer, academic and women's activist Quentin Bryce will take over the role of the Queen's representative in September

"These are all considerations in shaping my recommendation to Her Majesty the Queen."

Ms Bryce said that, like many other Australians, she viewed the Australian Parliament's 13 February apology to the Stolen Generations as 'providing the impetus for all of us to think about what we can do for Indigenous Australians to close the gap'.

"I am looking into my heart and asking what contribution I can make in 2008 to advance the well-being of our Indigenous Australians," she said.

"I'm a very well travelled Australian – I have visited many Indigenous communities where I have many

friends – but as Governor General I am looking forward to visiting many more communities in rural and remote Australia and becoming more familiar with Indigenous communities."

The Prime Minister would not be drawn on whether Ms Bryce would be the last governor-general, with the republic debate back on the public agenda.

Ms Bryce will have one particularly tough act to follow in her new role. Sir William Deane, who was in the job between 1996 and 2001, won the 2001 Sydney Peace Prize for his commitment to reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights.

## Conference will highlight Intervention woes

By DARREN COYNE



A NATIONAL conference is being planned by a coalition of Aboriginal rights groups to highlight issues relating to the Northern Territory Intervention.

The three-day conference will start on 23 May and will commemorate the Day of Mourning protests in 1938 which marked 150 years of invasion.

Greg Eatock, a spokesman for the Aboriginal Rights Coalition in Sydney, which organised the successful Canberra convergence before the apology to the Stolen Generations, said the conference would involve a public forum,

along with keynote speakers.

It follows ongoing actions around the country which have been targeting Centrelink outlets. Protests were held on 14 April to highlight the 'ongoing discrimination of welfare quarantining under the NT Emergency Intervention, and expose the detrimental impacts of the quarantine roll out'.

Lyle Cooper, of the Darwin Aboriginal Rights Coalition, said surveys in Darwin and Alice Springs over the past month had shown that discriminatory welfare quarantining was creating real problems for people and communities on the ground.

Those problems included:

- Difficulty transporting a fortnight's worth of groceries back

to communities from major centres, where people are forced to use their 'store cards'

- This is especially difficult for those with disabilities or aged pensioners who are caught up in the blanket nature of the quarantining.

- Communities, which once pooled resources for major purchases such as homewares and car registration, can no longer do so, leaving them worse off

- People are facing increased difficulties in saving and budgeting for essential expenses outside of food and rent, such as school fees

- In major urban centres, such as Darwin and Alice Springs, service providers have reported increased numbers of people coming in from communities, who

are afraid to return home or find they are unable, due to the intervention changes.

Meanwhile, in Western Australia, protestors warned that the NT intervention laws could spread to WA.

WA ARC organiser Natasha Moore said the intervention was another form of government control over Aboriginal people.

"Housing is a major issue but the government prefers to target Indigenous people's welfare benefits instead," she said.

Meanwhile, a new analysis of data has shown that Aboriginal people were the most likely to be slugged with eight week no payment penalties by Centrelink.

In many Centrelink areas Indigenous Australians are

bearing the brunt of the penalty regime. In North Australia, 68 per cent of those who lost all Centrelink payments for eight weeks were Indigenous (271 out of 401) and in Western Australia, the figure was 29 per cent (568 out of 1,960).

Michael Raper, President of the National Welfare Rights Network (NWRN) said the new Government was aware of the damage that the previous Government's regime was having, and committed before the election to review the penalty regime

"We welcome these commitments but the matter is now urgent as every week that passes another 1000 people will lose their Centrelink payments," he said.



# Thongs and footies to battle sly groggers



THOUSANDS of thongs and footies will be handed out as part of a West Australian Government plan to battle sly grogging in Aboriginal communities.

The Government has acknowledged that the illegal sale of alcohol, usually at inflated prices, is a significant problem in regional WA.

Health Minister Jim McGinty last month said he supported a three-year extension of a ban on all but low-strength alcohol take-away sales in the Kimberley town of Fitzroy Crossing.

But he admitted one of the downsides of the ban had been an increase in sly grogging across the region.

As part of the new campaign, 3000 thongs and 3000 footies, emblazoned with an anti-sly

grogging message, will be distributed throughout the Goldfields, Gascoyne-Murchison, Kimberley, Mid-West and Pilbara regions of the State.

### Campaign

This will coincide with a radio advertising campaign, while the 'Stop Sly Grog' message will also be displayed on more than 800 payphones.

State Racing and Gaming

Minister Lijlanna Ravlich said last week the campaign was aimed at encouraging the community to bring those people involved in sly grogging to justice.

"I want to make it absolutely clear that people involved in sly grogging are criminals who are profiteering by supplying liquor without a licence at highly inflated prices," Ms Ravlich said in a statement.

"We need to stop sly grogging

and prosecute those people that are making a living off the vulnerability of others."

People caught selling alcohol illegally face fines of up to \$20,000 and can have their vehicle confiscated if it is used to carry sly grog.

The Australian Hotels Association and the Liquor Stores Association of WA say they support the campaign. - AAP

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## 35,000-year-old camping site found in Pilbara

# Owners fight to protect country



The Jugaling rock shelter near Newman, a significant and sacred site to the Banyjima people.

By KEN BOASE

THE discovery of a 35,000-year-old camping ground in a range of iron-ore hills near Newman, in the East Pilbara region of Western Australia, has raised the issue of heritage protection to new heights as traditional owners fight to have the area protected.

The discovery was made early this month after local Banyjima Elders commissioned an archeological firm from South Australia to excavate the site which is now part of a mining lease jointly owned by Hancock Prospecting and Rio Tinto.

The companies were given the green light to start mining in 2002 despite an appeal by traditional owners through a Section 18 notice to the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC) of the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA).

The then Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Sheila McHale, overturned the Section 18 notice which allowed mining to start.

The ancient camp site is in an area known as the Jugaling Rock Shelter, and local Elders say it is still used for initiation ceremonies and is included in the local song lines and stories of the Banyjima and Neapali peoples.

Adelaide Archeological firm Australian Cultural Heritage Management was commissioned late last year to begin excavation work on the site, and Managing Director Neale Draper said the discovery of such ancient artefacts was highly significant in understanding human habitation in Australia.

"The oldest previous sites in the Pilbara region were about 20,000, so we've with



MAITLAND PARKER



Above left, a stone tool found at the Banyjima site near Newman and, above right, one of the stone cutting tools found at the site.



SLIM PARKER

this site almost doubled the age of the known earliest occupation of that region of Australia," Mr Draper said.

"That means there were people in that part of Australia as early as there were people in Central Australia, over at Lake Mungo (NSW) and of course up in the far north in Arnhem Land and the northern Kimberley."

### Hard evidence

Banyjima Elder Slim Parker said some of the stone tools found at the site were identical in markings to ones used in ceremony today, giving hard evidence of a continuing tradition over many millennia.

"The rock tool that was found is one that we use today," he said.

"It's important to us that we know of the significance of that as a stone tool and what they've used it for in the past in terms of using it as a knife and cutting instrument."

"That country is in our traditional country and there's been continuous occupation and use of that country in terms of the implements that have been carbon-dated."

"And there's been a continuous use and practise of our law and culture until today and we'll keep on doing that and passing it on to our younger members."

"That site is in our Dreamtime song line which we have in regards to our performances that we have when we carry out our initiation ceremonies with our young men, going through our traditional ceremony."

Mr Draper agreed that the site gave a vital cultural history of the local people, but it was also an important environmental record which would give new insight into climate change over the past 35,000 years.

Rio Tinto and Hancock Prospecting have agreed to quarantine the area from mining for the time being, but have refused

to guarantee that the rock shelter will never be mined, and the State Department of Indigenous Affairs has undertaken its own investigation.

Banyjima Elder Maitland Parker said his group was holding talks with the mining companies to try to convince them to have it protected, and had also appealed to the WA Government to intervene.

"We want it protected, and if the mining company is not going to do it, well we're going to pressure the Government to do it," he said.

Perth lawyer Paul Sheiner, who is representing the traditional owners' interests over the site as well as native title and other matters, said the mining companies had the power to preserve the site, but it was really a WA Government responsibility.

The WA Government has been silent on the issue so far, and is awaiting the DIA report before taking any further action.



# Homeless shame



The Youth Services Program of the PMHC Palyatjtu Maparnpa Health Committee from Balgo, in the north of Western Australia, was a finalist in the Citizenship Group category of the 2008 WA Youth Awards. Representatives of the program are seen here with Minister Ljiljanna Ravlich.

## Sporty Jaden a young star



A 16-year-old who is Western Australia's only known Indigenous lacrosse player has been named the State's Young Person of the Year for 2008.

Hilton teenager Jaden Mellick received the award and a European holiday for two from State Youth Minister Ljiljanna Ravlich at the WA Youth Awards Showcase Dinner in Perth on 10 April.

Ms Ravlich said Jaden was chosen from an outstanding group of nominees and was an excellent role model for young Western Australians.

"Jaden has a passion for sport and is able to inspire other Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people to

participate in physical activity," she said.

"He is proof that young Western Australians can achieve great things and make valuable contributions to the community, while enjoying a healthy lifestyle."

### Co-ordinator

Jaden is a Year 12 student at Hamilton Senior High School, and is the co-ordinator of the 'Follow the Dream' program, which supports aspiring students in achieving their academic goals.

He has been voted fairest and best at club level for lacrosse and has represented the State.

Jaden's passion for sport is also evident through his participation in the National Indigenous Basketball

competition for the past two years, in which he has been the co-ordinating member for his team, and a player for the All Indigenous Club for PCYC Fremantle. Jaden is proud of his Indigenous heritage and through his sporting involvement, positive attitude, music and enthusiasm, many of his fellow students and friends and family have been inspired to become more active.

The WA Youth Awards recognise and reward outstanding young Western Australians aged 13-25 years in the categories of active achievement, leadership, citizenship (individual), citizenship (group), inspiration and environment.

Indigenous people were finalists in several other award categories.

## New report reveals 'national disgrace'

By DARREN COYNE



A DAMNING new report shows that nearly one of five homeless youths in Australia are Indigenous.

A national inquiry has found that the number of homeless teenagers aged from 12 to 18 had doubled to 22,000 in the last two decades.

Of those, 19 per cent are Indigenous young people, according to the National Youth Commission (NYC), which produced the Australia's Homeless Youth report.

NYC commissioner David MacKenzie told *The Koori Mail* that the Indigenous figures were 'hugely disproportionate' given that Indigenous people made up just 2 per cent of the population.

Prof MacKenzie said each State and Territory had differing percentages of homeless Indigenous young people, depending on population sizes.

"Not surprisingly, 70 per cent of homeless youth in the Northern Territory are Indigenous. In South Australia it is 14 per cent, in WA it's 49 per cent, 17 per cent in Queensland and 13 per cent in NSW.

"This is what we call one of the important risk groups," he said.

Prof MacKenzie said at least \$300 million was needed to fix the national problem of youth homelessness.

He described the figures as a 'national disgrace'.

The commission held 21 separate hearings across the country and received 91 written submissions.

Prof MacKenzie said the report showed that although in many ways the drivers of homelessness were similar for Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people, there were some significant differences.

"Indigenous Australians have been

described as suffering 'spiritual homelessness', which stems from dispossession and forced removal from homelands and family," the report says. "A major cultural difference with the mainstream of the community and other groups is the extended family network and the obligations that belonging to such a kinship network implies.

"Overcrowding is common (in Indigenous houses), leading to stressful conflicts. There is an increased transience as a result of moving from more remote locations to urban centres and to visit extended family members. Drug and alcohol abuse-fuelled violence on young people is a driver for both Indigenous youth homelessness and early school leaving."

The report calls for attention to the needs of Indigenous young people in all national initiatives, and also suggests that Indigenous youth workers and boarding school settings connected to Indigenous communities were two practical measures for consideration.

The report's release comes almost 20 years after the last national inquiry into youth homelessness conducted by then Human Rights Commissioner Brian Burdekin in 1989.

"It has got worse," Prof MacKenzie said. "Things are perhaps better for a lot of people, but for homeless young people the drivers and causes of homelessness have actually escalated."

That includes family breakdown, a reduction in public housing and the housing affordability crisis.

Almost 50 per cent of homeless youth seeking crisis accommodation told the commission a relationship breakdown with parents or step-parents was the main reason for their homelessness. Financial difficulty was cited by 32 per cent of youths.

- with AAP



Winner of 2008 WA Young Person of the Year Jaden Mellick and WA Youth Minister Ljiljanna Ravlich.

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# Juvenile jailing rate hike

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



**WESTERN** Australia's Indigenous juvenile imprisonment rate, already almost twice that of Indigenous adult prisoners, has escalated more than 2 per cent in the past four weeks, according to a Perth social justice researcher.

The Prison Reform Group of Western Australia has spoken out about the over-representation of Indigenous juveniles in detention and says that last month the State's rate of imprisonment of Aboriginal children rose 2.2 per cent.

Dr Brian Steels, Research Fellow at Murdoch University Centre for Social and Community Research, said that of the 175 young people held in juvenile detention last week, 135 were Indigenous.

He stressed that though the rate varied little between February and March, when it was 75.8 per cent rising to 76.3 per cent in the first week of March, within the last month the figure climbed to 78.5 per cent.

"At a young age, many Indigenous young people are being viewed with interest by police, leading to capture and arrest, establishing a relationship with the criminal justice system that almost certainly leads to the young person being labelled as forever guilty," Dr Steels said.

He said that when these children were subsequently punished with juvenile detention rather than diversionary measures, it started 'a path that leads to adult offending patterns and adult custodial settings'.

In mid-February, WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan vetoed the detention of children in adult lock-ups after two boys were held at East Perth Lock-up when Rangeview Remand Centre was too full to house them overnight.

Mr O'Callaghan said the Perth Watchhouse was not an appropriate facility for children and that the detention of juvenile offenders was the responsibility of the Department of Corrective Services, not the police.

Cheryl Cassidy-Vernon, of the Youth Legal Service, said transporting children from

regional areas to Perth for court was expensive and unwarranted, and exacerbated problems with over-crowding in Perth's juvenile detention centres.

She said that many of the children she saw at Riverbank and Rangeview detention centres were being held 'off country' and were from the north of WA, and she felt many had lacked access to a magistrate in their towns.

"They usually come before a JP who will then often refer the matter off and they get remanded in custody and sent down to Perth, which is a very expensive exercise considering that many of the cases don't go forward or are not matters they would get a custodial sentence for," Ms Cassidy-Vernon said.

"So they're sent off to Perth and sometimes get turned around in a day or two, or sometimes a bit longer, because then they can't find a person to bail them because they're out of country."

Dr Steels also emphasised that the limited representation and justice services available in regional areas increased the likelihood of multiple charges that would then identify those juvenile offenders early on as continual offenders, and expose them to harsh mandatory sentencing.

"Court workers replace lawyers, court appearances replace diversionary efforts and the rate of attendance by Indigenous juveniles at JJ teams is another matter that requires urgent attention," he said, adding that in other States the figures would be held up as appalling, going against most international conventions, practices and policies.

The Rev George Davies, of the Perth Inner-City Youth Service, said the increasing incarceration rate was 'a deep problem at a cultural level'.

He said the Government was failing to deliver a sense of belonging, inclusion and participation, and he described solutions as short-term and superficial.

Kathy Narrier, a research consultant specialising in public sector administration, said it was often the structuring of government departments that led to an inadequate and culturally inappropriate response to what should be a whole-of-government approach.



Bishop Anthony Fisher with children from the Catholic Schools Performing Arts group.

# Young Catholics to have taste of our culture



**YOUNG** Catholics from around the world are set to experience Australia's Indigenous culture first-hand during World Youth Day Sydney 2008 (WYD08).

WYD08 organisers have been eager from the outset to engage Indigenous youth and to ensure appropriate guidance and advice from the Indigenous community.

A 17-person Indigenous Communities Advisory Committee, made up of representatives from across the land, was established in early 2006 to guide the Indigenous elements of WYD08 and to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to come to Sydney for the event.

"Indigenous themes, symbols and colours will permeate WYD08 events and allow our visitors to experience the wonderful culture and history of Australia's Indigenous people," said committee chairman Bishop Christopher Saunders.

Among the key Indigenous elements planned for WYD08 are:

- A welcome to country by Indigenous Elders for Pope Benedict XVI
- Vestments featuring Indigenous colours and designs for all bishops and cardinals
- Indigenous musicians and dancers performing for Pope Benedict
- Indigenous artists at the Youth Festival, and
- Religious artworks by Gumbaingirr/Dhungutti artist and



Auntie Elsie Heiss welcoming World Youth Day pilgrims to Sydney.

Blake Prize finalist Richard Campbell.

To encourage participation and extend an appropriate welcome, an Indigenous message stick from the Sydney community has accompanied the WYD Cross and Icon of Our Lady in their journey around Australia, inviting young Indigenous people to Sydney for the event.

"We welcome Pope Benedict and the many young Catholics coming here to celebrate their faith on this land," said Sydney community leader Elsie Heiss.

"WYD08 will draw the attention of the world to this Great South Land and its people. It will be a marvellous opportunity to show the Indigenous face of the Catholic Church in Australia," Bishop Saunders told *The*

*Koori Mail* that Aboriginal people from throughout Australia would attend WYD08, including 104 Aboriginal people out of a delegation of 120 people coming from his own diocese from around Broome.

Echoing a speech of Pope John Paul II at Blatherskite Park in Alice Springs in 1986, Bishop Saunders said he believed Australia could never be a proper nation until Aboriginal people took their rightful place in society.

"Something significant happened to this nation on February 13 (when the national Parliament apologised to the Stolen Generations) but prior to that, as part of the Australian psyche, Aboriginal people had been marginalised," he said.

"I believe we are on the precipice of the third epoch of relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. The first was from Captain James Cook until 1967, the second was from 1967 until now. We're entering a new age and understanding."

Bishops Saunders predicted that WYD08 would be of greater benefit, not just to Catholic people of Australia but the whole nation, 'because it will build upon the foundations laid by (Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd and add to it a spiritual dimension which has been sadly lacking in this age of materialism'.

Sydney will host the 23rd World Youth Day from 15-20 July. Organised by the Catholic Church but open to all, WYD08 is expected to attract 500,000 to the Final Mass, presided by Pope Benedict XVI.



## Focus on our Youth



Queensland Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr with the young leaders at Parliament House in Brisbane.

# Future leaders gather



Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr with participants Nathan Appo and Juanita Mason at the Aboriginal leadership program.



POTENTIAL leaders of the future have been taking part in an advanced program of learning at Queensland's Parliament House. The program brought together 45 young

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Youth Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr said the Indigenous Advanced Leadership Program was about supporting and skilling the leaders of tomorrow to bring about real change.

The participants, aged 19 to 28, attended the first advanced leadership program in Brisbane from 14-18 April, following their earlier participation in the Young Indigenous Leaders' Forums, a three-day personal development course.

"This new program was established because past forum participants wanted more opportunities to further develop their skills and experience so they can have a greater impact and influence on their communities, including remote

Indigenous communities across Queensland," Ms Nelson-Carr said.

"Additionally, this program will enable the Queensland Government and young Indigenous people to stay connected and learn from each other.

"Participants have been working hard since the forums to implement real change – already an after-hours basketball program has been set-up to occupy young people on Friday nights in

Cairns and a young woman has started her own business in Brisbane to help other Indigenous people establish small businesses."

Ms Nelson-Carr said the Queensland Government was committed to empowering people of all ages to make their communities a better place to live and work.

"This new leadership program is a great example of how young people can

influence the Government and help change the future," she said.

Guest speakers included University of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Unit deputy director Jackie Huggins and race relations commentator Stephen Hagan.

**'This program will enable the Government and young Indigenous people to stay connected and learn from each other'**

## New centre for Kununurra



YOUNG people in Kununurra now have a place to call their own. National Youth Week was celebrated in the far northern Western Australian town with the opening of a purpose-built youth centre.

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts said the facility was the first of its kind to be built in Kununurra and offered young people a chance to participate in a range of activities.

Kununurra, which is located at the eastern side of the Kimberley Region about 37km from the Northern Territory, has 5485 inhabitants, many of whom are Indigenous.

"This is a great day for the young people of Kununurra as

this facility gives them a safe and comfortable place where they can meet and interact with their friends," Mrs Roberts said.

"As well as all the usual recreational activities you would expect to find at a youth centre, this facility will also provide a range of services that allow young people to have a say in the issues that concern them.

"This includes initiatives to help the town's 'decision-makers' integrate youth needs and service provision into the overall community planning process.

"The Kununurra Youth Facility will also promote strong community capacity building by identifying key youth leaders and supporting them in the development of new youth initiatives."

Child Protection Minister Sue

Ellery said the WA Government had contributed more than \$850,000 towards the new centre.

"The Government is passionate about supporting projects like this that encourage and promote a brighter future for Western Australian children," she said.

"Young people are WA's most important investment, and if we can give them a good start in life through projects like this, then we are well on the way to achieving a better community for everyone."

Kimberley MP Carol Martin said the centre was a wonderful place for young people.

"The Kununurra Youth Centre is not just a place for kids to hang out, it is a hub for the future leaders of our community," she said.

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# Suicide: The tragic facts

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



IT'S recognised by many people that men account for 80 per cent of deaths from suicide in Australia. But

what's not as broadly known is that a great many of the men who suicide are Indigenous.

In fact, at a round-table held in Sydney last week by Suicide Prevention Australia (SPA), an organisation which advocates for public health and provides community awareness, it was revealed that suicide rates for Indigenous males were 40 per cent higher than other men.

The position statements *Suicide Prevention and Capacity Building in Australian Indigenous Communities and Men and Suicide: Future Directions*, build on SPA's existing advocacy agenda and propose a clearly defined set of guiding principles and recommendations for action and change.

Primary among these is a call for the development of a national Health and Well Being Strategy for Men, and increased political commitment to improving the health and living standards of Indigenous people through a multidisciplinary approach that is respectful to Indigenous culture, history and agency and that enables the development of solutions in collaboration with Indigenous communities.

It also recommends:

- An understanding that colonisation and decolonisation has a significant impact on the rates of suicide among Indigenous peoples
- That there be a focus on addressing risk at the community and extended family level, rather than just that of the individual
- The Government be committed to improving health, housing and living standards of Indigenous communities

● A review be conducted of pre-existing recommendations relating to Indigenous public health and safety (such as those emerging from the *Little Children are Sacred* report which sparked the NT Intervention).

The position statements aim to reflect the range of interests and challenges faced in reducing the devastating rates of Indigenous and male suicide and self-harm in Australia.

Launching the statements, SPA Chair Dr Michael Dudley said: "These issues represent two of the more complex and challenging, yet preventable, health issues facing Australians today."

"Evidence shows that, of the reported cases of suicide each year, men account for around 80 per cent of deaths, while Indigenous suicide rates are now suspected to be more than 40

**'The impact of both recorded and unrecorded suicide deaths, in both instances, can be catastrophic for family, friends, colleagues and communities, and has significant consequences for (trans)generational transmissions of grief and loss'**

— SPA Chair Dr Michael Dudley



**'There is still not a lot of research done in regards to looking at the definition of Indigenous suicide within Indigenous communities ... I think we look mostly at alcohol and drugs, but we really need to look more into the social and life issues in regards to Aboriginal people'**

— NACCHO Chair Dr Mick Adams



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National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Chairman Dr Mick Adams told *The Koori Mail* that while these strategies had been formed, it was important to address the recommendations from other reports such as *Bringing Them Home*, the Royal Commission into Black Deaths in Custody, and most recently the *Little Children are Sacred* reports.

Dr Adams said that addressing these many outstanding recommendations would also

address some aspects for suicide prevention.

"Have a look at what is already written ... look at those recommendations and implement those rather than draw up another strategies," he said.

"What is the use of making recommendations if they are not going to be actioned?"

Dr Adams also said there was a hole in research into Indigenous suicide and that the definition had to be explored.

"There is still not a lot of research done in regards to looking at the definition of Indigenous suicide within Indigenous communities," he said.

"I think we look mostly at alcohol and drugs, but we really need to look more into the social and life issues in regards to Aboriginal people."

"We talk about invasion and

oppression in regards to Aboriginal people and we have to look at a lot of the policies that have dominated and changed the way Aboriginal people live."

"A good example is the number of alterations to Aboriginal lifestyle in the Northern Territory under the intervention."

"It has done a lot of damage, as well as good, to Aboriginal lifestyle."

Dr Adams said particular examples of that damage included the welfare reforms and the removal of CDEP work-for-the-dole.

He said it had put a lot of pressure on families and was a factor in men becoming depressed.

Dr Adams also called on the Government and agencies to support these strategies.

● To read the statements visit [www.suicidepreventionaustralia.org](http://www.suicidepreventionaustralia.org)

## Forum to address family violence



INDIGENOUS leader Dr Jackie Huggins will lend her passion and expertise to the

Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research's 5th annual Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum next month in Mackay.

Dr Huggins, one of only two women on the Prime Minister's 2020 Summit Committee, and co-chair of the 2020 Summit's Indigenous Affairs Panel, is an ardent supporter of the Centre and has been a member of its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group for five years.

Centre Director Heather Nancarrow said: "The annual forum is an important opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share their knowledge, expertise and vision to achieve a future free from violence."

"The continual media focus on the prevalence of Indigenous family violence, rather than a focus on the efforts of Indigenous people themselves to end it, can lead to feelings of despair and hopelessness."

### Imbalance

"The forum aims to redress this imbalance, while sharing knowledge and expertise to support the good work being done."

Dr Huggins and Ms Nancarrow will lead more than 120 Indigenous people in the development of strategies for the future at the culmination of the two-day forum.

Drawing on expert advice provided by 18 keynote speakers and workshop presenters, they will lead yarning circles to consider ways of building on the work being done to end family violence.

The opening keynote speaker will be Pat Anderson, Co-chair of the Board of Inquiry into Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse, and co-author of the *Little Children are Sacred* report, which triggered the Federal Government's controversial intervention in the Northern Territory.

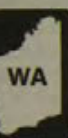
Criminologist Professor Chris Cunneen will discuss his research on Indigenous women's access to Queensland's domestic and family violence protection legislation; and Randal Ross from James Cook University's Indigenous Health Unit will speak about research and programs aimed at supporting men and boys to reject violence.

● The forum will be held on 14-15 May at Mackay in Queensland. For details, go to [www.noviolence.com.au](http://www.noviolence.com.au)



# Federal Govt backs grog ban extension

By WA Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



THE Federal Government has supported calls for an extension of the alcohol restrictions imposed last year by the WA Government on the Kimberley town of Fitzroy Crossing, and further restrictions have been imposed on a Fitzroy Valley community.

The ban on the sale of all packaged alcohol except light beer from the Crossing Inn at Fitzroy is due to end on 23 May, but Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said she backed an extension because it had had such a positive impact on the town and outlying communities.

"Women from the Maminwarkura Fitzroy Women's Centre lobbied strongly for the ban and the results vindicate their concerns and their determination to do something about alcohol abuse in their community," Ms Macklin said.

"I commend these women for acknowledging the problems in the community and having the courage to speak out.

"This sort of action at the community level is vital if we are serious about making a difference in Indigenous communities.

"We are determined to take every measure we can to turn around the shocking levels of neglect and abuse in many

**'We are determined to take every measure we can to turn around the shocking levels of neglect and abuse in many remote Indigenous communities'**

— Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin



LJILJANNA RAVLICH

remote Indigenous communities. We are also funding family violence prevention legal services, an Indigenous women's program, a child-care support program and emergency relief in the Fitzroy Valley."

Meanwhile, WA Racing and Gaming Minister Ljiljana Ravlich announced a total ban on the possession or importing of alcohol into the Wangkatjunga community in

Fitzroy Valley, after approaches from community members.

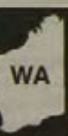
"I am pleased to be able to implement regulations that enforce significant restrictions on the transportation and possession of liquor in a community which has asked for State Government assistance," she said.

"Through direct consultation with the people of the Wangkatjunga Aboriginal Community, it is clear the community wants tangible restrictions on the accessibility to alcohol."

The restrictions apply to an area of more than 270ha encompassing the community and will be in place for 12 months, allowing police to seize and dispose of any alcohol found.

Anyone found breaking the ban would be liable for a fine of \$2000, while any liquor licensee or approved manager in breach can be fined \$5000.

# Coroner's call turned down



THE West Australian Government has rejected a major recommendation of a coronial report into Aboriginal deaths — a single body to lead efforts to improve Indigenous living conditions.

Coroner Alistair Hope made 27 recommendations in a February report into the deaths of 22 Aboriginal people from alcohol or cannabis-related deaths in the Kimberley since 2000.

Mr Hope's report found there was no real State or Federal leadership in response to 'appallingly bad' living conditions, including a lack of basic education, poor health, unemployment and lower life expectancy.

He recommended the WA and Federal governments choose one person or organisation to be responsible to close the 'vast gulf' in well-being between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in the Kimberley.

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts

released last week the Government's response to Mr Hope's recommendations.

The response, in the form of a report, says a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) reporting framework on Indigenous disadvantage has shown a centralised approach would not work.

"A holistic approach co-ordinated at the local level will be more relevant and effective than one that is controlled centrally," the report says.

## Co-ordinator

However, at the time of the release of the coroner's report, the Minister said she was the central co-ordinator.

The Minister's report fails to address another key recommendation that government officials accept responsibility for achieving targets on improving living conditions.

Ms Roberts highlights current programs on Aboriginal housing, training and employment, child protection, alcohol restrictions, welfare payments and mental health.

Another key recommendation of the report is to limit access to full-strength alcohol across parts of the Kimberley.

Ms Roberts has indicated the Government is working with local communities to develop plans for takeaway alcohol restrictions throughout the region.

Mr Hope also recommended a voucher system for child welfare payments to limit the amount of money available to spend on alcohol.

Two days after his report, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced the Commonwealth would impose welfare payment management in certain WA Indigenous communities to fight poor parenting and behaviour.

Ms Roberts said the WA Government would seek funding for a swimming pool in Fitzroy Crossing, as recommended by the coroner as a positive health measure.

She also said a 14-bed, \$9.4 million acute psychiatric unit would be built in Broome, as part of a wider, already announced, WA mental health strategy. — AAP

## News from Ashfield Council

### Applications now open for Ashfield CDSE Grants 2008

Community and Non-profit Organisations can now apply for funding towards local community service needs through the Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme. To be eligible, groups must demonstrate how their proposal will benefit residents

of the Ashfield community, including low income earners, carers, young people and isolated groups.

Applications must be submitted to individual Clubs:  
• Wests Ashfield Leagues  
• Club Ashfield  
• Ashfield RSL  
• Wests Sports

Applications close 5pm, Friday 2 May 2008. Successful applicants will be notified by late August.

For more information or an application form, phone Ashfield Council on Tel: 9716 1844 or visit [www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au).

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## 2008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS MAPOON ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

The following persons have been declared elected to the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council:

Mayor

**GUIVARRA, Peter Donald**

Councillors

**COOKTOWN, Christina**

**GUIVARRA, Ricky**

**MAMOOSE, Addie Peter Greg**

**WOODLEY, Beryl Estelle**

David Kerslake

Electoral Commissioner for Queensland



## 2008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

The following persons have been declared elected to the Mornington Shire Council:

Mayor

**GOODMAN, Cecil**

Councillors

**LINDEN, Sean James**

**ROUGHSEY, Richard**

**SECKINGTON, Allan Joseph**

**THOMPSON, Averil Jean**

David Kerslake

Electoral Commissioner for Queensland





# All in place for another Long Walk



THE Long Walk to raise awareness of Indigenous disadvantage will go ahead next month.

This will be the fifth walk after the original was made by AFL legend Michael Long during 2004.

Long decided to walk to Canberra from Melbourne to highlight the plight of many Indigenous people.

His epic journey drew widespread praise as well as extensive media coverage, with Long establishing a foundation soon after to carry on his work as well as to highlight the talents of Indigenous Australians.

## 24 May the date

This year, The Long Walk will be held on Saturday 24 May, with Michael Long and supporters gathering at Melbourne's Federation Square and walking to the MCG for the annual Dreamtime at the 'G game, when Essendon plays Richmond in the AFL's Indigenous Round.

The AFL will send application forms to about 150 Victorian

Indigenous organisations this week for tickets to the Dreamtime at the 'G match.

This limited number of tickets has been given to AFL Victoria's Indigenous Kickstart program and The Long Walk because of their connections to the Dreamtime at the 'G event.

Both organisations have asked Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation (VAYSAR) to be the central registration point for tickets.

The first organisations to respond to VAYSAR wanting to participate in The Long Walk will be allocated special passes to be included in the group that walk on the ground.

There is a limited number and not everyone participating in the walk can be included.

● There is no registration fee for The Long Walk this year, but organisers encourage everyone to buy a t-shirt to help put on the event. To purchase tickets for the game visit [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au) or for more information on The Long Walk visit [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://www.thelongwalk.com.au)



Michael Long with, left, The Long Walk Chair Merryn Apma and Project Manager Kim Kruger.



Essendon Aboriginal AFL stars Alwyn Davey and Nathan Lovett-Murray with football legend Michael Long. AFL photos

# Fears for building

## Piece of WA history may end up as restaurant

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



THE former office of the 'Chief Protector of Aborigines', where Western Australia's Stolen Generations were created, is likely to be turned into a Chinese restaurant and karaoke bar after slipping

out of the control of the Nyoongar community in 2005.

The building, at 176 Wellington Street and seemingly stricken with bad luck, faced a sudden closure and was sold amid controversy in late 2005 due to speculation about pioneering Perth Aboriginal radio station 6AR's finances.

The sale of the property for \$470,000 to WAAMA by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) – despite the Valuer General's Office (VGO) valuing the property at \$819,000 – is currently being reviewed by



The historic building at 176 Wellington Street, Perth.

the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission (PICCC).

Parliamentary Inspector Malcolm McCusker, QC, said he had not yet received a response from the DPI about the circumstances of the sale, but PICCC investigators expect it would be forthcoming.

In a letter to Nyoongar lawyer Hannah

McGlade, Mr McCusker said a sale for under 90 per cent of the VGO valuation would be a breach of the Land Administration Act, and if this occurred with the knowledge of DPI staff, that could constitute misconduct by a public officer.

Ms McGlade said a Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) investigation of the sale failed to address any information

from the VGO and investigators subsequently 'wrote the matter off without proper inquiry'.

"A communication was made in April 2007 to (Mr McCusker) who is obliged to look into complaints against the CCC," Ms McGlade added.

She said 'this matter is still outstanding, it may be helpful for people to now contact the parliamentary inspector to let him know how important it is that this matter is looked into properly'.

Ms McGlade said the historic value of the building, particularly when there were so few historic buildings of significance to the Aboriginal community, heightened concern about the sale, and she said Nyoongar Elders were unhappy the building was no longer under the local Aboriginal community's care.

She said the Aboriginal Lands Trust was able to buy properties of significance and that the local community could approach them about the importance of the site.

The property has been nominated under WA Heritage Council legislation, but there is an extensive registration assessment waiting period.

However, the new leaseholders of the historic building, which is set to be dubbed the Chrystal Karaoke Restaurant, have submitted an application to the City of Perth Council to turn the building into a Chinese restaurant and it could be open within the next two years.

Despite repeated attempts to obtain comment, the DPI was unavailable for comment at the time of publishing.



# WA pledges to close gap

By Perth correspondent  
KEN BOASE



**COMMUNITY** health professionals and politicians from all parties have joined to launch the Perth arm of the Close the Gap campaign ahead of the national public awareness campaign held on 22 April. The Perth event, held at Parliament House on 9 April, was an initiative of Oxfam and Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) to get politicians to work together to achieve equity in Indigenous and non-Indigenous health by 2030.

Speakers at the event included the head of the WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (WAACCHO), Darryl Kickett, Executive Officer with the Perth Child Health Research Institute Dr Fiona Stanley, WA Deputy Premier Eric Ripper and Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Kim Hames.

## Welcomed

Mr Kickett said he welcomed Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's announcement of an annual report card on Indigenous health, and he said WAACCHO would be happy to help in that regard.

"We know from a recent WA Government report that the costs for hospital admissions come to around 71 per cent of the total Aboriginal health budget and there needs to be a major boost in funding for primary health-care services, thus reducing the number of Aboriginal people ending up at hospital emergency departments," Mr Kickett said.

"The Government report shows that Western Australia has the second highest Aboriginal mortality rate in Australia, and the highest rates were in the Goldfields, Great Southern, Midwest and North Metropolitan, where the death rate is five to eight times the mainstream rate. "We also have the second



DARRYL KICKETT



SANDY DAVIES

highest infant mortality rate in the land, and 40 per cent of Aboriginal children born in WA are regarded as having a low birth weight compared with less than 6 per cent in the non-Aboriginal population."

Mr Kickett also called for a funding boost of \$6 million to retain doctors who were drifting away from Aboriginal medical services for higher pay rates elsewhere.

Dr Stanley spoke about the accountability of government bureaucrats when it came to health indicators, and urged more support for health programs that had been proved successful.

"There has been a lot of money spent but it has not been spent appropriately and it's often spent on non-Aboriginal administration, and the data from the Northern Territory intervention is an example of this," she said.

"The figures quoted by various governments as the funding for Aboriginal health are a myth and it seems that most of the money goes to the white bureaucrats who administer those funds."

Mr Ripper stressed that the success of the campaign relied on politicians from all sides to work together to achieve the 2030 target, and he said the apology by the Prime Minister and the Federal Government's intentions were encouraging.

"The apology by the Prime Minister was an historic event and it was about inclusion, but it was also a call to action to address the disadvantages that characterise the lives of Indigenous people across this country," he said.

"We all know that there is no simple policy solution, but partnerships, collaboration, clarity of purpose and clarity of proposed outcomes are some of the necessary policy ingredients."

Mr Hames assured those present that the WA Opposition was prepared to work with the Government.

"I can pledge to you from our side of Parliament that we will work with you and the Government to make sure that we narrow that gap," Mr Hames said.

Geraldton Aboriginal Medical Service Chair Sandy Davies said Aboriginal people in the WA Midwest were dying simply because medical facilities were not available in many rural and remote communities.

"We can talk all we like about research and what needs to happen in government, but we are never going to close the gap unless we start dealing with Aboriginal people who live in remote areas," he said.

The Close the Gap campaign commits politicians and health professionals to develop a long-term plan of action to improve Indigenous health, stronger support for primary health care, community control, and bi-partisan support for successful health service models.

# Signed and delivered...



IT has been one year since the Close the Gap campaign was launched, and now 22 April is celebrated as National Close the Gap Day. It is a national day of action where Australians can show their support for closing within a generation the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous people and other Australians.

More than 500 events were scheduled to be held yesterday to mark the first anniversary. Over 28,000 people from NSW have signed the Close the Gap campaign pledge, calling for drastically increased annual Indigenous primary health funding, equal access to health



NSW Minister Paul Lynch at Parliament House, Sydney.

services and Indigenous participation in their delivery, and action on many social determinants such as housing and education that are leading contributors to the poor health of Indigenous people.

They are among the 115,000 people nationwide who have signed the pledge.

On 10 April, the NSW signatures were handed to

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch and Shadow Spokesperson for Aboriginal Affairs Greg Apin at Parliament House to encourage the State Government to release plans and timeframes to achieve Indigenous health equality in line with the Close the Gap campaign.

Mr Lynch said Closing the Gap to improve the lives of Aboriginal people depended on working in partnership with communities.

"Through the State Plan, the lemma Government is working with Aboriginal communities to build safe communities, improve access to education, provide clean water and sewerage systems and deliver meaningful jobs," he said.

## NSW HEALTH

### NSW Aboriginal Health Awards 2008

Nominations Open

Closing date 29 May 2008

The Centre for Aboriginal Health, NSW Health, is hosting the 2008 NSW Aboriginal Health Awards on Monday 7 July 2008 to coincide with the commencement of NAIDOC week.

The Awards acknowledge and nurture excellence in the provision of health services to Aboriginal people of NSW and recognise individuals, teams and organisations that show outstanding practice in the field of Aboriginal health.

Nominations are invited from Area Health Services, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and Non-Government Organisations who deliver health services to Aboriginal people living in NSW.

Nominations are now open for the following categories:

- Excellence in Program and Service Delivery
- Innovation in Aboriginal Health Award
- Strengthening Aboriginal Families and Children Award
- Working Together to Make a Difference Award
- Enterprise and Resourcefulness Award
- Excellence in Workforce Award
- Innovation in Chronic Care Award
- Gail May Award
- Hall of Fame Award

Nomination packages may be accessed on the Aboriginal Health Awards page on the NSW Health web site: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/ahawards>

For further enquiries please contact Geraldine Wilson on (02) 9391 9497 or Helen Gardiner on (02) 9424 5819 at the Centre for Aboriginal Health, NSW Health.

**Nominations must be received by COB Friday 29 May 2008**



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Australian Heritage Council

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

## NOTICE CONCERNING ASSESSMENT OF THE ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY IN CANBERRA, FOR THE NATIONAL HERITAGE LIST

Australia's National Heritage List was established in 2004 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) to recognise and protect places of outstanding heritage value to the nation.

The Australian Heritage Council is currently assessing whether the Aboriginal Tent Embassy meets any of the National Heritage criteria. The Aboriginal Tent Embassy is located within the Parliamentary Triangle, opposite Old Parliament House. Under the EPBC Act the Council is required to take all practicable steps to advise owners, occupiers and Indigenous people with rights or interests in the place and provide them with an opportunity to comment in writing whether the place should be included in the National Heritage List. For further information about Australia's National Heritage List go to:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/national/index.html>

The Australian Heritage Council, as required by section 324JH of the EPBC Act, hereby gives notice that -

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Tom Harley  
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Australian Heritage Council



# Competition a laughing matter

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



SO we guess it's true what they say about showing a bit of leg to get into show business.

When South Australian man Kevin Kropinyeri told about presenting himself in fishnet stockings, pink leotard and a black g-string because he wanted to spice things up for his wife, he sent a wave of laughter through the crowd and was eventually crowned winner of the Deadly Funny Comedy Competition.

He was one of 13 Indigenous Australians from Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia to take the stage for the second annual Deadly Funny comedy competition.

Deadly Funny producer director and Yorta Yorta man Jason Tamiru said the response to the competition was great and that the audience and the performers seemed to have a good time.

"It's simple. I'm trying to find the funniest blackfella in Australia. I think it's really, really important. I always say that black people are the funniest



Competition winner, South Australian funny man Kevin Kropinyeri collects his cheque from fellow comedian and MC Sean Choolburra and, right, runner-up Warren Milera.

people in the world," Mr Tamiru said.

"The reason why Deadly Funny has come about was because basically I did a bit of

year in its second season and has already developed 21 stand-up comedians.

"Then we are planning to go Australia-wide and hopefully by



Mr Tamiru said that Kevin Kropinyeri absolutely tore the roof off the house. He took home \$2000 for his comical talent which, by the way, was only

"I was quite confident and comfortable on stage."

Mr Kropinyeri told *The Koori Mail* that he was going to keep up his comedy and he had been asked to do a gig in Adelaide with one of the competitors, and also be the support act for MC and funny man Sean Choolburra at a show in Mackay, Queensland.

"I've got a taste for it now, and I want some more of it," he said.

Runner-up Warren Milera also found his natural talent for comedy a month ago.

Mr Milera said that someone had put his name down for the competition and it turned out that he won the State competition and was runner-up for the nationals.

"I just went out there with blackfella humour," he said.

"People say you're funny and you talk and muck around ... but I didn't think I was funny enough to do stand-up."

"I find myself thinking about new material all the time now, and your mind is ticking and thinking."

Shiralee Hood, of Melbourne, was also named a runner-up with Mr Milera, and they each took home \$500.

**'Once you get on stage and get your first laugh, you just go with it. I've got a taste for it now, and I want some more of it'**

**— Competition winner Kevin Kropinyeri, of South Australia**

homework searching for Indigenous stand-up comedians and one of them was Ernie Dingo, who hasn't done it for many, many years.

"So Deadly Funny started last

this time next year we should have developed 50 Indigenous stand-up comedians.

"Deadly Funny shows are for communities and they give our people a voice."

realised in March when friends encouraged him to enter the competition.

"Once you get on stage and get your first laugh, you just go with it," he said.

# \$547 million boost for NT housing blitz



THE Federal Government will contribute \$547 million to an Aboriginal community housing program in the Northern Territory. Working in conjunction with the NT Government, the project will deliver 750 new houses and more than 2500 housing upgrades. An additional 230 new houses will also be built to replace homes due to be demolished.

However, the tenure of some of the affected land has yet to be worked out and one of the two biggest land councils in the Territory says the numbers still won't meet the level of need.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said on 11 April that work would begin in October and would provide 73 jobs in the communities.

"This initiative presents a wonderful opportunity to create real and sustainable jobs in remote Indigenous communities," she said in a statement.

Ms Macklin said it would substantially improve living conditions for Aboriginal people and underpinned the Government's commitment to closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap.

"It is an example of the type of practical, on-the-ground measures which will improve health and safety in Indigenous communities," she said.

Ms Macklin emphasised that a significant focus of the program is on providing employment and training opportunities for local Indigenous people.

"Indigenous people will have access to

**Communities to receive major capital works (\* denotes those which fall within the CLC region):**

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jobs and training in their own communities, leading to future job opportunities in construction, repairs and maintenance," Ms Macklin said. "This will arise from contractual obligations to be agreed with successful tenderers."

"This initiative presents a wonderful opportunity to create real and sustainable jobs in remote Indigenous communities."

The NT Government will provide a further \$100 million for the project.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said it was the Territory's largest ever remote housing program.

A total of \$420 million will be provided for major works in 16 high-need communities.

An additional 57 communities will share \$124 million for refurbishments and \$103 million will be directed towards town camps, urban living areas and a small number of existing housing programs.

The Government's contribution is part of

a larger \$813 million commitment to Indigenous housing and infrastructure services in the Northern Territory to 2011.

Minister Macklin said both governments recognised that there needed to be improved tenure and tenancy reform.

"What we don't want to see is what's happened in the past which is a lack of responsibility for tenancy management," she said. "We have agreed with the Northern Territory on a new tenancy management approach that involves two very important reforms. We will require longer term land tenure, so that we both get security of tenure over these new public houses."

Ms Macklin said both levels of government had had 'very productive' discussions with NT land councils, "and we expect to be able to come to a satisfactory outcome that will give us decent tenure over these - over the land on which these houses will be built".

"The NT Government will take responsibility for tenancy management," she said. "They will make sure that rent is collected and they of course in turn will have the responsibility to make sure that the maintenance is carried out in an orderly fashion. So we don't see the houses falling into disrepair in the way that's happened in the past. Tenure, land tenure, tenancy management will enable this to really be normalised in the way that it never has been before."

Ongoing land tenure over town camps was a key factor in the Tangentyere Council's rejection of a \$60 million housing package offered for Alice Springs last year by then-Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough.

Central Land Council (CLC) Director David Ross said that of 16 communities, only three in the centre would receive new houses.

"A quick calculation gives us no net gain after demolition of old houses and population growth," Mr Ross told *The Koori Mail* last Wednesday.

"We are in negotiations with both governments over tenure. The CLC is concerned to ensure that traditional owners are treated properly and future housing management is best practise."

It is understood that 170 houses in the central region were demolished or written off in 2005.

*The Koori Mail* also contacted the Northern Land Council, but had not received a response at the time of going to print. — with AAP.



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One of the campaign advertisements.

# Ads to tackle racism issues

**NSW** THE AIDS Council of New South Wales (ACON) has launched a new campaign to tackle racism in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community.

The campaign, developed after consultation and feedback from the community, features three advertisements highlighting the effects of racism, featuring volunteers from the Aboriginal, Arab and Asian communities.

Each of the three ads in the series carries the same wording calling on readers to consider what everyone can do to combat racism.

The ads also direct readers to a website which features:

- Clickable images of the three ads;
  - Further information; and
  - An online tool for reporting anonymously any racist incidents in the GLBT scene wherever they occur across New South Wales.
- The online reporting tool enables statistical information on the extent of the issue to be collected so that further work addressing problems, if required, can be funded and carried out.
- Over coming weeks the ad series will be run in the GLBT press and it is hoped this will stimulate conversations about how people can work together to build greater understanding and solidarity in the community.
- The ads are in the the current Sydney Star Observer (SSO) which is available free from ACON, gay venues, inner Sydney cafes, bookstores and other outlets. For more details visit websites [www.acon.org.au/racism](http://www.acon.org.au/racism) or [www.acon.org.au/together](http://www.acon.org.au/together)

## Mental 'wellness' guide

A NEW guide for people with a mental illness, their families and carers has been launched in NSW. The Wellness Guide: A Resource to Support the Recovery Journey was developed in consultation with people who have a mental illness.

The Wellness Guide is available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

# Yarning about reconciliation



**ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Australians are being invited to participate in nationwide reconciliation conversations.**

Online campaigning group GetUp.org.au wants Indigenous Australians to join its 'Reconciliation GetTogethers' - hundreds of simultaneous local yarns around the country on 29 April to share stories, and build trust and friendship between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

Organisers said participating in a GetTogether was as simple as attending or hosting a local meeting

at a local cafe, pub or community hall, or at home.

They said GetUp provides everything needed for a night of conversation, including an agenda and talking points.

The GetTogethers are part of GetUp's new reconciliation campaign, which will feature the launch on 21 April of a new song - a special apology version of Paul Kelly's *From Little Things Big Things Grow* - recorded with leading Australian artists, and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

Organisers said GetUp.org.au has more than 280,000 members nationwide.

The group pushed strongly for the

Stolen Generations apology and is a major partner in the Close the Gap campaign aimed at overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

Organisers said GetTogethers would use an innovative online mapping tool to allow Australians who share a postcode and vision for their country to meet and discuss important issues.

People who are interested in having a chat about participating should call Sam McLean on 0425 275 007 or email him at [sam@getup.org.au](mailto:sam@getup.org.au)

"Come and have a yarn on 29 April about what equality, justice and our Indigenous future means to you," organisers said.

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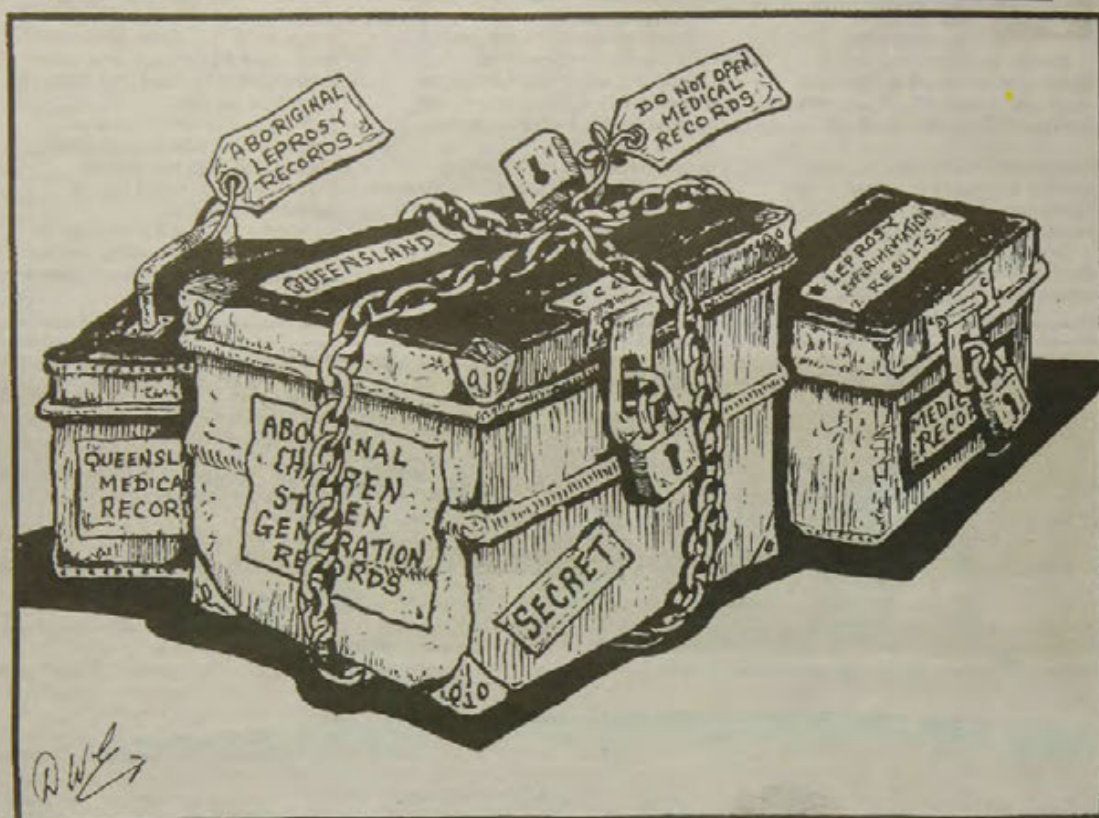
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### Quote



**'There's been a continuous use and practise of our law and culture until today and we'll keep on doing that and passing it on to our younger members'**

– Banyjima (Pilbara, WA) Elder Slim Parker speaking after the discovery of a 35,000-year-old camping site on his country

### Unquote

## Our future is looking better

If the 1000-plus participants at the 2020 Summit in Canberra at the weekend were representative of the broader Australian community, the future is looking brighter for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It's a big if, even though Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and his selectors had sought out Australia's 'brightest and best' for the gathering.

Smarts and influence in a particular area do not necessarily equal insight, cultural respect, compassion or sensitivity. And one non-Indigenous health professional certainly did not endear himself to many people in the big room when he spoke of 'conquering a savage land'.

However, the very prominent space given to Indigenous issues at the summit as well as broad support for central Indigenous aspirations such as formal recognition and closing the gap across all aspects of disadvantage should provide us with some comfort.

The Indigenous stream at the event had an exceptionally onerous task in setting directions and goals across all aspects of Indigenous life.

Some ideas raised were not entirely new, and this clearly caused frustration for some old hands. However, in Indigenous affairs, there have been many good or bold ideas which have either never been given a guernsey or have been abandoned without a fair go. The implications of some – like a treaty – were never explained properly to the masses, thereby generating unnecessary fear and hostility.

In the end, the proposals from the summit's Indigenous stream appeared a



mix of new ideas and some older ones that could bear some reinvigoration.

The mostly non-Indigenous participants in other subject streams such as health, creative arts, communities and governance also applied impressive vigour to their discussions.

And let's not forget that delegates at the 2020 Youth Summit a week before identified a treaty or similar document and the protection of Indigenous rights as crucial principles upon which to create effective policies and programs.

As television cameras panned around the Great Hall of Parliament during the summit's official opening on Saturday, it was interesting to note as many non-Indigenous people as Indigenous people struggling to remember or choosing not to sing the words of the national anthem, *Advance Australia Fair*.

It was illuminating, too, to see almost all Indigenous delegates join in a standing ovation for Prime Minister Kevin Rudd as he received the final report of the summit and its ten sessions.

There can be no doubt that following the national apology to the Stolen Generations there's a lot of love in the room for the PM and his Government. By the end of the year, we'll know how well placed that is.

## A Yarn With...



### Eugenia Flynn

Adelaide, SA  
Youth advocate

#### Favourite food?

I'm addicted to eggs, and could eat them all the time, but try to control myself. I love eggs, poached, fried, boiled or whatever!

#### Favourite drink?

Coke Zero

#### What are you reading at the moment?

Dear Diary, by Lesley Arfin

#### What are you watching on TV?

I don't watch TV because I don't have time

#### Favourite Movie?

Vertical Ray of Sunlight, a Vietnamese film

#### Favourite music artist?

I love hip-hop and all forms of black music. At the moment my favourite song is *Jump to the Beat* by Staci Lattishaw

#### Highlight of your life?

Becoming a Muslim, which was about six years ago, because it brought a lot of joy and peace to me.

#### If you could invite three people around a campfire, who would you choose?

US black feminist Bell Hooks, comedian Sean Choolburra and rapper Mos Def

#### If you could change one thing for Indigenous people, what would it be?

I'd try to help build their dignity and pride. I wouldn't say it's completely lost, but it has taken a battering.

#### Favourite holiday destination?

Malaysia, because that's where my mum comes from. I've been there many times.

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# Time for a shift in attitude

**T**HEODORE Parker (1810 – 1860) preacher, lecturer, and writer once said: "As society advances, the standard of poverty rises."

Once again, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has unequivocally stepped up to the dais and delivered for Indigenous Australians. This time he made an impromptu, but critically important, commitment during his London stopover on his 17-day world tour to report annually the results of his Government's efforts in 'closing the gap' (in Indigenous disadvantage).

Mr Rudd, reported on ABC News online on 5 April, said that in a modern and prosperous Australia, there should be no reason for these gaps to exist.

"Each year we must, as a Government and as a people and a country, know ... what progress has been made in closing this gap," he said.

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

"Each year in the Australian Federal Parliament, on the first working day, we will mark that with a prime ministerial statement reporting progress on closing the gap in life expectancy, closing the gap in terms of infant mortality and closing the gap on literacy and numeracy outcomes," he said.

During my time as an avid follower of Federal politics, I've heard a lot of grandiose promises by Indigenous Affairs Ministers of all political persuasions on how they propose to improve the livelihood of Indigenous Australians. Many of these leaders were well-intentioned and started their campaign at break-neck speed, seeking to impress and gain praise from their colleagues as the 'can-do' man.

Sadly, but inevitably, the political party apparatchiks' long tentacles of influence slowly but surely reined in their ambitious parliamentarian and in so doing offered up a sobering reminder that the aspirations were not attainable.

'Besides, they're only blacks and the voting public really don't expect any miracles to be performed on them', I imagined the number-crunchers whispering to each other as they luxuriated in their ministerial headquarters.

But, finally, we've got a commitment on Indigenous issues higher than ministerial level. This time we have a politician who is not concerned about holding his inner Cabinet position on the Front Bench. To the contrary, he occupies the premier seat in the House of Representatives and on recent polling figures, doesn't look like losing that spot any time soon.

Having gained an emphatic mandate from the November election and overwhelming support from his National Apology, I believe Kevin Rudd's London statement will deliver him positive outcomes that no other Prime Minister has come close to achieving in the volatile arena of Indigenous affairs.

I make this ambitious forecast because I finally believe public servants charged with enacting Indigenous policies of the Government will be held accountable by the Prime Minister if incremental advancements are not forthcoming. This feisty politician does not want

to be embarrassed by his over-exuberant call on closing the gap.

Previously, Federal public servants, and their State and Territory counterparts wouldn't have felt liable if their Indigenous clients' social well-being hadn't improved from one year to another – because they knew it wasn't something that the broader community had expectations of seeing anyway.

Indigenous affairs – the poisoned chalice for ministers – has been placed in the too-hard basket for decades, and the resultant Australian Bureau of Statistics figures of severe disadvantage speaks volumes of the ineptness of past administrations' handling of this sensitive portfolio.

Now public servants – many of whom I believe are totally out of touch with their clients and grossly over-paid – will have to deliver. I hope those who don't perform are identified and moved on from Indigenous affairs to another vocation that might accommodate their real passion.

Personally, I hope the high level of Indigenous employment in the Federal Public Service before the abolition of ATSC in 2004 is re-established. At present you can count the number of senior Indigenous bureaucrats – who wield any real influence – on one hand.

The Prime Minister ought to insist on Indigenous employment equity at all levels (2 per cent of total employment numbers from secretarial support to managerial level) within the many departments that service Indigenous people.

In the ivory towers around the nation that house our Federal and State public servants, there are more pictures of Indigenous people adorning the walls than there are of Indigenous workers sitting behind desks.

And you wonder why



Stephen Hagan

## HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*  
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Indigenous people don't have confidence in the public sector?

Last year I had cause to visit an Indigenous-specific office in Brisbane with a relative to speak to a public servant and was appalled to observe the process we had to go through in securing a face-to-face meeting.

We had to press a button on a blank wall – there was no Indigenous art décor to speak of or sitting room to take a seat in – and

wait for an anonymous voice to come over the intercom to direct us to another floor where someone observing our movement on a security camera continued to direct us through slowly opening doors.

At the end of a series of manoeuvres that wouldn't look out of place in a James Bond thriller, we arrived at our destination to be greeted by a non-Indigenous public servant in a most uninviting meeting room.

I shook my head and knew at that instant why Indigenous clients don't visit these offices. The alternative of ringing a public servant is even worse.

The best way of overcoming the indignity of relying on public servants as the first and last port of call to address our level of social disadvantage is to be proactive and look at all options available within our communities in addressing specific needs or in getting a job.

I say 'get a job' because I'm of the belief that for too long some Indigenous people have been their own worst enemy for regurgitating the well-worn 'poor bugger me' mantra to justify their high level of unemployment and associated lifestyle they endure today.

It disappoints me that many of our children wake up each morning and prepare their meals and iron their school uniform while their parent(s) lay motionless in bed without a worry in the world because they don't have a job to go to.

Why should our children have to search for role models outside their home? The head of the household must gain meaningful employment and provide the basic level of sustenance and security for his or her family.

There is no need for such high levels of unemployment of our people around the nation when the mining and agricultural sector are screaming out for workers – many employers reluctantly choosing

instead the expensive option of recruiting semi-professional workers from Asia.

In some parts of rural Australia there is a predominance of females taking up labouring jobs around their communities because their men folk have taken up high-paying six-figure jobs in the mining sector. Most mining companies offer a ten-day-on ten-day-off arrangement which allows their employees to return regularly to their communities.

Indigenous Australians have got to help themselves and be prepared to travel outside their communities if necessary to secure a job and better future for their families than the one they currently have.

At the end of the day the Prime Minister can only offer so much in terms of resources and expertise – because as the old saying goes: '...you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink'.

Indigenous people generally, especially those who continue to blame others for their high level of disadvantage, need to adopt a seismic shift in attitude and begin to help themselves.

At a briefing session on 13 April in Queensland's Parliamentary chamber for State delegates chosen to attend Australia 2020 Summit, I was provided with a booklet that identified Queensland's current standing within Australia and the world on a number of fronts. During that session the facilitator made an innocuous remark that still resonates with me today.

The flippant mention of the fact that Australians could well be on par with Japan as the oldest race of people in the world if it wasn't for the Indigenous statistics that lowered our standing and placed us in fourth position behind Switzerland and Iceland. I turned to the Indigenous colleague sitting next to me, Neil Willmetts, (former medical student and now successful businessman) and said 'pity about that'.

Neil smirked and as I looked at other Indigenous colleagues Dr Mark Wenitong (President of the National Indigenous Association of Doctors) and Dr Mick Adams (President of the National Indigenous Community Controlled Health Services) as well as Professor Cindy Shannon and Dr Jackie Huggins from the University of Queensland, I could tell the observation of our statistical inconvenience had a barb to it.

When I join the Indigenous delegation at the Australian 2020 Summit on 19 April, I'll be thinking of that throwaway line of the facilitator at the Qld 2020 Forum and try to make sense of it.

I'll also be very interested to see if Indigenous delegates from around the nation continue to put forward recommendations that perpetuate the welfare mentality status quo or if they are innovative and seek a new policy direction to improve the living conditions of our mob.

I also hope before the year 2020 comes around that the efforts of a proactive government headed by Kevin Rudd, with the help of Indigenous people taking responsibility of addressing their levels of disadvantage, can prove Theodore Parker wrong when he said: "As society advances, the standard of poverty rises."



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### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Discussion Paper – Amendments to the Education Act 1972 and Children's Services Act 1985

The Minister for Education and Children's Services, the Hon Jane Lomax-Smith is seeking public comment on reforms to the Education Act 1972 and Children's Services Act 1985.

Feedback received by 30 June 2008 will assist in the development of new legislation.

The discussion paper, details of upcoming public forums, feedback options and further information are available at [www.edlawreform.sa.gov.au](http://www.edlawreform.sa.gov.au) or by phoning 08 8226 3825 during business hours.

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### Community Housing Standards and Accreditation Council Members Sought

The Department of Housing is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who wish to represent the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community housing providers on the Queensland Community Housing Standards and Accreditation Council for a period of up to three years.

The Council provides advice to the Department of Housing and continues to improve community housing service delivery by awarding accreditation in the continuous quality improvement and accreditation system, which is linked to a national accreditation framework.

The aim of the standards and accreditation system is to promote:

- high quality consumer focused housing services for tenants, and
- innovative and good practice standards for housing service providers.

The Council will have a membership of 12, including persons representing the Department of Housing, community housing service providers and community housing tenants, as well as two independent individuals with expertise in property management, change management, quality assurance and quality improvement systems, or in community sector development.

The Council will sit approximately four times per year, or as required. Expenses will be paid and sitting fees may be considered. All applicants must address the selection criteria.

An information pack and the selection criteria are available from Fran Young, Senior Accreditation Officer, Standards and Accreditation Unit on telephone (07) 3225 1718 or fax (07) 3235 9257.

Closing date for applications is 2 May 2008.



Queensland Government  
Department of Housing

# Aim high and have a go

SOME former friends of mine think that loving the good-looking, enormously talented, hunk of a male specimen that is named Aaron Pedersen is out of my league. They said 'You haven't even met him' and 'Why would he like some nobody like you'. Of course, they tried to make out it was all fun and games. It was all fun and games, that is, until this one said 'Nah, c'mon now sis. Look at you and look at him. He's just too far outta your league. Give it up'.

Out of my league? Give it up?

Can you believe it? Some friends these ones turned out to be. I thought friends are supposed to support you in your goals and dreams.

Not these ones! No



Ms KOORI LOVE

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wonder they now 'ex-friends'.

Just because Aaron is a big TV star doesn't mean he is out of my league. I mean, we have heaps of things in

common. Like TV. He's on it and I like watching it. And our background. We are both good looking and we are both enormously talented.

How could he be outta my league? We are a perfect black match! We are so perfect we are like chicken and rice; like Ruby and Archie.

And what is wrong with aiming for something so wild anyhow? Imagine where we would be if people didn't follow their dreams. Like that first Australian cricket team (all Aboriginal mind you) that toured overseas. And what about all them ones who were the 'first Aboriginal' in something – be it a member of parliament or the head of a department.

I don't think these fullas focused on how much they could have failed. I bet they thought about the end result and kept on pushin'. That's what we gotta do. Keep on pushin' and reaching for our goals no matter how crazy they seem. After all, isn't it better to give it a good go than not give it a go at all?

No matter what job you or your love does. No matter how much moola they make. No-one is outta your league. Aim high! Have a go! It doesn't matter if you get knocked back.

If they don't wanna know, it's their loss. Nurse your wounded heart back to full health and find someone new.

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

# Focus on the mining boom

## Native Title and You



By National  
Native Title  
Tribunal  
President  
GRAEME  
NEATE

THE current resource boom in Australia has many people focused on the mining and exploration industry – and native title holders are no exception. Many Indigenous people are keen to participate in local developments. One major challenge is to ensure that native title holders are appropriately involved in decisions about exploration and mining on their traditional lands, and reap some benefits from the resources boom.

Three recent developments illustrate different steps taken to reach that goal.

In April this year, the Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) released a mining policy aimed at providing greater certainty and procedural clarity for traditional owners and industry bodies.

GLSC CEO Brian Wyatt said the policy was put together to develop relationships between traditional land owners and mining companies where they are equal partners or players.

Mr Wyatt said the mining industry was a leader when it came to ensuring that Indigenous people received a fair share of the nation's opportunities and that the industry was hungry for mutually beneficial agreements and out-of-court settlement of native title.

The Martu People of Western Australia's Central Desert region had their native title recognised in a consent determination in September 2002.

They are reported to have negotiated a ground-breaking agreement with minerals exploration company Reward Minerals Ltd. The agreement allows Reward to mine potash on their native



Wik and Wik Way People of Aurukun, north Queensland, look over Chalco's Bauxite Project Office buildings.

title land in exchange for an equity stake of potentially more than 10 per cent of the company.

The agreement will deliver ownership of shares as well as royalty payments based on project development milestones.

It gives the Martu people financial rewards and an ongoing involvement in the future of the project as company shareholders.

Another State experiencing the recent boom is Queensland, and some native title holders have shown that they are keen to benefit from it.

Native title allowed the Wik and Wik Way People of Cape York to negotiate a mining agreement with Chinese bauxite mining company Chalco.

The agreement will provide the Wik and Wik Way people with employment as well as training so that they may continue to work in the industry and obtain benefits well into the future.

Hundreds of exploration and mining agreements have been made with native title holders or potential native title holders around the country. These examples pave the way for many more in the future.





Letter-writer Michael Hutchings reckons Indigenous performer Dan Sultan (left) is more like Otis Redding than Elvis Presley. Find out why on Page 24

# Racist policies prevail



Protester Dulcie Isaro at a recent stolen wages rally in Townsville.

I AM writing to express my disappointment at the recent decision by Queensland Premier Anna Bligh to deny full recompense to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people whose wages were stolen by the administrative practices of previous State governments.

The Aboriginal Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act 1897 (Old) reduced the position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to State wards and legislated the removal of Indigenous people's civil rights, including their rights within the workplace.

While this legislation and the subsequent amendments enacted by previous State governments have now been abolished, oppressive politics and racially based policies prevail in 2008.

It is very hard for me to comprehend that a State Labor Government would deny any worker their rightful entitlement, particularly since the structure of the Australian Labor Party (ALP) provides for the direct affiliation of trade unions.

While the trade union movement may support Indigenous people in their quest for stolen wages compensation, the Queensland State Labor Government does not.

Personally, I will always be grateful to the men and women in the trade union movement who supported the fight for equal pay and equal rights for Indigenous workers. The most significant win in this regard was the removal of the 'slow worker clause' which allowed employers to pay Indigenous people reduced wages and conditions despite their demands for productivity levels equal to that of their higher paid, non-Indigenous co-workers.

To add further salt to the already open and gaping stolen wages wound, the

Queensland Government announced that the remaining money will be used to establish a foundation which will be utilised to provide educational and sporting scholarships for young Indigenous people.

Generally, the civil liberties which are afforded the average Australian citizen dictates that an employer does not prescribe what your hard-earned pay is spent on.

Further to this, State and Federal governments often provide assistance to multi-million-dollar businesses when they foresee closure of their operations due to economic pressures.

Upon closure of a workshop or factory, are individual workers told that their redundancy payments subsidised by the State are to be pooled for the benefit of the wider community? There is an appalling and patronising double standard demonstrated here.

One of the ALP's enduring policy objectives includes 'greater equality in the distribution of income, wealth and opportunity'.

The economic prosperity that Queensland enjoys today was built on the backs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were, in too many instances, treated like slaves.

The Queensland Labor Government has a moral and economic obligation to remedy this situation by carrying out the fair and equitable distribution of these workers' entitlements.

This also includes allowing the descendants of deceased claimants to seek the wages which could have been utilised by their ancestors to accumulate the type of assets that most Queenslanders enjoy (ie, property).

As most wealth enjoyed by individuals and families in our society is inherited, it is

only fair that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people get to participate in the same economic gains as other Queenslanders.

Anna Bligh talks about closing the gap, but it is policies like these that caused and

continue to perpetuate the social and economic gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

JANINE GERTZ  
Annandale, Qld

## Just plain wrong

WHAT the Queensland Government is doing with the leftover money from the stolen wages is totally wrong.

They're the ones that lost all the records, they're the ones whose police stations and court houses were burned down to hide the theft that took place from our people's accounts.

Education is a good idea, but the descendants

of those people whose money it is aren't going to benefit.

I'm not saying kids from Cape York or the Gold Coast shouldn't benefit. What I am saying is that the people who contributed the most to this are the people who are going to miss out.

People have to stop and think, particularly people from Cape York, about where most of this money came from.

If it's going into education, it should be in a program where we all have access to it, not just a chosen few.

Our people have made contributions to this society and we're still not being allowed to participate properly.

They say this is unclaimed money, but it's unclaimed because the descendants

of people whose money was stolen are not able to claim.

My grandparents on both sides and my parents have got no redress for the money that was held by the Government because they are dead. They can't claim it.

So us, as children and as adults, have not been able to benefit in any

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## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

this will increase your chances of being published.

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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.

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Your Say

# Compare Dan Sultan to Otis Redding

TO call Dan Sultan the 'Black Elvis' (Page 1, 9 April edition) is a very lazy comparison. While I am a fan of Elvis, Elvis was a white man who never wrote his own songs (unlike Dan).

He was made famous by recording songs that were originally hits by black American artists such as *Hound Dog* that was originally a hit for Big Mama Thornton in 1952 on the R&B charts. In the early 1950s, many black artists were starting to make inroads to the mainstream market such as Little Richard, Fats Domino and the true king of rock and roll - Chuck Berry.

The racist white-run record industry was looking for a white performer who could somewhere near match these talents in order to

pacify the market once again so along came Elvis - a much safer option than a black man.

Elvis was a great artist in his own right, but was used as a cultural tool to rescue the white youth of America from the dangers of black expression.

Fortunately, this backfired as Elvis (who himself admitted that his music was largely influenced by black musicians) helped to open the door for those who wanted to dig a little deeper to find out where these great tunes were coming from.

So, in conclusion, let's compare Dan to someone who not only was a great performer, but a great black artist who wrote their own material.

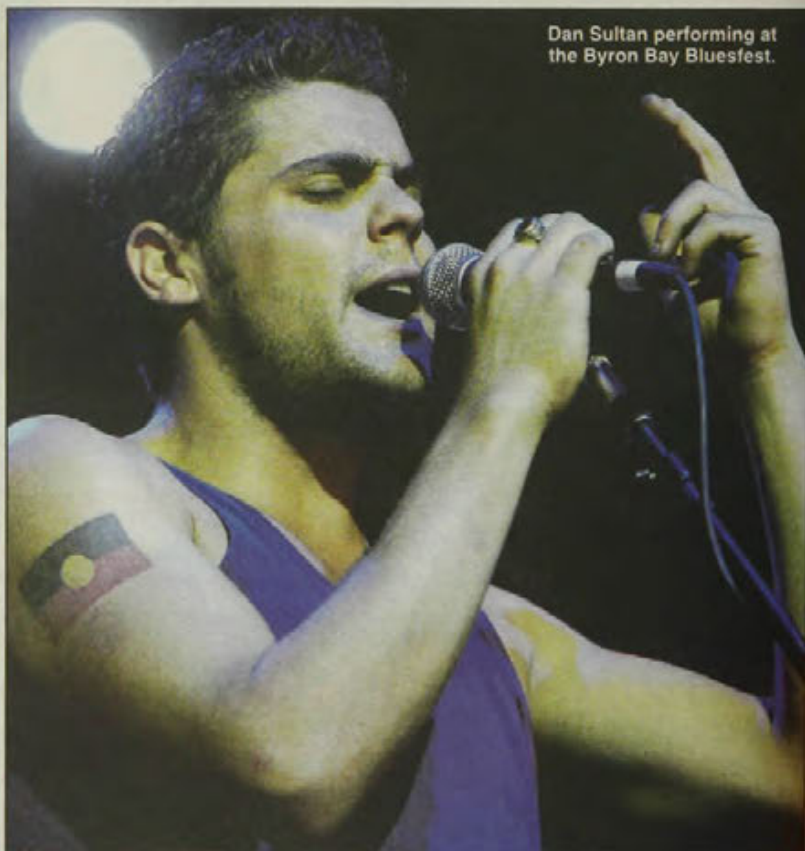
How about the late great

Otis Redding? That's a much better and cooler comparison.

As Chuck D from Public Enemy said, 'Elvis was a hero to some, but not to me'.

**MICHAEL HUTCHINGS**  
Indigenous Music Manager  
MusicNSW  
Alexandria, NSW

**EDITOR:** We intended the headline as a compliment to a fine musician, borrowing from one of his music industry colleagues Clare Bowditch. We're pretty sure the nickname is based upon Dan's onstage moves and charisma, what some people see as a physical resemblance and his effect on some of his many fans. Thanks for the music Dan.



Dan Sultan performing at the Byron Bay Bluesfest.

## Find education funding elsewhere

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way, after all those years of living in a cycle of poverty and being totally poor all the time because we were forced to live that way.

And now everybody else is going to benefit from it through the education of their children

whereas because we don't live in Cape York or down on the Gold Coast, we're still going to get nothing.

This has got to stop, it's just totally wrong.

**NORMAN JOHNSON**  
Central Queensland

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



# YOUR POETRY

**Galiny Bulmba**  
(Come to my place)

My land is a secret dreaming  
My home is a sacred blessing  
And all the stories were handed  
Down in the night by the  
Firelight, gather around.

Can't you hear the voice of the wind?  
As it blows through the trees and over  
land.

This land who is my mother  
'Nyundu Myngal Mgarrangany'  
'You now know why'.

Taught me from the moment  
I was born underneath the  
Sacred palm or maybe the paperback  
tree  
To listen with wonder  
To walk, speak and carry myself.

Naked I was born  
Tribal I existed  
Into nature's grand scheme  
I was enlisted  
'Ngali Binda Duruwawal Bunjida'  
Because 'tears are from my eyes and I  
walk' now...

But I am not alone  
And I am still filled with wonder  
And I am in awe...

The wind told me who I was  
The law-giving wedge-tailed  
Eagle made me take sacred  
Oaths to protect my old people.

'Watch out, boy'  
'Them old black people are still in the  
bush, you know'  
'Don't offend them'.

I will carry my wooden shield and spear.  
Can you see it?  
I will always make sure that I am not  
alone  
When I walk through my ancient land.

'Watch out boy'  
'Remember now what I taught you'  
'Old man, you are my only father'  
'Remember now'.

Ngayu Galiny Bulmba Nyundu Yman  
(Come to my place because you will be  
welcome).

**K L BURNS**  
Silverwater Correctional Centre

# The injustices of Qld stolen wages

THE number of people who have responded in anger to my comments about Anzac Day and the stolen wages issue in response to Townsville MP Peter Lindsay (*Koori Mail*, 9 April) would be laughable if it wasn't such a tragedy.

A tragedy because detractors along with those otherwise inclined have so easily missed the point: That just as Australians of all creeds honour Anzac Day, so should they acknowledge those who worked for wages which were withheld from them by governments for up to three generations in some families.

Adding insult to injury, our grandfathers, fathers and many of our uncles fought for this country governed at the time by the very same people who stole their land in the first place, and then their livelihoods.

My family and I join with other Australians every Anzac Day to commemorate their sacrifices, worth so much more to us as Aboriginal people because of how much less they and their families received.

No Aboriginal soldier in Queensland received a land package from the Australian Government when they returned from services volunteered after either World War.

Some Aboriginal soldiers' pay packets, as documented by Dr Ros Kidd in *Black Lives, Government Lies*, were paid directly into the very same government-held accounts the stolen wages issue is about.

I know of at least one Aboriginal veteran of World War I who was not only denied his pay packet and his pension, but upon his return was given the very same rags he had been wearing the day he volunteered, and sent back to work on a station, as if the trenches and mud and the fighting had never happened.

Government policy amounting to the



Gracelyn Smallwood shakes hands with Queensland Communities, Disability Services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Multicultural Affairs, Seniors and Youth Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr outside the Minister's office at Townsville during a stolen wages protest rally.

grand theft of generations of Aboriginal wages started in 1897 and, in theory, ceased in 1972. In practice, it would seem it is still going on today.

The Queensland Government was the first government in Australia to acknowledge this injustice, in 2002, with a capped offer of \$55.6 million to Aboriginal and Islander workers who were denied their money.

They estimated somewhere between 16,000 and 20,000 people would be eligible, but less than 10,000 applied for their \$2000 or \$4000 payments and more than one-third of those were knocked back because the Government had failed to keep sufficient records of those whose money they had withheld.

They also refused to accept oral evidence (affidavits) as a basis for payment and/or to pay the families of deceased workers their inheritances.

This is unlike the NSW Government who have made an offer reflecting the real value of what has been lost to workers and their families.

Some Aboriginal Elders worked for more than 20 years building and supporting our

pastoral industry under harsh conditions for a \$4000 payout 30, 40 or even 50 years overdue.

Many Aboriginal Elders were too insulted by the amount to even consider applying for it. How many whitefellas out there would accept a superannuation payout of just \$4000?

As a result of the lack of acceptance, about \$35 million was left over from the original capped offer.

Aboriginal Elders and their families across the State believe this money should be paid out in full, but to add further insult to injury on injury on injury, Cabinet has again decided to only partly pay claimants.

The rest of it will be joined to another account, which should be and is a completely separate issue, and – are you ready for

this? – put into trust again, and not even for the direct benefit of claimants themselves, but towards educational scholarships for a maximum of just 140 Aboriginal or Islander students a year.

Aboriginal and Islander people want the money that was offered – and is owed – to them for their labours in the first place.

They want the Government to take responsibility for an education system that has failed their kids.

Anzac Day is actually one of the few opportunities we have to join with other Australians in honouring our very own soldiers who not only sacrificed themselves for this country but their wages and entitlements and so much more.

The rest of those workers who effectively built this State deserve the same honour and commemoration, which is not to be found in this cheap way out for the Government and the cheap political point-scoring that has come with it.

See you on Anzac Day.

**GRACELYN SMALLWOOD**  
Townsville, Qld

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## What a friend we have in Jesus?

White man came  
With a Bible in his hands  
Ransacked my culture  
Dispossessed my lands

Then he closed his eyes  
And said 'amen'  
Broke his bread  
Then shared it with his children.

Forced Jesus  
Into my mind  
My mind was wild  
Forced Jesus into my heart  
My heart was wild  
Forced Jesus into my body  
My body was wild  
Forced Jesus into my soul  
My soul was wild.

I became angry  
I became confused  
You say He is good  
But I was abused.

Are you black Jesus?  
Are you being used?

Did they crucify you to share my blues?  
White man came  
With a Bible in his hand.

Now Jesus is my brother  
He was traded for my land.

K L BURNS

MRRC Silverwater Correctional Centre

## Please....

The Koori Mail welcomes your letters and poems, but we ask that you follow a few simple guidelines.

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# Importance of our Elders

I AM writing on the behalf of my people around the Yuwalaaray and Gamilaraay tribe and to talk about all the issues that occur within our black families and mental illness that our people have suffered over a period of

220 years. As a young Indigenous man, I have been incarcerated for a period of ten years and I have seen a lot of things happen to my people.

I truly believe that we have to keep our people strong to go forward in this struggle of life, especially for the Gamilaraay and Yuwalaaray tribe because we've had a lot of deaths in custody and genocide through our history of drugs and alcoholism and other substances.

These have destroyed a lot of our brothers and sisters.

I believe that our Elders are so important to all of us - our healers and leaders and guidance through our land.

I see my people and I can see that their spirit is destroyed by history and the mixture of our blood in the Garden of Eden.

That's where God put us to live and respect His gift of life. And all our people's spirits belong to Him. He's the father of all creation.

I hope my letter finds its way into The Koori Mail. Letters and poems do help our brothers and sisters, especially within the prison system because it is important for us to

know what is going on with black issues and in our communities and politics.

I hope to hear that through the thunderstorm or even through the birds that my letter and poem made it in.

MICHAEL DOOLAN  
Wellington Correctional Centre, NSW

## Namoi and Bawon

I can see the Namoi and Bawon flowin' through my mind as it takes me back to my Dreamtime. Back down to minyagoyugilla, a place to be.

Roamin' free as an Aborigine as I look up into the sky and see the stars above and the moon lights up the night sky.

I can see the beauty of nature and with much respect to the Great Spirit that guides us across our land and to live and respect all our people's dreamings as a Gamilaraay and Yuwalaaray man.



## Invitation to come to Bathurst

THIS is a photo of the Prisoners of War, Padres and Nurses' window in St Barnabas Anglican Church at Bathurst, New South Wales.

This window is the only one of its kind in the whole of the Commonwealth. It is for all POWs, padres and nurses, and this includes our Indigenous brothers. Bathurst was the Army camp for the 8th Division before they went to Singapore. One Indigenous name that comes to mind is that of a Queenslander, 2/26 Battalion soldier George Edward Cubby.

I invite any relations or friends to come to Bathurst for 2008 Anzac Day. We would love to see you. Anyone interested please phone me on 0431 186 982.

GREG STANDEN  
Bathurst, NSW

## Look in our own backyards

I AM writing in regards to the article in The Koori Mail (9 April) under the heading of '\$30,000 reward over child threat'.

First and foremost, I am an Aboriginal person who comes from an Aboriginal community. I am totally bemused at the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) offering \$30,000 to 'catch' or 'come forward with information leading to the arrest of truck drivers who are allegedly sexually assaulting our children at truck stops in Boggabilla.

Does that bounty apply to information regarding Aboriginal men in these communities who are covertly sexually assaulting these children?

My question to Steve Gordon of NSWALC is: Why doesn't NSWALC first and foremost put that money into investigation into their own communities where sexual abuse is happening on a daily, continuous basis to Aboriginal children throughout Australia?

Let's stop blaming. Let's face reality and look in our own backyards at what is happening with Aboriginal children, with people they know or trust.

I think this \$30,000 should be provided for early intervention, education and awareness in our Aboriginal communities.

They are trying to put a band-aid over a massive wound. Stop disguising what is really happening throughout Australia regarding child sexual abuse and get to the core of the problem.

When are we going to stop blaming others, start taking full responsibility for our own actions, and acknowledge

what is happening in our own communities?

PAUL (Surname withheld upon request)  
Oakhurst, NSW

## YOUR POETRY

### Modern day barbarian

You breed out  
My bloodlines -  
My Aboriginality.

Then turn my people  
Into prisoners -  
Slaves for your society.

You preach  
Love and compassion  
Whilst committing genocide.

Get wealthy  
Raping mother earth  
Then stand tall with pride.

You ignore  
These injustices  
Claiming God is on your side.

But from  
These atrocities  
You can never hide.

The hypocrisy is sickening.  
You say you're gentlemen.  
You're nothing more and nothing less  
Than a modern day barbarian.

JONATHAN HILL  
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In the northern rivers region of northern New South Wales, the annual Kids in Community (KiC) Awards recognise support by and for young people.

They highlight positive actions being taken by young people, often overcoming difficulties relating to family, culture, isolation, health and disability, and organisers.

There are a range of categories, including peer support, community support, homeless youth support, mentors, role models and one specifically for Indigenous youth support (with two age categories 13-18 years and 19-25 years). The awards organisers are especially keen to have Indigenous people nominated across all categories.

Young actor, presenter, writer and filmmaker Tristan Banks launched this year's awards in Lismore earlier this month.

While non-Indigenous, Tristan has acted in a couple of films – *Dust* (2000) and *Beneath Clouds* (2002) – by Aboriginal director Ivan Sen and in the SBS television mini-series *Remote*



Young author Tristan Banks at the 2008 Kids in Community Awards launch.

*Area Nurse*, which was set in the Torres Strait.

The prolific young author said he believed that just one small piece of positive feedback could help set a young person on the course of a more

fulfilling and meaningful life.

He told *The Koori Mail* this seemed especially true of young Indigenous people who acted in Sen's films and *Remote Area Nurse*.

The KiC Awards were

established in 2000 to provide

some balance in community perceptions of young people, often influenced by reports of drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, vandalism and violence against young people.

They focus attention on the supportive action of young people in combating many of the issues confronting themselves and their peers, as well as for the elderly, the disabled and the lonely.

Young Casino woman Melissa Torrens won the 2007 KiC award for Indigenous Youth Support (19-25 Years Division) for her volunteer work in activities for younger kids on a local housing estate.

Other 2007 nominees included Young Byron Bay musician Djvaan Cockatoo, Evans River K-12 School student Kim Ballard, Casino Mini Rail volunteer Tyrone Close, the Ngagu Jabu Dance Group of Ballina High School, Levi Caldwell from the Richmond Valley Council, Casino boxer and boxing coach Jonathon Walker, Kadina High School student and Torres Strait Islander Kiwat Kennell, and the Junbung Aboriginal Elders Corporation – Youth Advisory Committee.

Nominations for the 2008 KiC Awards close on 31 May. The awards will be presented at the Lismore Workers Club on 5 August. For more information, go to [www.kic.com.au](http://www.kic.com.au)

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# Focus on the 2020



Canberra region traditional owner Matilda House, with dancers, delivers the welcome to country.



Lawyer Megan Davis, from UTS in Sydney.



Shirley McPherson, Wendy Brabham (Vic) and Kate George (WA) at registration.



Journalist Jeff McMullan, curator Brenda Croft and educator Chris Sarra at morning tea.



Lowitja O'Donoghue (SA), Stephen Hagan (Qld) and Dot Henry (WA).



Eugenia Flynn, from SA, chats with Sydney Morning Herald journalist Joel Gibson.



Reconciliation Australia's Barb Livesey, Rae Norris, summit session co-chair Jackie Huggins, Anne McGrath and Leah Armstrong at morning tea.



NACCHO's Mick Adams and AIDA's Romlie Mokak chat at morning tea with Anne Dunn.



NSW Premier Morris Iemma, Warren Mundine and Barry Taylor shared some lighthearted banter on day two.



# Canberra Summit



A section of the audience at the opening of the 2020 Summit in Parliament House, Canberra.



Indigenous academic Marcia Langton who was in a summit stream focused on education, met up with old friend Robert Milliken from *The Economist* at registration.



Jackie Huggins, who co-chaired the Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia session with Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

## Having a say!

People came from around Australia to have their say at last weekend's Australia 2020 Summit in Canberra. Pictured here are just some of the participants. The photos are by *The Koori Mail's* own photographer as well as the Australian Government, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.



Gumatj leader Galarrwuy Yunupingu, from the Northern Territory, at registration.



National Sorry Day Committee Co-chair Helen Moran and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.



SA Reconciliation Committee co-chairs Peter Buckskin and Renee Coffey both attended the Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia session.



The NT's Raymattja Marika and Yananyumul Mununggurr outside Parliament House.




Tanya Hosch (SA) and Professor Larissa Behrendt at registration.

Look for more photos and reports from the 2020 Summit in our next edition



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# First step taken in landmark study of Indigenous children



A LANDMARK study to track the long-term development of 2200 Indigenous children from

communities across Australia started earlier this month.

Australia's Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children, titled *Footprints in Time*, will give researchers the capacity to look in depth at the early childhood experiences of Indigenous children and how these experiences influence their future.

The study aims to provide policy-makers with an evidence base to improve the design and delivery of program and policy plans for Indigenous children.

Collecting data from 2200 children, starting with two age groups, (6-18 months and 3.5 to 4.5 years) the study will trace

how their circumstances change over at least four years.

The study will include children from locations, including Darwin, Tiwi Islands, Galawinku, Katherine, Alice Springs, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Greater Shepparton, the NSW South Coast, Greater Western Sydney, Dubbo, Mt Isa, Mornington Island, Doomadgee, Ipswich, Logan, Inala, the Torres Strait Islands and Northern Peninsula Area and Adelaide.

## Structure

The first section of data collection is planned from 16 April to 30 September and will include surveying the structure of households in the context of a range of factors including who lives there, child health, nutrition, major life events, how family members interact with children and the social

conditions in which they live.

The study is a key part of the Australian Government's Indigenous Early Childhood package to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It has been designed in consultation with Indigenous people including individuals and communities, academics, health professionals and community service providers.

The study steering committee is led by Professor Mick Dodson and a project team of 28 staff. Over time, it is expected that local research administration officers working on the study will also regularly provide insight into key issues emerging in their research to their local Indigenous Co-ordination Centres, strengthening local policy initiatives 'from the ground up'.



On Palm Island, from left, teacher Mrs Sylvia Wagner, Eileen James, Lendell Sibley, teacher Ms Antonia Sestak, Cathy Freeman, Nikita Kennedy and Joseph Boyd.

# Palm good as gold for Cathy

By ALF WILSON



IT is almost eight years since Cathy Freeman won the 400m gold medal at the Sydney Olympics in a race that thrilled the

nation. On 2 April, Ms Freeman, now 34, visited the North Queensland Aboriginal Community of Palm Island to meet students and staff at the Palm Island Senior School Campus.

Palm Island Grade 11 and 12 students can now complete their secondary school at home since Townsville's Kirwan High set up a campus there this year. A total of 72 students are completing their Year 11 and 12 at the campus, where the teachers are Mrs Sylvia Wagner, Mr Donovan Smith and Ms Antonia Sestak.

Previously, Palm Island students had to move and live in mainland Townsville or Ingham at a high cost financially and emotionally to families.

But that has changed, thanks in part to Ms Freeman.

"Cathy's visit was all very low key. The Catherine Freeman

Foundation was established recently on Palm Island and it basically supports students' attendance at school," one teacher told *The Koori Mail*.

Palm Island is the birthplace of Ms Freeman's mother, and she still has relatives there.

During her visit, scores of pupils also gathered around Ms Freeman at St Michael's Catholic School and Bwgcolman Community schools, where she was treated like royalty.

## Reward

Fifteen students were presented with new mountain bikes as a reward for excellent school attendance and achievements.

Ms Freeman said the bike delivery would be the first of many programs launched on Palm under the banner of the Catherine Freeman Foundation.

"I've never been one to deny where I'm from or who I belong to. I'm very proud to be back because this is where my mum was born," she said.

"Even though I live down in Melbourne now, this is my home too. I've always been proud of who I am so it was just a natural thing to set up the foundation

and concentrate on the birth place of my mother as the inaugural community we're working with."

Mackay-born Ms Freeman said she was lucky to have been provided with a sound environment and the right opportunities to allow her to reach her athletic potential.

"This is my way of giving back to Australia, to the people who supported me," she said.

Ms Freeman joined didgeridoo player William Barton to reward children who participated in the first Australia Post Indigenous Literacy Project.

About 400 children from five remote Indigenous communities entered the contest, which asked students to write a letter or postcard under the banner: 'Strong and smart; young, black and proud'.

A total of 14 Palm Island students were presented with books, a backpack and ipods for their literary efforts.

Ms Freeman hopes to expand her foundation to underprivileged communities around Australia by mid next year.





Participants at the recent Ma:Mu cultural heritage mapping course.

# Owners map out future of their country

Story and photo by  
Calms Correspondent  
**CHRISTINE HOWES**



MORE than 15 Ma:Mu traditional owners from Innisfail, in north Queensland, have jumped on board the third pilot of a cultural heritage mapping course. The course has proved popular, partly due to it being an integral part of TAFE certificates in Land Conservation Management.

The Cultural Heritage Mapping Project was initially co-ordinated by the Aboriginal Rainforest Council (ARC) and is now hosted by the Terrain Natural Resource Management (formerly FNQNRM) and funded through the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) and James Cook University (JCU).

Co-ordinator Chantal Roder said there had been so much support for the project that moves were afoot to continue long beyond the pilot stage, due to finish in June.

"The CHMP has got that much support from the ground up across the World Heritage Area that we've put in a range of submissions for funding to see the project through the '08-09 financial year," she said.

Ms Roder said that decision-making processes, governance and control of the project were still very firmly under Aboriginal control.

"The project is still very much in the hands of Aboriginal people, and a steering committee of traditional owners is installed in the decision-making body of the project," she said.

"The Rainforest Aboriginal

Advisory Committee and the Intellectual Property Committee are the decision-making bodies for the project and that has all been written into the contract with WTMA and Terrain in particular, and JCU is funding one wage and the IPC meetings.

"The ARC Intellectual Property Committee is chaired by Henrietta Marrie Fourmile and the intellectual property work of the project, including National Heritage Area listing, the World Heritage Area re-listing and the Intellectual Property Protocol are all still standing as well."

Funding and governance arrangements aside, it's all about a developing passion for preserving knowledge and

that younger people are interested."

At 23, the youngest participant, Fran Joyce, said the difference between this course and others she had done in recent years was the inclusion of history and culture into the landscape.

"We've never done that before, we've just studied plants, so this time it's about learning about our culture and the spiritual side of things," she said.

"I just wanted to further my studies because I am from Ma:Mu I thought it would be good to get in there and keep it alive."

The Certificate III in Land Conservation student said she wanted to work for her community.

"Hopefully I'll get to work out in the community and just keep teaching them what I've learned. There's got to be something out there," Ms Joyce said.

Other participants who spoke to *The Koori Mail* included Elaine McCarthy, Thelma Galvin, Kim

Pearce and Gary Kyle, all of whom said they had got more than they expected from the course.

"We go around, we record significant sites around here in Ma:Mu country using GPS and then the computer and it goes on to a database, so it's recording a lot of information and keeping and storing it for future generations," said Ms McCarthy, who initially did the course for 'something to do'.

"I'm enjoying it, especially getting out and working with other people. We're just having a good time learning, and we're also learning about respect as well, respecting the knowledge and information that we're getting - respect that, hey?"

**'The project is still very much in the hands of Aboriginal people'**

culture for Ma:Mu, who are midway through a hands-on course designed to teach them ways and means of recording their knowledge for future generations.

Ma:Mu Elder Alf Joyce said it was also a great thing to be working with young people.

"I think it's a great thing and I think it gives us a chance now to really record our culture and to keep it safe for a long time," he said.

"My idea is that they can record it now so that it's not lost, it can be passed on to our younger people and hopefully they'll carry it on for their children."

"By the attendance we've got at this one, it just goes to prove

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## Notice Concerning Assessment of Australian Alps National Parks for the National Heritage List

Australia's National Heritage List was established in 2004 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) to recognise and protect places of outstanding heritage value to the nation.

The Australian Heritage Council is currently assessing whether the Australian Alps National Parks meet any of the National Heritage criteria. The boundary of the place under assessment comprises the following national parks and reserves located in the Australian Alps: Brindabella National Park, Namadgi National Park, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Bimberi Nature Reserve, Scabby Range Nature Reserve, Kosciuszko National Park, Alpine National Park, Snowy River National Park, Avon Wilderness Park, Mount Buffalo National Park, and Baw Baw National Park. Under the EPBC Act the Council is required to take all practicable steps to advise owners, occupiers and Indigenous people with rights or interests in the place and provide them with an opportunity to comment in writing whether the place should be included in the NHL. For further information about Australia's National Heritage List go to:  
<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/national/index.html>

The Australian Heritage Council, as required by section 324JH of the EPBC Act, hereby gives notice that -

- The Council is assessing whether the Australian Alps National Parks of Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory (the place) meets any of the National Heritage criteria (the place must have outstanding heritage value to the nation);
- In accordance with subsection 324JH(6), occupiers and Indigenous persons who have rights or interests in all or part of the place are invited to make comments to the Council on whether the place should be included in the National Heritage List;
- The date by which all such comments are to be made is 20th May 2008;
- Comments must be in writing provided by hand, post, facsimile or email;
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Dated 9th April 2008

Tom Harley  
Chairman

Australian Heritage Council



# Rallies offer support for riot accused



THE trial of Palm Island man Les Wotton was due to start this week in the Brisbane District Court. Wotton, from Palm Island, off Townsville in north Queensland, formally entered a not guilty plea last year to rioting with destruction on the island in 2004.

The riot followed the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee in the Palm Island watchhouse in November 2004.

Rallies organised by the Indigenous Social Justice Association were held in Melbourne and Sydney early this month to call for the dropping of charges against Mr Wotton.

The trial was expected to continue throughout this week.



Protesters march up Johnson Street, Fitzroy, in Melbourne during the 5 April rally in support of Lex Wotton, who is facing trial over the riots on Palm Island following the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee. Photo: Peter Murray

## Richard Frankland wins coveted award

# Great talent recognised



Award-winner Richard Frankland

By DARREN COYNE

**R**ICHARD FRANKLAND was at a dinner party many years ago when a woman turned to him, spilled her red wine, and asked: "Why do your people keep killing themselves in jail?" It was at the point Mr Frankland knew that his mission was to use his artistic talents to educate mainstream society.

"I realised that it was those types of attitudes and perceptions that formulated legislation and policies, and I knew we had to get into their lounge rooms to change those perceptions," he said.

The Gunditjmara man from Victoria has done just that, and was recently honoured for a lifetime of achievements in arts and culture with the Australia Council for the Arts' 2007 Ros Bower Award.

The \$50,000 award recognised his long career as a filmmaker, musician and writer, and was presented by Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett.

For Mr Frankland, the award was not only a great honour for himself, but for all Indigenous people.

"To win a mainstream award means we are one step closer as Indigenous people to being recognised not as problems but as contributors," he said.

"I learnt a long time ago to facilitate the voice, not be the voice."

Action man ... Richard Frankland directing on the movie set.



Mr Frankland has worked in television as a director and as a documentary maker with *After Mabo* and *Convincing Grounds*, which documented the yearnings of Aboriginal people to preserve important historical sites and a cultural heritage.

In 2006, he directed episodes of the highly acclaimed award-winning SBS Indigenous drama series *The Circuit* in Broome and episodes of the Channel Nine Disney children's

series *Double Trouble* in Sydney.

He has also written and directed two documentaries, *One and Diverse* and *The Innocents*, and directed several episodes of the drama series *Blue Heelers*.

Last year he turned his hand to writing and released his debut novel, *Digger J Jones*, a story about a young Aboriginal boy growing up in Victoria in 1967, the year of the referendum.

His latest project has been a

half-hour documentary for *Message Stick* on the apology to the Stolen Generations, which is titled *Saying Sorry, the Day the Nation Cried*.

Mr Frankland has toured nationally as a singer and his music has featured on the soundtracks to many of his films.

Most recently he directed his debut feature film *To Hell and Back* in Western Australia, starring Luke Carroll and Leon Burchill.

Despite the long list of credits, his greatest joy, he said, is working with young Indigenous people and seeing "the light come into their eyes".

"It's when they realise they don't just have to be sportspeople, they can be anything they want ... filmmakers, artists, journalists ... you see the passion grow inside them," he said.

Australia Council Chief Executive Officer Kathy Keele said Mr Frankland had continually demonstrated a willingness to guide, mentor and lead people from diverse ages and gender to achieve the best they could in their chosen fields.

"Richard's life commitment to invigorate and activate change within the community through reconciliation, social justice, arts and culture, exemplifies the very essence of the Ros Bower Award," she said.

"He has achieved this through his effortless leadership qualities, which inspire others to aim for excellence."

The \$50,000 Ros Bower Award is offered annually by the Australia Council to recognise distinguished effort in fostering and furthering the principles advocated by Rosalie (Ros) Bower, founding director of the Australia Council's community arts board. It is one of Australia's most coveted prizes for community arts and cultural practitioner artists.



# Torres Strait Islanders turn out in their hundreds



Enjoying the day are, back from left, Lizzie Ghee, Phyllis Nuggin, Dulcie Whaleboat, Alma Pilot and Millianna Davey and, front from left, Edie Boyd, Mamam Martin and Anemah Ghee.



Veeleah Edoni, 13, lifts Patrina Gara, 6, who waits for a turn on the merry-go-round.

## Day of fun for all the family

By ALF WILSON



**DARNLEY** Island woman Alma Pilot celebrated her 61st birthday in style at a Healthy Indigenous Parenting Program Family Fun Day at Townsville's Riverway Complex this month.

Hundreds of people of Torres Strait Islander descent were there at the event, co-ordinated by Magani Malu Kes Ltd.

"It was a fantastic day and

more turned up than I anticipated. Amongst them were non-Indigenous children and adults," said Jodi from Magani Malu Kes Ltd.

Activities included face painting and balloon animals, jumping castle, merry go round, first-aid bay setup, Elders traditional weaving and didgeridoo playing, a barbecue lunch, a children's playground, a singer and information stalls.

Lifesavers were also on duty to talk to the hundreds of youngsters who were there.

Mrs Pilot was one of a group of Torres Strait Islander Elders

who did traditional weaving along with friends Lizzie Ghee, Dulcie Whaleboat, Phyllis Nuggin, Edie Boyd, Mamam Martin, Anemah Ghee and Millianna Davey.

The traditional dancers wished Mrs Pilot a happy 61st after they performed for the audience.

"It was a good birthday to be with my friends and people at such an enjoyable day," she said.

Curtis Ross, 9, and Harriet Tapim, 10, stood in the long line and had paint placed on their faces.

Tenille Ahwang was there with her niece Matelia Fuller, 5 months, and daughter Anniyah Willis, 5.

"Everybody was having fun, especially the young ones," she said.

Badu Island 12-year-old Monty Pompey also participated in the face painting, and Chenica Saltner, 12, and Jaleesa Saltner, 10, enjoyed many of the activities.

Stedman Sailor and Ses Bero, with descendants on Badu Island, also wandered around taking in the entertainment.



Birthday girl Alma Pilot celebrated her 61st at the Townsville gathering.

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Stedman Sailor, left, and Ses Bero were there.





# Focus on our culture



A fire dancer performs. There will be culture aplenty with five weeks of activities starting this week in Brisbane.



INDIGENOUS culture will be the focus of five weeks of activities starting this week in central Brisbane.

Brisbane Square Library will be transformed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditional and contemporary art, cultural stories, ideas and performances as part of an event called 'Coolamon - carrying the culture'.

Brisbane Deputy Mayor Graham Quirk will open the activities, to be held at the library and Reddcliff Place, to mark the five weeks of free cultural activities.

"This is a unique opportunity to experience the richness of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," said Cr Quirk.

Celebrations will include live dance performances by the Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal dancers and the Wagga Torres Strait Islander dancers, and musical arrangements by up-and-coming musicians including Poetic Murriz and Just 2 Black Fullas.

Artists, writers and lecturers will also share their knowledge of their culture.

"We hope this inaugural event will open people's minds and broaden their understanding of Australian cultural heritage," said Cr Quirk.

"Coolamon - carrying the culture

## Five weeks of activities in Brisbane

promotes an understanding and tolerance of Brisbane's diverse cultures and aims to knit our community closer together."

Over the next five weeks, Brisbane Square Library will act as a coolamon, to convey the cultural resource of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions.

Each week of the celebration will also be categorised according to language, traditional practice, performing arts, writing and visual arts. Following are the highlights:

● **Language Week:** This week features documentaries, book readings with Auntie Vi McDermott and movies about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Thursday 24 April will be dedicated to commemorating Anzac Day, with special mentions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who made a difference to Australia. Kim Orchard, an authorised biographer, will share the life story of her father, Leonard

Waters, the first and only Aboriginal fighter pilot to serve in the Royal Australian Air Force.

● **Traditional Practice Week (Thursday 1-Sunday 4 May):** Indigenous Elders will share their views on the community's development and integration through panel discussions, documentaries and talks including Law is Land and Black Business Day.

● **Performing Arts Week (Tuesday 6-Sunday 11 May):** All are invited to enjoy Indigenous culture with song and dance performances. This week also features Celebration Day on Sunday 11 May.

● **Writing Week (Monday 12-Saturday 17 May):** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors and poets will share their success of re-telling their stories to the wider Australian community through a series of discussions and presentations.

● **Visual Arts Week (Monday 19-Friday 23 May):** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists will showcase their artwork and artefacts through workshops, documentaries and art exhibitions.

● For more information and a detailed program, visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries) or call Brisbane City Council Library Services on (07) 3403 8888.



## Special Commission of Inquiry Acute Care Services in NSW Public Hospitals

Mr Peter Garling SC has been appointed as Special Commissioner to inquire into and report on the following matters concerning the delivery of acute care services in public hospitals in NSW:

1. Any systemic or institutional issues in the delivery of acute care services in NSW public hospitals raised in submissions the Commissioner receives that he considers appropriate to inquire into and recommend any changes which should be made to address them.
2. Existing models of patient care used in the delivery of acute care services in NSW public hospitals with particular regard to case management including supervision of junior clinical staff, clinical note-taking and record-keeping and communication between health professionals involved in the care of a patient.
3. Changes which should be made to the existing models of patient care identified under paragraph 2 to improve the quality and safety of patient care in NSW public hospitals.
4. Systemic impediments to the implementation of changes recommended under paragraph 3.
5. Changes which NSW Health should make to overcome any impediments identified under paragraph 4, and
6. Changes which NSW Health should make to ensure that its workforce policies and practices support improved models of patient care.

The Commissioner will convene further public sittings of the Inquiry as follows:

Date	Name of Hospital	Time
Monday 28 April 2008	Lismore Base Hospital	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 29 April 2008	The Tweed Hospital	10.30am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 30 April 2008	St Vincent's Hospital	9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday 1 May 2008	The Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney Children's Hospital, Royal Hospital for Women	9.00am - 5.00pm

Members of the public are invited to attend the public hearings and present relevant information and material to the Inquiry.

The Commissioner is due to report on or before 31 July 2008.

The formal time for written submissions closed on 28 March 2008. Members of the public still wishing to make a written submission may write to the Executive Officer of the Inquiry, to request an extension of time.

Any person wishing to contact the Inquiry may do so at the address below.

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Dhanggati Elders with the new dictionary.

## Dhanggati covered in new dictionary



A Dhanggati dictionary with Dhanggati grammar and stories from around the Macleay Valley region of the NSW mid north coast has been launched at Kempsey.

The book, launched by Department of Aboriginal Affairs Director-General Jody Broun, is regarded as a valuable tool for Aboriginal language revitalisation. It is published by Many Rivers Aboriginal

Language Centre.

The heartland of the Dhanggati people is the Macleay Valley and the Dhanggati language is undergoing a revival as growing numbers are learning more of their language and passing it on to children.

This dictionary has grown out of the community's efforts to revive their language.

The Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Co-op said the book was a valuable language revitalisation tool for

Aboriginal people of the Macleay Valley and would appeal to anyone interested in the Aboriginal languages of Australia.

Author Amanda Lissarrague's research is based on the recordings of Dhanggati Elders, written historical records and the knowledge of Dhanggati people. The book includes a guide, grammar with example sentences from Elders, stories, more than 1000 Dhanggati words and a finder list to help locate particular words.



# 'Big names' listen up at two-way round-table

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



IT'S not every day that corporate organisations come together with key Indigenous stakeholders to have open and honest discussions about forging partnerships with the Indigenous community. But that is exactly what happened at the Indigenous round-table called Listen Up hosted by Microsoft and its Indigenous partner, Yarnteem, on 10-11 April at the Australian Museum in Sydney.

The objectives of the round-table were to encourage discussion between business and Indigenous groups on how best to engage with, and support, the aspirations of Indigenous communities, focus on youth development, exchange information and learning, break down barriers of understanding and identify specific action points.

About 70 people attended over the two-day 'first of its kind' forum, which attracted corporate heavyweights such as Microsoft, Telstra, AMP, ANZ, Qantas and Rio Tinto, and Indigenous groups such as Yarnteem, the Ganbina Koori Economic and Employment Agency, the National Indigenous Youth Movement, the Aboriginal Employment Strategy and Reconciliation Australia with the ultimate goal of coming to an understanding of, and commitment to, Indigenous youth.

Before the forum, all participants were canvassed regarding issues important to them in achieving successful Indigenous/business engagement, expectations, problems and barriers, and visions of success.

Community Affairs Manager for Microsoft Australia Paul Clark told *The Koori Mail* there was a lot of discussion around helping and supporting Indigenous communities in the past, but very little had been done with corporates getting together to talk about an agenda of



Participants during a session at the Australian Museum round-table talks.



Participants pay close attention during one of the many talks.

assisting Indigenous Australia, and looking at the challenges and what worked.

"We were really able to come away with some clear points and what we need to do," he said.

Mr Clark said that Listen Up had grown from Microsoft's community affairs program 'Unlimited Potential', where Yarnteem is one of the partners.

"We saw a real need with Indigenous communities of how we could drive this further and make this program successful and really relevant to Indigenous Australia," he said.

"And then we realised that there are plenty of corporates out there with their own corporate social responsibility programs.

"What are the commonalities and how can we really value-add together, and how can we achieve and really support groups like Yarnteem to ensure the support we give is really valuable and valid and not

just makes ourselves feel good, but have some real outcomes and support them in what they are trying to achieve?"

Mr Clark said the recommendations from the forum, with the consent of those who attended, would be published for other businesses to utilise.

Yarnteem Executive Director Leah Armstrong described the discussions as stimulating. "The focus was to consider how corporate or businesses essentially are engaging with Aboriginal communities for what purposes, and what were the key lessons and success, and learning from mistakes as much as learning from success, and for Indigenous participants to have direct dialogue with those corporates that were there in highlighting the area of concern or important to Indigenous communities," she said.

Ms Armstrong emphasised that applying for jobs or moving through the corporate sector shouldn't mean that

people had to leave their cultural identity behind. "There certainly was a recognition that cultural identity is a significant issue in terms of people having the confidence and moving forward with their identity, not only for themselves to be strong, but also people are appreciating and recognising Indigenous culture and the individual's identity is a valid and legitimate right to maintain," she said.

"Cultural identity should be valued by Australia overall."

Ms Armstrong said there was a focus on the creation of jobs, contract arrangement with corporate businesses, and entrepreneurship.

"Perhaps there should be some kind of policy framework making sure that Indigenous businesses or entrepreneurs get the opportunity to win contracts to provide services for anything that is in a supply or demand area," she said.

Ms Armstrong said there was a recognition of trying to do things better and that people were looking for new ideas and making sure what they were already doing was relevant.

"I came away feeling hopeful and positive with the level of commitment from both the corporate and the Indigenous representatives that were there," she said.

Corporations represented at the round-table included Microsoft Australia, Microsoft New Zealand, AMP Foundation, ANZ Bank, Australia Post, IAG, Messagistics, Qantas, Rio Tinto, SKM Engineering and the Telstra Foundation.

Indigenous organisations there included Yarnteem, Ganbina Koori Economic and Employment Agency, Aboriginal Employment Strategy, Indigenous Community Volunteers, Indigenous Education Leadership Institute, Microsoft's NZ's Maori community partner, National Indigenous Youth Movement, Reconciliation Australia, Social Ventures Australia and The Traditional Credit Union (NT) - ANZ's community partner.

# Lawyer takes on case

## Anti-discrimination chief will hear NT women's complaint

A PROMINENT Sydney human rights lawyer will represent a group of Aboriginal women who were allegedly asked to leave a backpacker hostel in Alice Springs because of the colour

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of their skin.

Sixteen Aboriginal women and children from the community of Yuendumu had travelled to Alice Springs in March to attend classes organised by the Royal Life Saving Society Australia.

After checking in at the Haven Hostel at the weekend they were then asked to leave, with management telling them that other guests felt frightened.

Lawyer George Newhouse, who will take their case to NT Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Tony Fitzgerald, said last

week there was 'no excuse' for the hostel's alleged conduct.

"Nothing I have seen so far either in the media or on the evidence presented to me suggests that this is anything but a clear-cut case of racial discrimination," he said.

"I am hopeful that the outcome will be a better understanding between Aboriginal people and tourism operators in Alice Springs."

Mr Newhouse said he was aware of claims that that sort of practice was

common in the desert town.

"If this is the case, it needs to be stamped out. It's absolutely inappropriate to judge someone by the colour of their skin," he said.

When news of the women's alleged plight became public, NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the hostel's alleged actions were 'truly appalling' and he called on the women to front the Anti-Discrimination Commission 'to get to the bottom of the matter'.

Mr Newhouse said he was impressed by the women and their resolve.

"I think they are the greatest bunch of women," he said. "They were down in Alice learning life-saving techniques so they could be responsible for the safety of children and adults in a local swimming pool."

"They should have been encouraged, rather than treated in the despicable way they were."

Mr Newhouse said the file of statements was expected to be handed to Mr Fitzgerald this week.

The owners of the hostel initially issued a statement saying the group had been asked to leave because the Haven catered for international tourists only.

A second statement said the hostel had never asked the guests to leave. - AAP



# Vibe on the up

## Liverpool event Sydney's best yet



THE Vibe 3on3 made a big first-time splash in the western Sydney suburb

of Liverpool during National Youth Week, with the community turning out in great numbers on the weekend of 5-6 April to join in the basketball, hip-hop and healthy living action.

Participants travelled from as far afield as Glebe, Mt Drutt and Gosford to take part in the travelling youth festival.

"The Liverpool 3on3 was the most successful 3on3 ever staged in Sydney," said 3on3 Executive Producer Gavin Jones.

"It was great to see people from all over the western Sydney region coming together as a community to celebrate Youth Week."

Joining the Vibe crew in Liverpool was former Australian Idol Casey Donovan. She spent the weekend teaching young participants about singing in the special Talent Development Project (TDP) Vibe Stars tent along with NIDA graduate and performer Trevor Ryan.

Other role models on hand included Penrith Panthers rugby league player Joey Williams, Olympic sprinter Joshua Ross and Australian rugby sevens player Matt Souter.

Local Aboriginal health services South Western Sydney Area Health Service and Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Service set up a special health expo at the event, offering locals the chance to find out more about health services available to them. Australian Hearing



League versus union at the 3on3 - Penrith Panther's rugby league player Joey Williams, left, faces off with Australian sevens rugby union player Matt Souter.



NSW Youth Minister Linda Burney is interviewed for Vibe TV by Luke Carroll.



So you think you can break!



Puggly Hunter Award winner Madison Hoskin with Vibe Australia Managing Director Gavin Jones and Kerrie Hayes.



Villawood Koori Kids decked out in their gear at the 3on3.

conducted free hearing screenings.

NSW Youth Minister Linda Burney and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch also joined in the festivities, both saying how much the 3on3 Challenge was valued.

"The 3on3 captures the spirit of Youth Week," said Ms Burney.

"It's all about young people having fun, being creative and expressing their talents."

Mr Lynch agreed, and pointed out that the 3on3 was about so much more than

just winning. "Win, lose, or draw, the competitors did us proud in the first National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip-Hop Challenge ever held in Liverpool," he said.

"I hope the challenge becomes a regular event in Liverpool. If this happens, (the event's) competitors... will show the rest of Australia just how good we are in all manner of sport and dance."

The Vibe 3on3 is a two-day Aboriginal youth weekend festival that incorporates

basketball, dancing, art, culture and health. It provides an opportunity for health services and related organisations to introduce themselves to the wider community.

Major sponsors for the event are Rio Tinto Aboriginal Foundation, the Department of Health and Ageing through the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and the Department of Environment, Water Heritage and the Arts.

Local sponsors who helped

make the Liverpool 3on3 possible were the South Western Sydney Area Health Service, Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Service, Gandangarra Local Aboriginal Lands Council, KARI, Woodville Community Services, Liverpool PCYC and The Junction Works.

Organisers said thanks were also due to the many volunteers who gave their time to help make the Liverpool 3on3 such a success.

● For more information, go to [www.vibe.com.au](http://www.vibe.com.au)



The boys fuelling up for a big day on the court at the 3on3 at the Vibe Breakfast Club.



The girls give their best 'black steel' impression.



# THE NITV PROGRAM GUIDE

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F - Exempt from classification, G - General exhibition, PG - Parental guidance recommended, M - Mature audience, MA15+ - Suitable for mature audience only

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## PAINTING COUNTRY



SCREENING WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 21:30

An outstanding film that follows a group of Indigenous artists from the Balgo community on a journey back to their native land in the Great Sandy Desert. The film is an eloquent statement of the link between art, land and community. Balgo Hills or Wirrimanu is located on the edge of the Tanami and Great Sandy Deserts in far north-west Australia. Despite its isolation, this is home to some of Australia's most famous indigenous artists.

## AFTER MABO



SCREENING MONDAY 7 APRIL 20:30

Filed during 1996 and 1997, it provides the most relevant 'snapshot' from that period of the land justice issue as it unravelled over an eighteen month period. After Mabo dispels many of the myths about native title and exposes the real political and economic agenda behind John Howard's 'Ten Point Plan'.

## THE LAST TASMANIAN



SCREENING MONDAY 14 APRIL 21:00

The Tasmanians were a distinct people, isolated from Australia and the rest of the world for 12,000 years. In 1803, British colonisation began and in 1876, Truganini died. She was the last full-blood and tribal Tasmanian Aboriginal. Within her one lifetime, a whole society and culture were removed from the face of the earth.

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# Doctors turned away

## Health service chief angry at lack of funding

By LAURELLE PACEY

**NSW** KATUNGAL Aboriginal Medical Service on NSW's far south coast is the most under-funded and disadvantaged Aboriginal Medical Service in the region, according to Katungal Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services CEO Damien Matcham. He says his group is constantly frustrated by State and Federal bureaucracies in their delivery of grassroots medical services to up to 6000 people in 27 separate communities in their area.

"I'm even turning away doctors who want to work with us because I don't have funding to employ them," Mr Matcham says.

"I also have a heap of young people who want to be Aboriginal health workers, but again I don't have the funding."

While welcoming the Federal Government's recent announcement of initiatives to close the health gap, he is sceptical.

"Governments keep saying how much money they're giving or going to give to Aboriginal health, but so much gets caught up in bureaucracy leaving minimal amounts for on-the-ground services like ours," Mr Matcham said. "Another frustration is all the hoops we're put through to get the funding, the number of different government departments we have to deal with, all with different reporting requirements."

Mr Matcham has been with Katungal for 15 months and says the organisation has struggled for funding. He now spends much of his time preparing funding submissions.

Katungal receives about \$1.2 million a



Katungal's outreach clinic at Wallaga Lake used this building until it had to be abandoned in March. Shown at a February clinic are Dr Rob Way, nurse Bernadette McKinnon, client Albert Solomon, of Wallaga Lake, Women's Drug and Alcohol Outreach worker for Nowra and Katungal Susan Quinn, and Katungal trainee receptionist Kayla Stewart. Photo by Laurelle Pacey

year from the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) to service clients from Ulladulla to the Victorian border and run clinics at Bega, Narooma and Moruya.

"We've had no real increase for 10 years, yet we have more people, many transient, and an increasing incidence of chronic diseases," Mr Matcham said.

"We're fed up with the Government's bandaid approach. Funding is only on a year-to-year basis, so we never know if we can or can't employ doctors, nurses and Aboriginal health workers from one year to the next, and transport is a huge concern."

Since Mr Matcham took over as CEO, Narooma clinic's days with a doctor has increased from one to five a week, Bega's

from two mornings to three days, and a clinic has opened at Moruya with a doctor four days a week. But Katungal struggles to keep them open.

Like most Aboriginal medical services, Katungal uses Medicare to help pay for doctors, but Mr Matcham says that does not come close to the real cost.

Katungal recently had to cut its transport services because of funding shortfalls.

"Fuel costs have a huge impact," Mr Matcham says. "We now don't have enough funding to take clients to Canberra and Sydney for referrals to specialists, other than those requiring critical care, and it's also restricted our ability to bring in people."

"We want to provide these services, but the geographical distances are huge and the

Government has never taken that into account with funding."

Mention of Wallaga Lake, the largest single community Katungal services, and Mr Matcham's frustration boils over.

"Some people there are living in third-world conditions and have rarely seen a health professional," he said.

"We started running an outreach clinic there early last year to try and improve this, all with no additional funding."

"But the old CDEP office we were in had all kinds of OH and S issues, and we had to abandon that when sections of the roof fell in. The cost of doing it up was about \$400,000 - money we don't have. Now we're having to do house calls."

"We successfully lobbied OATSIH for \$150,000 for a new health facility for Wallaga which was to be a demountable, but it withdrew the funding from us."

"Instead, the Government engaged Eurobodalla Shire Council to project manage its construction and operation. It should have been completed by January, but we're still waiting. It's become more involved because of the number of different government departments involved."

Mr Matcham says he cannot get funding to deal with major health and occupational safety issues at Narooma and Bega clinics.

"There's even asbestos problems at Bega that the Government has known about since last August," he said. "Several government people have told me no funding is available because it's all gone to Northern Territory."

Dental health is a major issue, with existing funding only sufficient to fund a dentist two days a week at Bega and Narooma clinics, and then that funding is year to year.

"I put in a submission to NSW Health in November for funding a full-time dentist at both Bega and Narooma, but I'm still waiting for a reply," Mr Matcham said. "Some people at Wallaga haven't seen a dentist for over 10 years, largely because of access problems."

Comments from OATSIH and the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs were not available in time for publication.

## Good vibe for Hearing Australia



THE National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip-Hop Challenge - the Vibe 3on3 - is touring the country, and Australian Hearing has jumped on

board. Australian Hearing is highlighting the link between good hearing and enjoying activities like sports and dance.

Staff from the leading hearing services provider will be at the two-day Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth weekend festival to promote hearing awareness.

Australian Hearing Indigenous Services Manager Caroline Cuckson

says hearing loss is more prominent amongst Indigenous people than the general population.

"Hearing health is a big problem for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Australian Hearing wants to change this, and we are taking out message directly to Indigenous communities at events like Vibe3on3," she said.

"Our message is simple: Keep your ears healthy. Ear infections are a major cause of hearing loss amongst Indigenous Australians. An ear infection damages the ear and can cause hearing loss if left untreated."

"If you do have a problem hearing, get a hearing check. It's simple and if you do have a hearing loss, we can provide you with small hearing aids that will change your life."

"Hearing services are free for Indigenous people aged over 50, those who have participated on a Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) and all Australians under the age of 21."

Other sponsors and supporters of this event include The Koori Mail, Deadly Sounds, Department of Health and Ageing and Rio Tinto Aboriginal Foundations.

## WA programs target mental health



THE Australian Government is funding a range of mental health programs in Western Australia aimed

at tackling high levels of mental illness and suicide in many remote Indigenous communities.

Nationally, the Australian Government will provide \$15.4 million through the National

Respite Development Fund. Of this, \$5.3 million has been allocated to Western Australia and includes establishing and expanding respite services for carers of people with mental illness, psychiatric disability, or intellectual disability.

In WA, Frontier Services will work in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions through the Pilbara Mobile Mental Health Program and local service providers and carers.

Centre-based respite will be offered as well as a mobile service to meet the needs of the carers of people with mental illness and intellectual disability in the Kimberley.

The measure recognises the role of carers in supporting people with mental illnesses and the need to give them a break.

In Kununurra, respite care will be provided for patients who are in the town before

their transfer to major centres for treatment or on their return from treatment.

The rollout of services in the Kimberley will be implemented in three stages including:

- Community consultation with Indigenous people and communities
- Establishment of services and training of staff
- The delivery of respite services.

### Aboriginal Community Funeral Plan

Following is a testimonial from one of our many clients

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## Kimberley campaign targets smokers



RESEARCHERS at The University of Western Australia have been awarded nearly \$750,000 funding to trial new ways of tackling

nicotine addiction among Aboriginal people in the Kimberley.

The research partnership between UWA and Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services, led by UWA's Dr David Atkinson and Dr Julia Marley, was awarded

\$747,697 in National Health and Medical Research Council funding to run an intensive quit smoking intervention trial in Kimberley Aboriginal primary health-care settings.

Dr Atkinson, who is the Medical Co-ordinator of the Rural Clinical School in Broome, said Aboriginal people were twice as likely to be smokers as non-Aboriginal people and current approaches to quitting smoking were having limited success with Aboriginal smokers.

"The aim of our project is to

trial a real-world intervention using a culturally appropriate Aboriginal health worker-led program to see if we can significantly improve the success of smoking-cessation strategies," Dr Atkinson said.

He said that the gap in smoking rates was a significant health issue that needed to be addressed if the national Close the Gap campaign to reduce the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people was to be successful.

Close the Gap is a coalition of Australia's leading health, human rights and Aboriginal organisations working with Federal, State and Territory governments to narrow the life-expectancy gap between the Indigenous population and other Australians within a generation. National Close the Gap Day was on Tuesday 22 April.

The quit smoking trial will be based at two major Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in the Kimberley and run

over three years by the joint Rural Clinical School of WA and Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council research initiative. The research team will start recruiting participants later this year.

Those who agree to take part will be randomly allocated to a program using current Australian recommended primary care quit smoking strategies or a more intensive quit smoking intervention led by Aboriginal health workers.

## Elder supports flu injections

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



TOWNSVILLE Elder Lorna Doolan didn't even blink when she was given a flu vaccination injection at the recent 2008 Flu Vaccine Launch day at the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Centre. "I didn't feel any pain at all, there was just a little sting," the 71-year-old declared.

"More of our people should come here and have a needle which will help them stop getting the flu."

In the three weeks before the launch, Aboriginal and Islander people had been told of the launch and educated about the dangers of the flu virus on Indigenous Radio Station 4K1G.

Station announcer Lloyd Wyles was at the Townsville Aboriginal Islander Health Service (TAIHS) offices in the suburb of Garbutt and interviewed clinic co-ordinator Diana Ross on air.

Mr Wyles said it was important to educate as many people as possible about the dangers of flu and other diseases, and that he was proud to be associated with the campaign.

Mrs Ross told *The Koori Mail* that Indigenous people aged 15-49 years were in the 'at-risk' category, and all over 50 years were eligible for the free flu vaccination.

"Those at risk include anybody who smokes, drinks alcohol, has a heart condition, or is asthmatic or diabetic," Mrs Ross said.

### Eligible

She said that non-Indigenous people aged over 65 were also eligible to have an injection at TAIHS.

"We have just received the vaccine and people can come into the centre without an appointment to have the injection. Every year a different vaccine is used to combat new flu viruses," Mrs Ross said.

The injections would be administered by qualified TAIHS staff until the end of June, and a free bus pickup service was available for anybody without transport.

"Some house calls will also be made for people with a disability," Mrs Ross said.

She said that anybody under 15 should see a doctor before they could be given a flu needle.

"Young people often think they are bullet-proof, but if anybody gets the flu it can result in two or three weeks off work and affect a family financially," she said.

Mrs Doolan urged everybody who qualified to get down to TAIHS to ensure they were protected as much as possible from the flu, which strikes thousands of Indigenous people annually.

"I get mine every year," she said.

To celebrate the launch, fruit was available to visitors to TAIHS and it was served by Mental Health Counsellor Hannah Scope and cleaner Tina Whittaker, both of Torres Strait Islander descent with relatives on Murray Island and St Paul's.



Clinic co-ordinator Diana Ross administers a flu injection to Elder Lorna Doolan at the Townsville health centre.



Hannah Scope, left, and Tina Whittaker with fruit platters at Flu Vaccine Launch Day in Townsville.

## Mental health problem revealed



LATEST figures reveal what rural people have suspected for some time – that the bulk of mental health

services covered by the new Medicare item numbers are being accessed by people in the cities.

The figures released on 11 April by the Australian Government show that, overall, 79 per cent of Medicare claims for mental health services under the new items are in metropolitan areas.

For some psychological services, the figure is as high as 85 per cent.

This means that the 30 per cent of Australians who live in rural and remote areas, who suffer a higher incidence of mental illness and face greater risk factors, are being short-changed by the initiative.

National Rural Health Alliance Chairman John Wakeman welcomed the proposed National Advisory Council on Mental Health, but stressed that the new body and the Government needed to squarely address rural services.

"Even if we had the telecommunications capacity we require, simply providing telephone or computer-based access to mental health services in the bush is not enough," Prof Wakeman said.

"We don't need more piecemeal programs. We do need to build sustainable primary health-care systems for the bush that include mental health services. These will be different from those in the city, and different between rural areas and remote areas."

"Rural and remote Australia is best serviced by multidisciplinary models specifically designed for their particular circumstances. The fee-for-service model is dependent on health professional supply and is failing people in the bush."

"We need to apply models that are known to work, such as shared care models in rural areas. We also need to systematically address workforce issues, such as supporting undergraduate mental health professional placements and providing incentives for health professionals to relocate and stay in rural areas."



## Warmun community to get health co-ordinator



A HEALTH co-ordinator will be located in the remote Indigenous community of Warmun to improve the health of the

Gija people and other local communities under a joint Australian and West Australian Government funding arrangement.

The \$100,000 Gija health project will initially focus on antenatal and young children's

health, but the long-term aim is to improve overall health outcomes across the whole community.

The health co-ordinator will work with nurses and other health professionals to deliver health care in Warmun and adjacent communities and will also collect specific health data.

The Warmun health co-ordinator's duties will include collecting data on:

- Indigenous women's access to antenatal care during pregnancy

- Smoking and other substance use during and after pregnancy

- The number of children referred to services, such as specialist medical care, allied health or child protection services

- The testing and results of Indigenous children's hearing, sight, speech and other development issues which will feed into school readiness and attendance. The health co-ordinator will also monitor Indigenous children's weight gain,

immunisation status, infections and early developmental milestones as well as working with other health-care agencies to reduce duplication.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said locating a health professional in Warmun demonstrated the Australian Government's determination to take the practical measures vital to turning around Indigenous disadvantage, in particular to close the 17-year life-expectancy gap.

Meanwhile, the 450 residents of Warmun have a new swimming pool, which is also aimed at getting local children to attend school.

The formal opening of the Warmun Community Swimming Pool marks the start of a Shared Responsibility Agreement negotiated with the community under a no-school, no-pool policy.

Under this agreement, local children understand that if they want to swim, they need to be responsible and attend school.

## Remote patients in surgery blitz



Health Check winner Jason Dixon

### Check a win-win for Jason



JASON Dixon now has another reason to look after his health, having won a family grill simply by having a

health check.

The Katungul Aboriginal Corporation in Bega, on the NSW south coast, through its Healthy for Life Program, is co-ordinating free health checks for Koori families with their normal doctor.

"It is all about improving the health of our local Koori community and encouraging them to see their local doctor," said Aboriginal Health Worker Dennis Scott.

"Jason's name was drawn by the Healthy for Life Advisory Group. All the clients that have had a health check went into the draw and Jason was the lucky winner."

Mr Dixon believes the health check was valuable and hopes that more families will have one.

"Having a health check was good. I was able to talk to the doctor about my diabetes and understand it better," he said.

"I encourage every Koori to contact the Healthy for Life Team and arrange a health check. I'll definitely go back again next year for another one."

Aboriginal Health Worker Dennis Scott said: "We work with all doctors in the region to assist with undertaking child and adult health checks."

"To date the team have completed over 200 child and adult health checks."

If you are a Koori living in the Bega region, and would like a health check call Mr Scott on 0427 106 822.

The Aboriginal Healthy for Life Program is collaboration between Southern General Practice Network and Katungul Aboriginal Corporation.



Dr Renu Raju uses a slit lamp to check the eyes of Jessie Pultara, who underwent surgery at Alice Springs Hospital in mid-April as part of the Fred Hollows Foundation co-ordinated Central Australian Integrated Eye Health Program. Photos courtesy of The Fred Hollows Foundation



Visiting ophthalmologist Colin Thompson speaks with 76-year-old Willie Jarparula Long before he undergoes surgery to remove a cataract from his right eye. Mr Long was one of 150 patients who have undergone surgery at Alice Springs Hospital in the past year as part of a Fred Hollows Foundation co-ordinated program addressing a backlog of eye surgery.



MORE than 50 patients from remote Indigenous communities have undergone eye operations at Alice Springs Hospital as part of a week-long surgery blitz.

The operations were part of a program aiming to restore the vision of up to 150 people during 2008.

"People in remote communities have to put up with poor vision because access to services is limited," said The Fred Hollows Foundation's Chris Masters, who manages the Central Australian Integrated Eye Health Program.

"The impact of losing your sight can have terrible consequences on the rest of your life, so we simply must find a way to cut waiting lists."

"This blitz was one of three that will be held this year, and each one has been designed to help overcome factors that often prevent patients in remote communities receiving treatment, focusing the provision of transport, accommodation and cultural support through the surgery and post-operative process."

### Intensive

"The intensive surgery sessions gave us a chance to get our head above water, getting through a lot of operations in quick time. At the same time we are working to improve the everyday systems to ensure that once we get the waiting list down, they stay down."

Mr Masters paid tribute to Dr Tim Henderson and his team, including staff of the Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services, who worked long hours during the week to exceed the target of 50 operations.

The surgery session, or 'blitz', forms part of the Central Australian Integrated Eye Health Program - a collaboration co-ordinated by The Fred Hollows Foundation and involving the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, The Eye Foundation as well as the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments.

In February, The Fred Hollows Foundation announced a commitment of up to \$3 million towards the construction of a dedicated eye clinic in Alice Springs.



# Anu, Hines hitting the road

 TWO of Australia's most successful female recording artists, Christine Anu and Deni Hines, will join forces on one tour during May and June. It will be the first time that Anu and Hines have performed together.

"I've always been a fan of Christine's, kind of like a kindred sister in some ways, and she's got a wicked sense of humour, so it's going to be loads of fun," said Hines.

"We're pretty spontaneous gals so each show will be a little unpredictable in a good way."

Anu, a Torres Strait Islander, said that she and Hines had followed each other's careers and the paths were very similar.

"We record albums, do musical theatre, TV etcetera, plus we keep bumping into each other, so it made sense for us to hit the road together," she said. It's

Ready to tour ... Deni Hines, right, and Christine Anu.



going to be great." Anu and Hines will be performing songs from their recent releases *Acoustically*

(Christine Anu), *Water For Chocolate*, and *The Other Woman* (Deni Hines) plus old favourite songs and

hits including *Island Home* and *Ain't No Sunshine*.

● For details on the tour visit websites

[www.myspace.com/deniandchristine](http://www.myspace.com/deniandchristine) or see [www.deniandchristine.com](http://www.deniandchristine.com) or [www.christineanu.com.au](http://www.christineanu.com.au)

## Sarra is still in charge

 EDUCATOR Dr Chris Sara has been reappointed Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board (ATSIB).

Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett, announcing the reappointment, said: "I know that (Dr Sara's) continued contribution to the board is greatly welcomed."

Dr Sara is the Director of the Institute for Leadership in Indigenous Education and Development in Queensland.

In 2004 he was named Queensland of the Year and is a NAIDOC and Deadly Award winner and an Australian of the Year finalist in 2005 for services to Indigenous education.

He is an eminent scholar, and his academic research interests include Aboriginal identity within contemporary society.

Mr Garrett also announced the appointment of Rosalba Clemente as Chair of the Theatre Board and Professor Brad Haseman as Community Interest Representative on the Australia Council.

Ms Clemente and Professor Haseman have been appointed to three-year terms and Dr Sara's reappointment is for a one-year term.

## Melbourne venue for Urgent play

 A PLAY designed to encourage audiences to engage with reconciliation and consider the consequences of the Stolen Generations starts next month in Victoria.

Titled *Urgent*, the play follows on from an award-winning novel of the same name written by four young women.

In the book, the women explore their heritage and many questions around the Stolen Generations.

Director Julia Torpey, one of the four original authors of the novel, has taken the story and, with the support of the Courthouse Youth Arts Centre and Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative, created the play.

*Urgent* will be performed by members of the Wathaurong Co-operative's Koori Young Women's Group. It will be at the Carlton Courthouse, Melbourne, from 7pm on 29 and 30 May, with a matinee and forum from noon on 31 May.

More details call 1300 727 432.

# Book focus is on Aboriginal men

By MARGARET SMITH

 SIX Indigenous photographers have collaborated on a book titled *My Father My Brother* which was launched recently at the Campbelltown Art Centre. The book is based on an exhibition of images of Aboriginal men from all walks of life, engaged in their own dreams and passions.

The 98 photographs give a complex and varied portrait of Indigenous men in sport, arts, business, and in their communities. They are in black and white because the Indigenous curator, Djon Mundine, believes that it brings historical authenticity, 'as against colour for light, happy subjects'.

Mundine explained that the first black-and-white images of Australia's Indigenous people were taken in 1847.

"For most of our history we were at the 'victim' end of the lens, and it was only towards the end of the 1800s that some yet to be recognised Aboriginal people moved behind the camera to record their vision," he said.



Students from Wilmott Primary School visited Campbelltown Arts Centre and are seen here with renowned Aboriginal photographer Mervyn Bishop (front, left) and curator Djon Mundine (front, right).

For the book, Mundine chose six male photographers who had made strong statements in their work about contemporary Aboriginal men.

Michael Aird's images depict the triumph of young men playing football; Gary Lee reveals his own 'mixed descent' self-portraits; Ricky

Maynard's poignant images of young Koori men in jail show an uncompromising social reality; Peter McKenzie depicts young men at turning points in their lives; Mervyn Bishop records seminal moments in the lives of Jimmy Little, Lionel Rose, Mary G and other community

leaders; and Michael Riley's images look at what religion has done to the Dreaming.

Merv Bishop said the book 'is a big statement because guys have taken the photographs'. He was an award-winning *Sydney Morning Herald* photographer before moving to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, and then becoming a freelancer.

He has just run a workshop at Campbelltown Art Centre, western Sydney, with Koori students from Wilmott Primary School, and was amazed at how well the students took to new digital cameras.

Bishop hopes that more Kooris will take up photojournalism, and he feels that the times are turning around with 'kids documenting their families' lives for a start'.

Mundine added: "The photographs in the book show how Aboriginal men are not all alcoholic, violent and unthinking. The central point is to see Aboriginal men as just normal males with varying attributes, fears, and hopes and dreams for a better future."

● The book is available free to schools from the Campbelltown Art Centre.





Tyrone Taylor on stage.

## Performing arts career is the goal for Tyrone



MELBOURNE dance student Tyrone Taylor is working his way into a career in the performing arts.

And along the way he has shown that he has what it takes by winning the Northern Melbourne Vocational Education and Training Dance Award for Excellence.

Taylor is a student at the Northland Secondary College in Melbourne, where he is studying a Certificate IV in Dance (Teaching and Management).

He was awarded for his outstanding efforts in his studies of the Certificate II in Dance (a nationally recognised training course).

### Program

The courses are part of his Senior Victorian Certificate Applied Learning course, and Northland Secondary College is the first high school in Victoria to offer a full-time dance program.

Dance co-ordinator Lee-Anne Di Stefano said Northland College had the largest enrolments in the Certificate II in Dance, and in response to that demand, students like Taylor, who continued their studies with the Certificate IV course, had a clear pathway to a career in performing arts.

She said part of Taylor's study course included teaching and mentoring younger Indigenous and non-Indigenous students in Years 9 and 10.

He teaches them dance, as well as business and event management.

### Correction

In the arts pages of our last edition, we incorrectly described artist Adam Hill as a Worimi man. Adam is actually a Dhungatti man. We apologise for this error.

# Producer with big heart wins



A non-Indigenous arts worker has been honoured for her work on the Pitjantjatjara language and arts project Ngapartji Ngapartji.

Big hART Inc Creative Producer Alex Kelly received the Kirk Robson Young Leader's Award from Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett, Australia Council Chairman James Strong and Australia Council CEO Kathy Keel in Sydney earlier this month.

Four years ago Kelly moved to the Coober Pedy, South Australia, where she began to learn the Pitjantjatjara language and worked with Elders around the Maralinga atomic blast legacy. This brought her into contact with Trevor Jamieson and Scott Rankin, with whom she conceived and started Ngapartji Ngapartji in central Australia.

Ngapartji Ngapartji works with the real-life issues affecting marginalised young Indigenous people; it fosters the exchange of knowledge, culture and language within and beyond the Pitjantjatjara community, and initiates practical reconciliation.

It has also produced the highly successful and critically acclaimed theatre show of the same name, which has been touring since 2005 and has sold every ticket available in the Melbourne, Perth and Sydney Festivals.

### Festival

This year it was seen by 9500 people during Sydney Festival and was lauded by one industry representative as 'the most important Australian work to inhabit our theatres for a long time'.

Big hART said last week that Kelly's work in leading Ngapartji

Ngapartji to such solid success was 'clear proof of her status as one of the best and most committed young leaders of her generation'.

"But she's not stopping now," a spokesperson said. "Alex's future plans for Ngapartji include an international tour, a feature film and working to encourage the Australian Government to establish a national Indigenous languages policy."

The Kirk Robson Young Leader's Award commemorates the work and legacy of a young artist who died in 2005, and recognises outstanding leadership in community cultural development, particularly in the areas of reconciliation and social justice.

It acknowledges that true leadership is based on the values of inclusiveness, consensus and self-determination.



Big hART Inc Creative Producer Alex Kelly.

## NT emerging artists featured in Sydney gallery exhibition



HOGARTH Galleries in Sydney is holding an exhibition featuring emerging artists from Jilamara Arts, in the Northern Territory. The Jilamara Art and Craft Association was established in the 1980s at Milikapiti on Melville Island.

Hogarth Galleries held several exhibitions with the community during the 1990s.

This current 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.

Hogarth Galleries has also launched the inaugural Sydney show for Ninuku Arts.

Ninuku Arts represents artists from Pipalyatjara and Kalka communities in far north-western South Australia.

These small communities of about 100 people each are nestled in the Tomkinson ranges and near the General Surveyors Corner where the South Australian, Western Australian and Northern Territory borders meet.

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 culture and law to individual artists and family groups.

Both exhibitions conclude on 10 May. For details call (02) 9360 2021.



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# Targeting the divide

**W**HEN Associate Professor Karen Martin was teaching university students in Queensland, she found that of the 600 students in her classes, fewer than one third had ever had a conversation with an Indigenous person.

"And yet most had a strongly held opinion or belief about Aboriginal people – generally negative," said the newly appointed Professor of Early Childhood at Southern Cross University, in northern NSW.

As an Aboriginal woman and educator, she realised that until students participated in an education system in which an Aboriginal perspective was somehow genuinely embedded, there would continue to be a great divide between black and white Australians on every level.

Last year, Professor Martin was given the opportunity to put her years of research, life experience and teaching practice into action as a consultant to Southern Cross University.

Her brief was to revise the curriculum for the new Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) and Bachelor of Education (Primary) to embed an Aboriginal worldview.

Earlier this month, Professor Martin gave a talk titled *Aboriginal worldview, childhood*

*and relatedness: the rites, roles and responsibilities for the growing up of young Aboriginal children at the university.*

The seminar shared Aboriginal beliefs and understandings of childhood as one phase of lifehood, and highlighted how a major component of Aboriginal belief is ensuring a young child is raised in relatedness to his or her ancestry, country and people.

Relatedness is a word Professor Martin has chosen to demonstrate the connectedness to every living thing which is the foundation of Aboriginal tradition, culture and spirituality. It is reflected in the often-used phrase 'we are all one mob'.

"We are all related to some degree and the Aboriginal child looks at this macro view of the world before narrowing it down to the micro," she said.

"In a classroom situation they will look around at the whole big picture and observe who is not there, rather than who is there, for example."

"Aboriginal children also enter a classroom with a greater sense of autonomy as they have been schooled in being autonomous individuals with a right to express their needs and opinions and have



Associate Professor Karen Martin is sharing her perspectives on the Aboriginal worldview as it relates to children.

them taken seriously. This can get them into trouble in the average classroom.

"They are used to more discussion and debate about what is right for them and are more used to working for the collective good rather than focusing on individual achievement. It is foreign to them to be tested as 'individuals' for their knowledge, when their usual context is in seeing what the group can achieve collectively."

Professor Martin's presentation also explored the ways in which older children and adults teach younger children their relatedness to their ancestors and country and to know who they are and where they come from.

"In Australian and other Western classrooms, the focus often is on 'what do you want to be?' and young people

sometimes grow into adults still seeking an answer to that question," Professor Martin said.

"The Aboriginal worldview is to focus on who you are and where you fit in the world, and your relatedness to every living thing – family, friends, other human beings, animals, birds, the landscape, the sky."

"When you know who you are, you can then expand more and more and become whatever you want to be by taking on more knowledge and skills."

Professor Martin was recently invited to participate on a national expert advisory panel for the Federal Government's Office of Early Childhood Education and Child Care.

The panel will provide advice on quality in early childhood education, primarily in child-care and pre-school settings.

## The Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts The University of Melbourne

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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.

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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  
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### VCA Community Cultural Development

The VCA's Graduate Study CCD Courses train artists and animators in culturally responsive CCD practice, to ensure that they become highly skilled, adaptable and principle-centred leaders who will:

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- establish ethical project management procedures and protocols; build community projects from a strongly articulated theoretical foundation;
- encourage participation and responsiveness to the culturally diverse needs of communities;
- facilitate strategic planning and partnership negotiations; foster collaboration for team building and community leadership;
- integrate action-based research planning and development processes;
- align social justice and social inclusion principles to policy/program developments;
- develop the ability to lead, challenge, motivate and facilitate without dominating.

Applications open in March each year with interviews in May, for a mid year start to the course. Contact the CCD program on 03 9685 9067.



Former Community Cultural Development students - Paola Morabito with Troy Cassar-Daly at the Dreaming Festival 2007.

### Wilin Week Australian Premiere Public Screening: *Time & Tide*

VCA Wilin Week - Keep the Fire Burning  
Mother Tongues: Honouring Indigenous Australian Languages

Monday 21 - Thursday 24 April 2008

Australian Premiere Public Screening  
*Time & Tide*

A documentary by Julie Beyer and Josh Salzman Tuvalu Language with English subtitles, honouring our Indigenous brothers & sisters

Presented by the VCA Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts & Cultural Development in partnership with Kiaga Tuvalu.

Monday 21 April  
Pre-drinks/nibbles 6.30pm  
Screening at 7pm  
VCA Film & TV, Cinema 2

Money is for Palagi (Westerners);  
Land is for Tuvaluans - Tuvaluan Proverb

*Time & Tide* is a poetic and thought-provoking documentary about a land and its people heading towards irreversible tragedy.

The story is told through the eyes of a group of expatriates from the tiny Pacific island nation of Tuvalu. Most of them have been away from Tuvalu for many years. Now they travel across the ocean to their home island of Funafuti. On their way, they reminisce about the Tuvalu from their memories and eagerly anticipate arriving in their beloved homeland. But their nostalgia quickly gives way to reality and they find themselves ill prepared for the Tuvalu that awaits them.

A multi-million dollar deal with an Internet company has bought new development, altering the landscape and bringing floods of foreigners to the capital. As the locals and expatriates struggle to cope with the severe cultural change due to globalization, a greater threat looms on the horizon. Driven by climate change resulting from global warming, a steady rising sea level is stealing their precious and already limited land. Tuvalu, as an entire nation, is slated to be the world's first environmental refugees.

*Time & Tide* takes an unflinching look at the ironic and tragic fate of this remote island country, walking the line between hope and unimaginable loss. Within an artfully woven tapestry that confronts these profound global issues, *Time & Tide* paints an honest and endearing portrait of a land and its culture on the brink of extinction. (*Time & Tide* - Synopsis - Julie Beyer, Producer/Co-Director).

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**T**HERE have been some improvements, but Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to lag seriously behind their fellow Australians in education, according to new figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

The ABS released an analysis of the 2006 Census data at the end of March and revealed especially low education attainment levels in the Northern Territory (NT).

The report, *Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2006*, found that more than a one third (37%) of NT respondents aged 15 years and over stated Year 8 or below as their highest level of schooling, and just one in ten completed Year 12 or equivalent.

Only about 3000 Aboriginal Territorians had completed high school, compared with 45,000 non-Indigenous people.

The figure represented less than 7 per cent of all Territory high school graduates, despite Aboriginal people making up almost 32 per cent of the population there.

And just 397 Aboriginal people in the Territory have finished a university degree, compared with more than 12,000 non-Indigenous people.

Elsewhere around the country, the ABS analysis found:

- NSW: 35% and 21% of respondents aged 15 years and over stated Year 10 and Year 12 or equivalent respectively as their highest level of schooling.

- Vic: 27% and 26% of respondents aged 15 years and over stated Year 10 and Year 12 or equivalent respectively as their highest level of schooling.

- Qld: 32% and 29% of respondents aged 15 years and over stated Year 10 and Year 12 or equivalent as their highest level of schooling respectively.

- SA: 28% and 20% of respondents aged 15 years and over stated Year 10 and Year 12 or equivalent respectively as their highest level of schooling.

- WA: 36% and 19% of respondents aged 15 years and over stated Year 10 and Year 12 or equivalent respectively as their highest level of schooling.

- Tas: 43% of respondents aged 15 years and over stated Year 10 or equivalent as their highest level of schooling. 21% stated Year 12 or equivalent.

- ACT: 43% of respondents aged 15 years and over stated Year 12 or equivalent as their highest level of schooling.

The new report includes national-level analyses of the population structure and distribution, mobility, household composition, language, education, work, income and housing characteristics of Indigenous Australians.

The chapter on education presents information on attendance at educational institutions by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as reported in the Census. It also presents information on the highest year of school completed and non-school qualifications.

## School Education

Involvement in education at an early age has an impact on longer-term educational outcomes. In the 2006 Census, 11,400 Indigenous children aged 3-5 years were reported to be attending pre-school across the nation and 6800 attending primary school. The level of attendance at pre-school or primary school was

# Better, but still a long way to go



A teacher with a class of students at Roper River in the Northern Territory. AAP Image/BILL BACHMAN

## Brighter news on unemployment

In general findings in *Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2006*, the Indigenous unemployment rate fell from 20% to 16% between 2001 and 2006.

There were also increases in labour force participation and qualifications. More Indigenous people aged 15 years and over were in the labour force, with the participation rate increasing from 52% in 2001 to 55% in 2006.

The proportion of Indigenous people aged 15 years and over achieving qualifications is up from 20% in 2001 to 25% in 2006.

Despite these gains, unemployment for Indigenous Australians is more than three times the non-Indigenous unemployment rate (5%). Employment and education rates for non-Indigenous people are still substantially higher.

similar for Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, with Indigenous children slightly less likely than non-Indigenous children to be attending pre-school or primary school in this age group.

Three-year-old Indigenous children in non-remote areas were more likely to be attending pre-school than three-year-old Indigenous children in remote areas (31% in major cities

compared with 14% in very remote areas).

Attendance rates for four-year-old Indigenous children were similar across all levels of remoteness with between 55% and 63% attending either pre-school or primary school.

Five-year-old Indigenous children in non-remote areas were more likely to be attending pre-school or primary school than

The report's general findings include:

- The estimated resident Indigenous population was 517,174, or 2.5% of the total population (up from 2.4% in 2001) at 30 June 2006;

- The median age for Indigenous people was 21, compared with 37 for non-Indigenous people;

- Between 2001 and 2006, an overall pattern of migration away from more remote areas was observed for Indigenous Australians;

- More Indigenous households were buying their own home in 2006 (24% compared with 20% in 2001), and less were renting (63% compared with 66% in 2001);

- More than half (56%) of Indigenous Australians living in very remote areas spoke an Indigenous language at home, compared with 1% in major cities.

five-year-old Indigenous children in remote areas (67% in major cities compared with 70% in very remote areas).

About 16,600 Indigenous children aged 15-17 years were reported to be attending secondary school. Indigenous children aged 15, 16 and 17 years reported consistently lower attendance than non-Indigenous children of the same age.

The difference in reported attendance between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children was more pronounced for 17-year-old children than for 15- or 16-year-old children, with 36% of Indigenous 17-year-olds attending secondary school compared with 66% of their non-Indigenous peers.

Indigenous 15-17-year-olds were more likely to be attending school in non-remote areas than in remote areas. The difference in attendance between remoteness areas was most pronounced for 17-year-olds. Indigenous 17-year-olds in major cities were more than twice as likely to be attending school as those in very remote areas (44% in major cities compared with 16% in very remote areas).

## Year 10 and Year 12 completion

More than 55,000 Indigenous people aged 15 years and over reported Year 12 as the highest year of school completed, however, Indigenous people in all age groups were less likely to report Year 12 as the highest year of school completed than non-Indigenous people. Indigenous people were more likely to report Year 10 than Year 12 as the highest year of school completed in most age groups.

More than 79,000 Indigenous people aged 15 years and over reported Year 10 as the highest year of school completed.

Consistent with fewer people reporting Year 12 as the highest year of school completed, proportionally more Indigenous people reported Year 10 as the highest year of school completed than non-Indigenous people for all age groups, except for the 55 years and over age group.

In this age group, fewer Indigenous people reported Year 10 as the highest year of school completed than non-Indigenous people (19% compared with 28% respectively). This in part reflected that more Indigenous people reported lower levels of education in this age group – 47% of Indigenous people aged 55 years and over reported Year 8 or below as the highest year of school completed compared with 20% of the non-Indigenous population.

More Indigenous people reported Year 10 and Year 12 as the highest year of school completed in non-remote areas than in remote areas. Indigenous people in major cities were most likely to report Year 12 as the highest year of school completed. In major cities, 33% and 29% of Indigenous people aged 15 years and over reported Year 10 and Year 12 as the highest year of school completed, respectively, compared with 24% and 13% in very remote areas.

## Non-School Education

Non-school education is linked to employment outcomes. In the 2006 Census, 7% of Indigenous people aged 15 years and over were reported to be attending university or a technical or further educational institution (including TAFE), compared with 8% of the non-Indigenous population. Across all age groups, Indigenous people were more likely to be attending a technical or further educational institution than university.

Comparing attendance rates for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people by age group showed that:

- In the 18-24 years age group, Indigenous people were less likely

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# Better, but still a long way to go WA educator in New York

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to be attending university or a technical or further educational institution than non-Indigenous people – significantly so for university attendance (6% of Indigenous people compared with 25% of non-Indigenous people in this age group).

● In the 25-34 years age group, the difference in university attendance rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people was less (3% of Indigenous people compared with 7% of non-Indigenous people). There was almost no difference in technical or further educational institution attendance rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in this age group (both about 4%).

● In the age groups over 35 years, university and technical or further educational attendance rates were similar for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, with Indigenous people slightly more likely to be attending a technical or further educational institution or university.

### Non-school qualifications

In the 2006 Census, 25% of Indigenous people aged 15 years and over reported having a non-school qualification, an increase from 20% in 2001.

Over the same period, the proportion of non-Indigenous people with a non-school qualification also increased, from 42% to 47%.

In both the Indigenous and non-Indigenous population, people aged 25-54 years were more likely to have a non-school qualification than those in the 18-24 years age group and the older age groups. However, Indigenous people were less likely to have a non-school qualification across all age groups, compared with other people.

Indigenous people in non-remote areas were more likely to have a non-school qualification than Indigenous people in remote areas. In major cities, 31% of Indigenous people had a non-school qualification compared with 12% in very remote areas. The pattern for non-Indigenous people was quite different, with 49% and 45% of non-Indigenous people in major cities and very remote areas, respectively, having a non-school qualification.

The level of non-school qualification reported in the Census was coded using the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED).

Indigenous people were most likely to hold a certificate-level qualification across all age groups. The proportion of Indigenous people with a bachelor degree or higher was similar across the age groups between 25 and 64 years, with Indigenous people in the 45-54 years age group and the 35-44 years age group most likely to have a bachelor degree or higher (7% and 6% respectively).

**D**IRECTOR of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Western Australia's Curtin University of Technology, Associate Professor Anita Lee Hong, is in New York this week attending the Seventh Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

She will represent the National Indigenous Higher Education Network (NIHEN) along with three other delegates from universities across Australia at the forum, which started on Monday and concludes on 2 May.

Before she left, Associate Professor Lee Hong said she was excited about her trip to New York and the opportunity to represent Australian Aboriginal people.

"There are not many people who have the chance to go to the UNPFII, so I am delighted to be given the opportunity to be an observer and bring an Indigenous



Associate Professor Anita Lee Hong

Australian person's perspective to current issues in the world, not only Australia," she said.

"I am looking forward to networking with other Indigenous educators worldwide and gaining ideas and knowledge that can be brought back to CAS.

"I am also interested in hearing the views of other first nation people on the Australian Government's

recent apology to the Stolen Generation and the Northern Territory Intervention."

This year marks the seventh session of the UNPFII, after the inaugural session was held in May 2002.

The theme for this session will be *Climate change, bio-cultural diversity and livelihoods: the stewardship role of Indigenous peoples and new challenges*. Other areas on the program are youth, education, the environment, culture and human rights.

The UNPFII is an advisory body with a mandate to raise the profile of Indigenous issues in the international community.

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# 'Apartheid' claim anger

**C**LAIMS that Aboriginal students in the Northern Territory are being failed by an apartheid education system are 'insulting and offensive', according to Australia's most senior Indigenous politician.

In a damning report released earlier this month by the Australian National University's Centre for Independent Studies, Professor Helen Hughes said thousands of Aboriginal students were finishing school with the numeracy and literacy skills of five-year-olds.

This condemned them to a life of welfare dependency because they lack 'the basic skills to get an unskilled job', she said.

Professor Hughes, a senior fellow at the centre, said homeland schools in remote communities worked off a 'second-rate' curriculum and lacked teaching material. Qualified teachers were only flown in for a few hours a week and students often finished their studies unable to speak English.

"Indigenous children are being denied primary education," she told ABC Radio.

"It's the apartheid education that is failing these children and creating horrendous problems for the Northern Territory."

Professor Hughes said educators who believed that Aboriginal children were so different from other children that they could not absorb basic language or mathematical learning unless it is formulated to be culturally appropriate were perpetuating Indigenous deprivation.

She called for the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments to:

- Standardise all primary schooling with fully equipped schools and full-time teachers or provide boarding
- Provide mainstream curriculums for all students
- Build houses to accommodate resident teachers
- Provide pre-schools for the more than 4000 NT Indigenous three- to five-year-olds
- Twin mainstream schools with remote schools to provide student and teacher exchanges.

But NT Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour



**Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour**

dismissed Professor Hughes' findings and said her claims were 'absolutely insulting and offensive'.

"I just find it astounding that she bases a report and a generalisation across the Northern Territory Aboriginal communities based on one small homeland centre that she has visited," she said.

Ms Scrymgour said Professor Hughes had left out 'some fundamental pieces of information' and denied the Government was providing misleading figures



**NT education report author Professor Helen Hughes**

on education standards in the bush.

NT Opposition Leader Terry Mills has called for an independent audit of all Northern Territory schools to investigate the claims that some students only have teachers for a few hours a week. "These are serious allegations," he said. "It is every student's right to sit in class with a fully qualified teacher."

Last December, Professor Hughes took into her care two teenaged girls

from a remote Aboriginal community. When the pair – both aged 16 – arrived in Sydney for a 10-week intensive study course, Professor Hughes said, they were unable to read or write.

"Their spelling, their reading and their arithmetic were Grade 1, but these girls had attended the school whenever it was open for respectively nine and 10 years," she said. "They had been going to school but they emerged being unable to read or write or do simple arithmetic."

Professor Hughes said another 20 teenagers in the community could not read the signs on a normal Darwin street.

"There are about 10,000 of these illiterate non-numerate teenagers who have been going to school ... What is the Government of the NT going to do about these 10,000 children?" she asked.

"Parents are constantly blamed for poor educational outcomes, but the principal causes of Indigenous children not attending school are ineffective curriculums and poor teaching that leave them sitting in class year

after year without learning.

"Most Indigenous primary school leavers, particularly in remote areas, are at Year 1 level and their schooling has, in effect, not been extended to secondary education."

Professor Hughes said Homeland Learning Centres did not follow mainstream curriculums and children were initially taught in a vernacular language.

"Elementary addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division drills are not taught in maths classes. Children are not being taught history, geography or science," she said.

"Aboriginal schools rely heavily on teachers' aides, many of whom are not articulate or literate in English and lack the qualifications to be an assistant teacher."

"These teachers' aides are supported by qualified teachers who drive in or fly in to communities."

"This inefficient system benefits Homeland Association management as the teachers' airfares are a source of income."

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**JAN FERGUSON\*** tells why she thinks there is no one answer to the crisis in remote schooling

I THINK we're all in general agreement that there is a crisis in remote schooling. There's no getting away from the stark fact that Aboriginal children in remote schools are failing to reach national benchmarks. Many of them are entering their secondary schooling with only very basic literacy and numeracy at best. About 37 per cent of all Aboriginal people have not gone beyond Year 8, so participation rates are low too.

There is significant disagreement on why this is happening and what we should do about it. One side says it is a failure of curriculum and we should stop pussy-footing around and teach a totally mainstream curriculum that avoids any Aboriginal cultural content. We've also heard argument about whether boarding schools might be the answer. And then there's the idea of performance bonuses to induce skilled and experienced teachers to go bush.

From where I sit, these are red herrings. They're avoiding the real issues and there is no one answer.

My starting point in entering this debate is my work as Managing Director of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre. We're working with Aboriginal people in remote communities. Their knowledge is integral to research and our philosophy and practice is based on valuing Aboriginal intellectual property as a key element of desert knowledge. Education is our business, too, and we are looking at how education is effective in

## Whitefella education won't work

remote areas

Our partnership with desert Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia has given me a unique perspective. I believe our approach is failing not because of cultural factors; it's failing because our systems cannot grasp who and what they are dealing with.

We're well on the way to creating a National Curriculum to reach all Australian children. I won't debate that particular issue here. I think it highlights, however, an assumption that we simply need to design curricula and that we can do it without a credible and coherent plan for how we're going to deliver them in remote settings.

This is a national problem: it's not confined to any one State or Territory and it deserves serious thinking and careful planning if we're going to deal with it.

In some respects, the peoples of remote Aboriginal communities are victims of a

numbers game. They make up the bulk of the 3 per cent of Australia's population that occupy 70 per cent of the land mass and it's very easy for them to be overlooked.

But if we want to make education work for Aboriginal people in their communities, then we can overlook them no longer. We need to engage effectively and sustainably in a collaborative effort.

Whitefellas generally understand very clearly what we expect from our education system and we're very vocal about it. Not only do we fail to communicate this to Aboriginal people, it doesn't seem to occur to us as a society to ask them what they expect from it.

What I hear from people in the bush is that they very much want for their children what we all want from education: literacy, numeracy and the other skills and knowledge that will help them with jobs and further education in the future. But Aboriginal people won't accept schooling

that denies or negates who they are.

For them, their culture is part of the main game and they generally want remote community schools to play a significant part in supporting culture and language.

That says to me that our planning should start from this premise. We should be giving Aboriginal people tangible evidence that we value their culture as much as we value our own.

Whatever agency we're with, we should incorporate Aboriginal people's imperatives and perspectives in the way we do things with them on country.

And that means that we have to start with a massive cultural shift. We have to negotiate, listen and learn, instead of simply expecting that people will do what we want because we think it's a good idea.

If we can start from this point, then we can begin to deal effectively with all the other elements of the crisis in remote education: Recruiting and retaining skilled and experienced teachers; providing specialist support at regional levels; engaging and training local Aboriginal staff; providing staff with quality housing; and building better school facilities.

But above all we need to understand that turning around remote education is a long-term process. If we can fix the visible defects, plan for the long term and at the same time engage and value Aboriginal people, then we have a chance of delivering Aboriginal children the education they need and deserve.

If we keep blindly plugging away at approaches that don't work and will never work, then remote education will be little more than another failed post-colonial enterprise.

\*Jan Ferguson is the Managing Director of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre in Alice Springs

## Group Training award goes to First Stop

AN Indigenous training project initiated by group training organisation AFL SportsReady and Swinburne University has been announced as the winner of the Group Training Australia (GTA) Partnership Award for 2008.

The GTA Partnership Award was announced at the end of March at the Australian Association of Career Counsellors Conference in Hobart, Tasmania.

It recognises and promotes effective and innovative collaboration between one or more schools and a group training organisation.

The winning project, First Stop, combined resources from AFL SportsReady and Swinburne University and established a pilot program for Indigenous Australian School-based apprentices working in sport and recreation.

The project ran throughout 2007 and involved six Indigenous and two non-Indigenous students. The students worked on events

including the Dreamtime Game at the MCG and the Australian Basketball Championships, as well as organising and conducting basketball and tennis clinics for primary school students.

The project aimed to improve the students' retention after Year 10; improve transition from school to work; increase the likelihood of Certificate III attainment; promote Indigenous leadership among youth; and generate high self-esteem.

### Positive effect

Group Training Australia CEO Jim Barron said the project was 'a great example of how the community, education providers and business could collaborate to have a lasting, positive effect on Indigenous youth'.

"The project has seen six Indigenous students, who were at risk of dropping out of school, not only remaining in education, but undertaking further studies in sport and recreation," Mr Barron said.

A successful element of the program was the use of Indigenous mentors who worked closely with trainees to identify and resolve any difficulties. Also, the work was chosen to be interesting, varied and culturally significant, while a constant stream of communication was maintained between the students and project workers.

AFL SportsReady Victorian State Manager Paul Broderick said he hoped that the program would have a positive effect on the students' future.

"This partnership has provided some amazing opportunities for the young people involved, which we hope will continue to have a positive effect on their education, employability, self-esteem and cultural identity into the future," he said.

GTA is the national peak body representing the network of over 150 Group Training Organisations (GTOs) employing over 40,000 apprentices and trainees throughout Australia.



### Swinburne University, No To Violence, and the Department of Human Services are proud to announce the new Indigenous Graduate Certificate in Social Science (Male Family Violence Group Facilitation) 2008

This new Pilot course has been developed by Swinburne University and No To Violence (NTV) and is supported by the Department of Human Services. Using an integrated model, the course enables graduates to work primarily with men who use violence and to support the safety of women and children who have experienced male family violence. The course provides the opportunity to gain essential hands-on practice-based expertise, therapeutic skills and theoretical frameworks for facilitating indigenous men's behaviour change groups and individual casework.

The training is delivered jointly by Swinburne, No To Violence (NTV) and Indigenous Trainers. It builds on the mainstream Graduate Certificate which has been provided since 2003 and on an extensive consultation with an Indigenous Reference Group and indigenous focus groups across Victoria. The Graduate Certificate is provided over 12 months part-time

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be able to demonstrate interest, experience and/or training in working in the area of indigenous male family violence. All places in the first course intake will be allocated for Victorian based male and female indigenous participants. The selection process will involve completion of a written Expression of Interest form and a letter of endorsement by an agency which supports the applicant and endorses their participation. Selection is based on relevant experience, qualifications and capacity to undertake the work and deliver programs. Course fees for the Pilot course are covered by the Department of Human Services.

### Application procedure

Expression of Interest forms can be obtained from Bruce Colcott via email on [BColcott@swin.edu.au](mailto:BColcott@swin.edu.au) and must be returned at the latest by the 29th April 2008.





Above: Phillip Bann-Pearson

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The father to six children and former full-time crayfish diver and fisherman started his apprenticeship in 2004 after being offered a place with the local council.

He said the change of career came at an opportune moment.

"I was always pretty good with my hands and the opportunity came up to undertake an apprenticeship, so I grabbed it," Mr Bann-Pearson said.

"I made a promise to myself and a mate to complete the program and I'm so glad I did."

His apprenticeship training included attendance at Cairns TAFE campus for five to six weeks a year to learn theory and the application of new skills.

"The TAFE part of the apprenticeship is great," he said.

"Although I had to travel almost 1000 kilometres away from my family to train in Cairns, I made some great friends and the encouragement and support I received from my teachers just made me want to come back.

"It's such a valuable experience and I learnt so much."

TAFE Queensland plumbing teacher Kyle Payne said Phillip should be congratulated for completing the Certificate III level qualification and would now reap the rewards for three years of hard work and studies.

"Phillip is a very studious apprentice," Mr Payne said.

"His work ethic is outstanding and he has done both his community and himself a real favour by getting through this training. He's a great role model."

Mr Payne said support mechanisms are in place through TAFE Queensland to help Indigenous students reach their potential and achieve success.

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Mr Bann-Pearson said he was looking forward to becoming a tradesman and expanding his skill set, but in the meantime will continue to promote the benefits of undertaking an apprenticeship.

"Everyone should do an apprenticeship," he said.

"You learn skills for life and a little bit about yourself along the way.

"Once I'm a tradesman I would really like to gain experience on high-rise construction sites, but I'm happy where I am at the moment."

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## Winter School: A rich and rewarding educational experience for Indigenous High School Students



Pictures from left: Participants in the 2008 Winter School; Students on an excursion during Winter School; Students graduating from the Winter School.



ABOVE: Students at the Nura Gili Orientation Camp. BELOW: Melissa Thorne in the Nura Gili Resource Centre



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Students graduating from the 2008 Pre-Programs





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## Student Profile

### Ryan Griffin

by Steph Llew

Ryan Griffin is a film fanatic. When he's not busy at work for a film production company, he'll be feeding his own aesthetic, engaging in a diet of up to five movies a week.

Having completed a Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Media Arts and Production), at the end of 2007, Griffin says that his love for film makes his "creative side come out".

"I have always had a love for movies, it's actually quite sad. I watch three to five movies a week and whenever I get the chance I will go to the cinemas or buy a movie for my growing collection.

"After studying screen for two years at TAFE, the next step was to get a degree in what I love."

Despite his previous dream of wanting to become a Director of Photography (DoP), Griffin dipped his toes in short film-making while at UTS and came out with a new passion - film production.

"Before coming to university, my dream was to become a DoP. But as time passed and the more short films I made at UTS, my love shifted to producing.

It's what really lets my creative side come out."

Currently involved in the Indigenous Producers Initiative (run by the Australian Film Commission),



Ryan says that flexing his creative muscles while working with celebrated thespians has been an amazing opportunity.

"While doing Media Arts and Production at UTS, I learnt all the up-and-coming techniques in film. Once I got talking about the things I know to employers they start to get all excited.

"At the moment I am working for a (film) production company for the Nine Network. It has been really great. You get to meet some high profile actors and be creative at the same time."

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### Larteasha Smith

Larteasha was born in Kempsey and studies Journalism at UTS. Now in her second year of study, Larteasha says she chose UTS because it has the best courses in the field of Communications. She enjoys studying at UTS because the subjects provide her with lots of hands-on experience, she gets to meet lots of interesting people and also has the opportunity to make some useful professional contacts. Larteasha also praises the staff in the Student Support Unit at Jumbunna IHL: "They are always there when I need help. I've also made friends with a lot of other Indigenous students there and they have good study facilities too." When Larteasha has finished her studies at UTS, she would like to work in Indigenous media. As she puts it: "I like working with our people and we need a stronger voice in the media."



Bachelor of Midwifery students Angela Coe and Kelly Jones.



# Reform on the way



JULIA GILLARD

**T**HE Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has agreed to develop a new schools reform plan for the 21st century, targeting disadvantaged school communities, improved teacher quality, greater accountabilities and boosting parental engagement.

The decision is part of the Rudd Government's so-called 'Education Revolution', and a major plank of a COAG agreement reached in Adelaide at the end of March, which outlined a productivity and participation agenda that spans early childhood to adulthood.

Federal Education Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard said the agenda would be 'outcomes-focused, transparent

and reward improved performance'.

"It will underpin the creation of a modern, productive and inclusive Australia," she said.

At the centre of the schools reform plan is a National Partnership payment from the Rudd Government to State and Territory governments for the delivery of better education outcomes from disadvantaged school communities.

"The governments will work together to identify disadvantaged school communities. These school communities will then receive well-targeted and integrated support from government," Ms Gillard said.

"New targets will be written into the Specific Purpose Payments

(SPP) to be negotiated with State and Territory governments this year. The payment will be based on the outcomes achieved from those disadvantaged schools."

In addition, COAG agreed to at least halve the gap for Indigenous students in Year 12 or equivalent attainment rates by 2020.

## 'Chance in life'

"This is about giving every child the best possible chance in life and ensuring that we have a productive economy," Ms Gillard said. COAG agreed to develop strategies to progress the following policy directions:

- Improving teacher and school leader quality
- High standards and expectations

● Greater accountability and better-directed resources;

● Modern, world-class teaching and learning environments including information communication and technology (ICT)

● Integrated strategies for low socio-economic status (SES) school communities and

● Boosting parental engagement.

Ms Gillard said the COAG Working Group on the Productivity Agenda would work closely with the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs and the Catholic and Independent schools sectors to develop the next steps for the Government's education agenda.

# Scholarships awarded

**T**HE future is looking decidedly brighter for a group of talented Indigenous students in northern New South Wales, following the announcement of recipients of the Southern Cross University's 2008 Vice Chancellor's and Industry Scholarships Scheme.

The scholarships were announced at SCU's Lismore campus and included the university's first ever ANZ Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship, which was awarded to young mother Belinda Engelbrecht.

Personal experience of social and medical disadvantage among her Indigenous community on North Stradbroke Island has motivated Belinda to study for a Bachelor of Indigenous Studies (trauma and healing).

"In my country there is a lot of alcohol and drug abuse among young people and problems of child neglect," said the mother of four. "There are only a few Indigenous health-care workers on the island. I would like to do something in the field of health so that I can return to help my own people."

Since leaving high school in Year 9, Belinda has amassed a wealth of first-hand experience. She has tutored at a secondary school, worked in aged respite care and delivered Aboriginal cultural education on North Stradbroke, while also working with the Aboriginal Housing Co-operative and Indigenous Health Centre.

She said that completing the Gribi Foundation program at SCU last year reinforced her study ambitions and the three-year ANZ scholarship, valued at \$15,000, will enable her to set up a study and help cover her education and child-care costs.

The recipient of one of two Telstra Country Wide Indigenous Scholarships was Lowanna Moore, who has her sights set firmly on a tourism degree.

Lowanna was one of just two students in Year 12 during 2007 at



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Lowanna Moore will use her Telstra Country Wide Indigenous Scholarship to help her study for a Bachelor of Business in Tourism degree.



Samantha Hudson was presented with The Koori Mail Scholarship by Koori Mail Director Pam Roberts.



Education student Malcolm Kenny won one of two Telstra Country Wide Indigenous Scholarships. He is with SCU Vice-Chancellor Paul Clark.



Sport and Exercise Science student Kara Saddler was awarded the NSW Sport and Recreation Indigenous Scholarship.



SCU Tweed campus student Janine Kroemer was awarded the Innis Foundation Indigenous Student Scholarship.

Bonalbo Central School, located about 100km west of Lismore. She received an early entry into the SCU Bachelor of Business in Tourism Management and will be helped along by her Telstra-sponsored scholarship, valued at \$11,500 over two years.

"People suggested to me in Year 10 that I should go to uni, but I just thought you've got to be kidding," Lowanna said.

"When I went into Year 11 I did a TAFE course in tourism and I really enjoyed it. I thought I'd really like to have a career in tourism. I wouldn't mind working

in hotels or resorts and traveling around the world.

"The Telstra Scholarship is going to be a really big help. It would have been pretty hard otherwise. My family would have got behind me but I like being independent and doing things for myself."

Lowanna, who has four brothers, is the first in her family to enrol in university. "I have three older brothers and one younger. They are all pretty happy and are very supportive of me. My teachers were also really pleased that the effort they had

put in paid off," she said.

Other scholarships awarded to Indigenous students included:

● The Koori Mail Scholarship to Samantha Hudson, who is studying for a Bachelor of Clinical Science

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Scholarships valued at more than \$355,000 were awarded to more than 80 students enrolled at Southern Cross University this year – the highest number of scholarships in the program's 13-year history. Most were valued at \$5000 a year.

Fifty new scholarships were offered in 2008, including eight honours scholarships, five Tweed Shire Council scholarships and three Lismore City Council scholarships.



# Library workers gather

**L**IBRARY workers from across Australia and overseas gathered in Darwin this month for the 11th annual meeting of ATSILIRN (the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library Information and Resource Network) – the national body representing Indigenous interests in libraries, archives and information services.

Organisers said the conference lived-up to its theme – *Listen Up! Speak Up!* – with a program of speakers, all passionate about libraries and the difference they can make to the education and lives of Indigenous people and their communities.

Delegates said they were inspired by what is being achieved in local, grassroot library services such as at the remote Kimberley community of Bidjardanga.

Bidjardanga Library staff Deborah Hallett and Jean Indermaur spoke of the challenges their tiny library faced and the successes they've had in promoting literacy and the love of books in their community.

Indigenous historian,



Devina Shoveller (left) and Deborah Hallett, library workers from the Bidjardanga community in Western Australia.

Noeline Briggs-Smith, from the Dhiyaan Indigenous Centre at the Moree Library (NSW), appealed for all libraries to strengthen their Indigenous collections and harness local knowledge to get more Indigenous people into libraries.

Keynote speaker was Atarino Helleislar, Chief Law Librarian of the Federated States of Micronesia and Secretary to the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums. He told of the

difficulties in co-ordinating information services to remote island communities and the challenges in securing Government support.

Chris Batt, CEO of the UK Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, outlined the British experience and the impact of the digital age on library services. He advised the British Government on the use of information and communication technologies in museums, archives and

libraries, and led the People's Network program, a project to connect all 4300 public libraries in Britain to the information superhighway by the end of 2002. He also spoke of technological trends and posed questions about how libraries can take advantage of people's need for a 'community'.

ATSILIRN President Melissa Jackson said that this was one of the group's most successful conferences so far.

"We're seeing a definite increase in the number of Indigenous people interested and involved with libraries and archives, which is fantastic," she said.

"It's great to see libraries in Australia being valued as community and literacy centres and keeping places by Indigenous people, and ATSILIRN is a growing network dedicated to fostering the goodwill that exists in the community."

The three-day ATSILIRN conference was hosted by the Northern Territory Library and held at Charles Darwin University, Casuarina Campus.



Cate Richmond, the Assistant Director of Libraries and Knowledge Centres, Northern Territory Library.



## Australian Government

## Department of Health and Ageing

### Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Health Scholarships



The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme (PHMSS) is open for applications from students intending to study in 2009.

The PHMSS is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and administered by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA).

Applications are invited from students who wish to study at the undergraduate level in the areas of:

- Aboriginal Health Worker;
- Allied Health (excluding pharmacy);
- Dentistry/Oral Health;
- Health Service Management;
- Health Education/Promotion;
- Medicine;
- Mental Health;
- Midwifery; and
- Nursing.

Scholarships are available for the start of the 2009 academic year and are worth up to

**\$15,000** per year for full time study and up to **\$7,500** per year for part time study.

Applicants **must** identify as and be able to prove their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status.

Selection will be based on criteria including demonstrated interest and experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, leadership qualities and financial need. This selection is not based on academic achievement.

Applications are available to download from our website [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au).

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship scheme will close **8 August 2008**.

Further information is available by contacting RCNA on free call **1800 688 628** or email at [scholarships@rcna.org.au](mailto:scholarships@rcna.org.au).





# Building their careers



**FOURTEEN** local people from the North Queensland community of Yarrabah are cementing their careers in construction with the start of the State's first dedicated Indigenous block-laying program. Delivered as part of Queensland TAFE's Step Out range of programs, the participants will learn general block-laying skills including brick and block laying, mixing, cutting steel, trowel use, level use and labouring equivalent to first-year apprentice standards.

They will train over 13 weeks and then be placed into apprenticeships with local block-laying contractors.

Tropical North Queensland TAFE Institute Director Jo Pyne said the program was designed to provide real employment pathways for those interested in a construction career.

### Successful

"For several years now TAFE has delivered the Step Out program for school-aged students, and it has been very successful," Ms Pyne said.

"By bringing industry and employment organisations together we have been able to deliver a similar model for the Yarrabah community."

"This program provides real employment pathways for Indigenous people, with the idea that they will eventually be able to apply their new skills within their community."

The Step Out program comes at no expense to the students. Over the duration of the training, participants will also undertake work experience in the Cairns region.

The 14 students were individually selected to participate in the program after



Gresham Sands and Leonie Ambrym learn the tricks of the block-laying trade as part of the Step Out program.

a series of community-based block-laying projects were conducted by TAFE in the Yarrabah community.

The Australian Brick and Block Laying Training Foundation, Building and Construction Industry Training Fund, ITEC

Employment, Minniecon and Burke and Tropical North Queensland TAFE are all partners in the project.



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Students and schools experiencing the outside broadcasts will get a taste of the role that a broadcaster has, and will be encouraged to participate in presenting on air, making shout outs, requesting songs, rapping, beat-boxing, and operating the technical equipment used in broadcasting.

Koori Radio will be conducting outside broadcasts in the Blacktown area for school term two. School term three and four will be open to any schools within the Sydney Metropolitan region that express their interest.

Any schools or students interested in the training or receiving further information should contact Jodie at the Gadigal Information Service on phone (02) 9564 0590 or email [jodie@gadigal.org.au](mailto:jodie@gadigal.org.au)

NT

BACHELOR Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeannie Herbert has added another feather to her

cap. James Cook University (JCU) recently awarded Professor Herbert an Honorary Doctorate of Educational Studies in recognition of 'her outstanding contributions to the advancement of Indigenous higher education'.

Professor Herbert, now based in the Northern Territory, was Chair of Indigenous Australian Studies at JCU from 2002 until she left in 2006 to take up her position at Batchelor, and helped to establish JCU's School of Indigenous Australian Studies.

She oversaw the development of undergraduate and graduate programs in Indigenous Studies and advocated for Indigenous knowledge and epistemologies to be an integral part of all JCU degree programs.

During the presentation of her honorary doctorate at the end of March, JCU Chancellor John Grey also acknowledged Professor Herbert's outstanding leadership and her service to the northern

Queensland and broader Australian community.

"Professor Herbert has a long and distinguished career in education across all sectors – pre-school, primary, secondary, vocational education and training and university," General Grey said.

"During her career, whether as a classroom teacher, educational administrator, researcher or advocate at State and National level, she has worked tirelessly to promote Indigenous education."

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She is also a member of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Reference Group in the Northern Territory which was set up in December 2007 to

get feedback on the impact of the Federal Intervention into NT Aboriginal communities.

Professor Herbert was selected as a participant in the Australia 2020 Summit held in Canberra at the weekend, to participate in the discussions around the productivity agenda that includes education, skills training, science and innovation.





Malak Primary School students, from left, Shania Gounder, Tiarnan Rooks-Berryman, Joseph Pusteria, Samara Hadar-Albury, Gino Tartaglia, Owain Wynne and teacher Mrs Zowie Sumendra are ready to get active.

## Moving message for students



PRIMARY school students and their parents around Australia are getting the message that being active for an hour or more every day makes good sense. Walk Safely To School Day's key message for 2008 is 'Active kids are healthy kids...so get moving!'

This is the eighth year that the national campaign has been held and it promotes:

- Pedestrian safety to young children, their parents, teachers, carers and the wider community
- Exercise for better health
- Cleaner air
- Less traffic

● Improved public transport  
Primary schools throughout the nation, including Malak Primary School in Darwin, will hold events to mark the day.

On Friday 2 May parents and carers are encouraged to walk to the school with primary school-age children to instil healthy lifestyle habits at a young age and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour, with the key messages being the importance of physical activity for health, healthy eating choices, and pedestrian safety. Local councils, businesses and parent and community groups are being encouraged to 'Host a Healthy Breakfast' at their local primary school.

Many schools that already host healthy

breakfasts also engage groups such as the police, political, business and community leaders to deliver and demonstrate important messages to their students and lead 'safe walks' accompanied by school principals, teachers, parents, carers and students.

National Walk Safely to School Day is a Federal Government initiative organised by the Pedestrian Council of Australia.

It is also supported by State and Territory governments, along with the National Heart Foundation, Beyondblue, The Cancer Council Australia, Planet Ark, Diabetes Australia, the Australian Council State School Organisations and the Australian Primary Principals Association.

## Wollotuka students celebrate their success



INDIGENOUS success in education was on show for all to

see last week when 59 Indigenous students graduated from enabling and degree programs across the University of Newcastle, in northern New South Wales.

Fifteen of the students celebrated their achievements through the enabling programs of Newstep, Yapug and Open Foundation, while 45 students graduated with undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications.

The Wollotuka Indigenous Support Unit hosted a function for all Indigenous graduates last Monday to mark their successes.

University Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Kevin McConkey said the organisation was committed to empowering Indigenous people through education.

### Insightful

"The University of Newcastle is home to some of the most prolific and insightful Indigenous students, academics and researchers in Australia, who are canvassing a diverse and unique range of issues and themes" he said.

"We are extremely proud of our record in Indigenous education."

"The graduating students have completed a range of degrees - from teaching, forensic science and design, to engineering, medicine and law."

"Education linked with traditional knowledge will ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people maintain cultural practices and values, and also advance and contribute to society more widely."

About 400 Indigenous students are currently enrolled at the University of Newcastle, up from just two in 1983.

Indigenous students come to the university through a range of entry pathways, including standard admission from high school, articulation from TAFE studies, the Yapug program, and special admission procedures.

# Project covering new ground



RESEARCHERS at Charles Sturt University (CSU) say they're surprised by the initial response to their invitation to small rural and remote Australian schools to participate in a study of strategies to attract and retain quality teachers.

"Staffing rural, remote and regional schools is an increasing concern for small, isolated communities and education departments around Australia," said CSU education researcher Professor Jo-Anne Reid.

"We have been surprised by the number of early nominations from parents and citizens, as well as from staff members at successful schools."

"We now want more rural communities to nominate schools that attract and retain high-quality teachers. The role of communities in retaining their teachers is important and is generally overlooked in similar studies."

The new project, led by CSU with collaboration between Edith Cowan University in Western Australia (WA) and University of Ballarat and Deakin University in Victoria, intends to gather and investigate the roles of communities in retaining teachers.

### Nominations

Titled *TERRA nova in Teacher Education for Rural and Regional Australia*, the project has already received nominations from as far away as Bruce Rock, in Western Australia, and Robinson River, in the Northern Territory, as well as from New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

According to project leader Professor Reid, the *TERRA nova* - or 'new ground' - study will examine current incentive schemes that attempt to lure teachers into the bush.

"We will also examine the measures used by universities to equip new teachers with skills needed to address the specific needs and circumstances of rural areas and look at how we could retain teachers in these areas," she said.

"We hope community members and parents will nominate schools where they feel the teachers are staying long enough to really

engage with students and achieve successful outcomes."

"We will then study these communities to investigate the individual and general characteristics of these places that make for good educational and social well-being."

The *TERRA nova* project, funded by the Australian Research Council, is worth about \$245,000 and is due to be completed during 2010.

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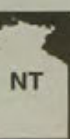
metropolitan region. Broadcasts are being conducted one day of the week during the lunch period and a free barbecue meal will be provided.

Students and schools experiencing the outside broadcasts will get a taste of the role that a broadcaster has, and will be encouraged to participate in presenting on air, making shout outs, requesting songs, rapping, beat-boxing, and operating the technical equipment used in broadcasting.

Koori Radio will be conducting outside broadcasts in the Blacktown area for school term two. School term three and four will be open to any schools within the Sydney Metropolitan region that express their interest.

Any schools or students interested in the training or receiving further information should contact Jodie at the Gadigal Information Service on phone (02) 9564 0590 or email [jodie@gadigal.org.au](mailto:jodie@gadigal.org.au)

## Honour for NT's Herbert



BACHELOR Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeannie Herbert has added

another feather to her cap. James Cook University (JCU) recently awarded Professor Herbert an Honorary Doctorate of Educational Studies in recognition of 'her outstanding contributions to the advancement of Indigenous higher education'.

Professor Herbert, now based in the Northern Territory, was Chair of Indigenous Australian Studies at JCU from 2002 until she left in 2006 to take up her position at Batchelor, and helped to establish JCU's School of Indigenous Australian Studies.

She oversaw the development of undergraduate and graduate programs in Indigenous Studies and advocated for Indigenous knowledge and epistemologies to be an integral part of all JCU degree programs.

During the presentation of her honorary doctorate at the end of March, JCU Chancellor John Grey also acknowledged Professor Herbert's outstanding leadership and her service to the northern

Queensland and broader Australian community.

"Professor Herbert has a long and distinguished career in education across all sectors – pre-school, primary, secondary, vocational education and training and university," General Grey said.

"During her career, whether as a classroom teacher, educational administrator, researcher or advocate at State and National level, she has worked tirelessly to promote Indigenous education."

**'Professor Herbert has a long and distinguished career in education across all sectors – pre-school, primary, secondary, vocational education and training and university'**

Professor Herbert is a member of the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council (IHEAC), a body mandated to provide advice on Indigenous higher education to the Federal Minister.

She is also a member of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Reference Group in the Northern Territory which was set up in December 2007 to

get feedback on the impact of the Federal Intervention into NT Aboriginal communities.

Professor Herbert was selected as a participant in the Australia 2020 Summit held in Canberra at the weekend, to participate in the discussions around the productivity agenda that includes education, skills training, science and innovation.





Malak Primary School students, from left, Shanla Gounder, Tiarnan Rooks-Berryman, Joseph Pusterla, Samara Hadar-Albury, Gino Tartaglia, Owain Wynne and teacher Mrs Zowie Sumendra are ready to get active.

## Moving message for students



PRIMARY school students and their parents around Australia are getting the message that being active for an hour or more every day makes good sense. Walk Safely To School Day's key message for 2008 is 'Active kids are healthy kids...so get moving!'

This is the eighth year that the national campaign has been held and it promotes:

- Pedestrian safety to young children, their parents, teachers, carers and the wider community

- Exercise for better health
- Cleaner air
- Less traffic

### ● Improved public transport

Primary schools throughout the nation, including Malak Primary School in Darwin, will hold events to mark the day.

On Friday 2 May parents and carers are encouraged to walk to the school with primary school-age children to instill healthy lifestyle habits at a young age and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour, with the key messages being the importance of physical activity for health, healthy eating choices, and pedestrian safety. Local councils, businesses and parent and community groups are being encouraged to 'Host a Healthy Breakfast' at their local primary school.

Many schools that already host healthy

breakfasts also engage groups such as the police, political, business and community leaders to deliver and demonstrate important messages to their students and lead 'safe walks' accompanied by school principals, teachers, parents, carers and students.

National Walk Safely to School Day is a Federal Government initiative organised by the Pedestrian Council of Australia.

It is also supported by State and Territory governments, along with the National Heart Foundation, Beyondblue, The Cancer Council Australia, Planet Ark, Diabetes Australia, the Australian Council State School Organisations and the Australian Primary Principals Association.

## Wollotuka students celebrate their success



INDIGENOUS success in education was on show for all to

see last week when 59 Indigenous students graduated from enabling and degree programs across the University of Newcastle, in northern New South Wales.

Fifteen of the students celebrated their achievements through the enabling programs of Newstep, Yapug and Open Foundation, while 45 students graduated with undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications.

The Wollotuka Indigenous Support Unit hosted a function for all Indigenous graduates last Monday to mark their successes.

University Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Kevin McConkey said the organisation was committed to empowering Indigenous people through education.

### Insightful

"The University of Newcastle is home to some of the most prolific and insightful Indigenous students, academics and researchers in Australia, who are canvassing a diverse and unique range of issues and themes" he said.

"We are extremely proud of our record in Indigenous education.

"The graduating students have completed a range of degrees – from teaching, forensic science and design, to engineering, medicine and law.

"Education linked with traditional knowledge will ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people maintain cultural practices and values, and also advance and contribute to society more widely."

About 400 Indigenous students are currently enrolled at the University of Newcastle, up from just two in 1983.

Indigenous students come to the university through a range of entry pathways, including standard admission from high school, articulation from TAFE studies, the Yapug program, and special admission procedures.

# Project covering new ground



RESEARCHERS at Charles Sturt University (CSU) say they're surprised by the initial response to

their invitation to small rural and remote Australian schools to participate in a study of strategies to attract and retain quality teachers.

"Staffing rural, remote and regional schools is an increasing concern for small, isolated communities and education departments around Australia," said CSU education researcher Professor Jo-Anne Reid.

"We have been surprised by the number of early nominations from parents and citizens, as well as from staff members at successful schools.

"We now want more rural communities to nominate schools that attract and retain high-quality teachers. The role of communities in retaining their teachers is important and is generally overlooked in similar studies."

The new project, led by CSU in collaboration between Edith Cowan University in Western Australia (WA) and University of Ballarat and Deakin University in Victoria, intends to gather and investigate the roles of communities in retaining teachers.

### Nominations

Titled *TERRA nova in Teacher Education for Rural and Regional Australia*, the project has already received nominations from as far away as Bruce Rock, in Western Australia, and Robinson River, in the Northern Territory, as well as from New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

According to project leader Professor Reid, the *TERRA nova* – or 'new ground' – study will examine current incentive schemes that attempt to lure teachers into the bush.

"We will also examine the measures used by universities to equip new teachers with skills needed to address the specific needs and circumstances of rural areas and look at how we could retain teachers in these areas," she said.

"We hope community members and parents will nominate schools where they feel the teachers are staying long enough to really

engage with students and achieve successful outcomes.

"We will then study these communities to investigate the individual and general characteristics of these places that make for good educational and social well-being."

The *TERRA nova* project, funded by the Australian Research Council, is worth about \$245,000 and is due to be completed during 2010.

Nominations are welcome from all sections of the community. To nominate a school, contact Professor Reid on (02) 6338 4341 or send an email.



# 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 [rid@bold.net.au](mailto:rid@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 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)

**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@nrl.org.au](mailto:tani.crotty@nrl.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.arddevelopment.com.au](http://www.arddevelopment.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 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 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 [cscdc@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:cscdc@goldcoast.qld.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 Ngatungku - 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 1 September to 28 November 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:** Across Country - A curatorial exhibition by Tania Cleary. Across Country is the result of extensive journeys Tania Cleary and her family made between 2005 and 2006 across central and Western Australia. Held at Woolloongabba

Art Gallery, Qld. For details call (07) 3691 5551 or email [email@wag.harryscollard.com](mailto:email@wag.harryscollard.com) or visit [www.wag.harryscollard.com](http://www.wag.harryscollard.com)

**Until 10 May:** Ninuku Arts Inaugural Sydney Show. Artists featured include, Puntjina Monica Watson, Yangi Yangi Fox, Samuel Miller, Nyanu Watson, Renae Fox, Josephine Watjani Mick, Maxine Kanakiya Mick, Nyayati Stanley Young, Nyankulya Watson, Yariji Connelly, Tjuruparu Watson, Nampitjin Molly Miller. Held at Hogarth Galleries, Paddington. For details call (02) 9360 6839 or email [info@hogarthgalleries.com](mailto:info@hogarthgalleries.com) or visit [www.aboriginalartcentres.com](http://www.aboriginalartcentres.com)

**Until 10 May:** Jilamara - Paintings and Carvings art exhibition. Senior and emerging artists are featured in this exhibition, including Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri, Janice Murray, Dymphna Kerinauia, Pius Tipungwuti, Raelene Kerinauia, Kenny Brown, Linus Warlapinni, Pedro Wonaeamirri, Conrad Tipungwuti and Mary Magdalene Tipungwuti. Held at Hogarth Galleries, Paddington. For details call (02) 9360 6839 or email [info@hogarthgalleries.com](mailto:info@hogarthgalleries.com) or visit [www.aboriginalartcentres.com](http://www.aboriginalartcentres.com)

**Until 10 May:** Dennis Nona exhibition. Boscia Galleries opening exhibition for 2008 is a selection of works by Dennis Nona. Dennis is currently one of Australia's most sought after artists and was recently included in the Australian Art Collector Magazine as one of Australia's 50 most collectable artists. For details call Michele Boscia on (03) 9639 0399 or [rsp@bosciagalleries.com](mailto:rsp@bosciagalleries.com) or visit [www.bosciagalleries.com](http://www.bosciagalleries.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.youngaustrians.org](http://www.youngaustrians.org)

**Until 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](http://www.belvoir.com.au)

**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 be awarded. For details call Katrina Carlisle on (08) 9265 6666 or 1800 019 900 or email [kcarlisle@als.org.au](mailto:kcarlisle@als.org.au)

**Until 25 May:** Coolamon - Carrying the culture. Brisbane Square Library and Customer Centre will be transformed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders traditional and contemporary art, cultural stories, ideas and performances as part of

Coolamon carrying the culture. Artists, writers and lecturers within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will also share their knowledge of their culture on the day. For details call (07) 3403 8888 visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au)

**Until 25 May:** Depth of field art exhibition. Depth of field comprises a selection of contemporary works from the Queensland 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](mailto:artmuseum@uq.edu.au) or visit [www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au](http://www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au)

**Until 30 June:** 2008 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 [vaysr@bigpond.com](mailto:vaysr@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.ildc.gov.au](http://www.ildc.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) 9591 9731 or email [p.mccloskey@caama.com.au](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.countryenergy.com.au/artprize)

**Until 27 July:** Murray Cod exhibition. Murray Cod the biggest fish in the river exhibition is a rich showcase of more than 40 works inspired by Australia's most iconic fish. The exhibition weaves historical illustrations and personal stories with

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# Employment

## Indigenous Job Opportunities



# Off to a great start

## New apprentices on the way to building careers

By ALEX AMON

It started early, at 6.30, with a bacon and eggs barbie for the boys. Not a bad way for a bunch of builders to fortify themselves for the day ahead, but hardly routine.

But then it wasn't exactly a routine day at Aboriginal Connections.

The induction of eight new apprentices across a range of building trades made it a seriously good day at Kempsey, northern NSW, especially when they're all members of the local Indigenous community.

The early morning barbie is typical of the way things are done at the community-owned building company. It wasn't just for the new boys. It was manager Steve Farrell's way of telling his existing staff, rapidly approaching 40 in number, that there were some new responsibilities on the horizon.

A handful of the staff have themselves just completed their traineeships, graduating last year. Now fully-fledged tradies, they will play a key role in helping nurture the new boys through four tough years.

It's just one of the mechanisms that the company's management has put in place to give the apprentices every chance of succeeding.

Gathered in the cavernous shed at the company depot, surrounded by the tools and materials of their future trades, the eight listened to some words of encouragement from their

manager, from CDEP chief Noel Lockwood, and from Kempsey Mayor Betty Green.

Looking on with pride on was Dughutti Elder Uncle Blue.

Senior staff talked the boys through the system – everything from occupational health and safety requirements to how to fill in a time sheet. It was starting to feel like a job.

Bill Watson, from Making Apprenticeships Simple (MAS), the national apprenticeship support agency, collected their signatures and, bingo, they were on the way.

Bright orange work shirts, 'Back 'n Black ACBC' emblazoned across them, and suddenly eight young blokes who wandered in wearing a variety of jerseys and t-shirts were looking like a team.

But the most daunting task of the day was yet to come. While staff and visitors mingled over tea and scones, a couple of the new boys were singled out, grinning but nervous, to front the TV cameras. It was a proud moment for everyone involved, but they all know the hard yards that lay ahead.

Ronald Douglas, a giant of a man, and the oldest of the intake, is looking for a concreting ticket. He summed it up perfectly.

"I'm rapt," he said between mouthfuls of scone. "I'm just rapt they gave me a chance. I just gotta work hard for the next four years, do the right thing by myself, and I'll have qualifications. I might even start me own company."



Ready for work ... Back row left to right, Ronald Douglas (concreter), Les Lockwood (carpenter), Maurice Kelly (carpenter), Raymond Griffin (carpenter) and Anthony Cowen Snr (painter). Front, from left, Anthony Cowen Jnr (carpenter) and Ben Baines (concreter).

## It's your guide to employment

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REFERENCE NO: 50016608 (50% FTE)

CAMPUS: SHEPPARTON

REMUNERATION: Package of \$53,370 to \$60,101 pro-rata, p.a. (inclusive of 17% employer superannuation).

VCAT Exemption Number: A371/2006

An exemption has been obtained from VCAT allowing preference to be given to applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.

**Indigenous Student  
Administration Officer (HEO4):**

REFERENCE NO: 50014851 (80% FTE)

CAMPUS: BUNDOORA

REMUNERATION: Package of \$49,100 to \$52,107 pro-rata, p.a. (inclusive of 17% employer superannuation).

**CLOSING DATE FOR ALL POSITIONS:**  
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**Director, Indigenous Economic  
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Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development

Executive Officer 1 (\$94 922) / Executive Contract Officer 1 (Total Remuneration Package of \$157 162)

Indigenous Economic Development - Darwin

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Lead and manage programs designed to promote regional development including enterprise development, investment attraction and project management.

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For further information contact David Malone (08) 8999 7486.

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Closing date: 2 May 2008

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Applications are now open for this year's National Indigenous Study Awards, and we would like to invite submissions from all eligible Indigenous students.

For selection documentation and details on how to apply visit [www.csiro.au/careers](http://www.csiro.au/careers) or call 1300 301 509.



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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.

### Counsellor (Aboriginal)

Rural New Street Adolescent Service, Tamworth  
Perm Full Time Position No: 58769  
Enquiries: Sue Davidson, (02) 6767 8866.  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008.

### Trainee Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

Armidale  
Temp Full Time for a period of 3 years  
Position No: 58742  
Enquiries: Krystina Micke, (02) 6776 9805  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008

### Aboriginal Health Education Officer x 2

Moree Health Service  
Perm Full Time Position No: 58624  
Perm Full Time Position No: 58625

#### FOR THE ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

Enquiries: Amanda Morris, (02) 6757 0211.

### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Aboriginal Health, Moree  
Perm Full Time Position No: 58850  
Enquiries: Candice Dahlstrom, (02) 6751 1606.  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008.

#### FOR ABOVE POSITIONS:

These positions have been identified for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

### New Graduate Registered Nurse

Exciting and challenging opportunities exist in new graduate nurse programs across Hunter New England Health.

Perm Full Time positions are available at Manning Rural Referral Hospital and in Mental Health Services (Tamworth, Taree, Morisset and James Fletcher Hospital and will commence in the August 2008. Position No: 58929  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Applications can be submitted on line at:  
<http://www.ezsuuite.net/ezjob/HNE/HRRegistry/default.cfm>  
Enquiries: Doreen Holm, (02) 4985 3239, 0434 603 089 or [doreen.holm@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:doreen.holm@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)  
Applications open on 19 April 2008 and close on 9 May 2008.

### Sexual Assault Counsellor

Moree  
Perm Full Time Position No: 58623  
Enquiries: Amanda Morris, (02) 6757 0211.

### Registered Midwife (AMIHS)

Community Midwifery, Moree  
Perm Full Time Position No: 58747  
Enquiries: Amanda Morris, (02) 6757 0211.

### Toomelah/Boggabilla Community Development Facilitator

Aboriginal Health, Toomelah  
Perm Full Time Position No: 58584  
Enquiries: Tony Martin, (02) 6592 9630.  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008.

**Closing Date for all positions (unless specified): 2 May 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, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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## Senior Project Officer Aboriginal Employment & Services

Clerk Grade 9/10, Haymarket, Permanent Full-Time,  
Job Reference No SP08/003. Total remuneration package  
valued to: \$96,295 p.a. (\$79,188-\$87,263)

Total remuneration package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

To develop, implement, monitor, review & evaluate Aboriginal employment & career development strategies & programmes to increase the number of Aboriginal staff within LAC & to increase career development opportunities for Aboriginal staff members.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. High level of knowledge and an understanding of contemporary employment and career development policies and programmes specifically relating to Aboriginal people. Extensive experience working with Aboriginal communities on employment-related matters and experience in the development of employment-related policies and programmes. High level research, analytical, problem solving and evaluation skills. Excellent written communication skills including experience in writing proposals, submissions and plans. Demonstrated negotiation, conflict resolution and interpersonal skills and experience, particularly in a cross cultural context. High level organisational and project management skills with a demonstrated ability to manage a number of projects simultaneously. Proven ability to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplined team and work with minimum supervision.

**Notes:** This position is identified for Aboriginal persons or Torres Strait Islanders. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Please ensure that all applications and supporting documentation are Word 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Scott Hawkins (02) 9219 5109.

**Information Packages:** Tasia Courtalis (02) 9219 5124.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Carla Duarte, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket 1238; online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or by email to [employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au).

**Closing Date:** Friday 09 May 2008

## Prison Officers

## Recruiting NOW – applications close Monday 28th April

Corrections Victoria is inviting you to apply for a number of casual Prison Officer positions to be located at Melbourne Assessment Prison, in the Melbourne CBD.

What you will bring to this role:

- A level-headed approach and willingness to learn
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- Honesty, integrity and professionalism
- Great communication skills
- Appropriate decision making ability
- A desire to make a difference

Corrections Victoria will provide you with:

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- Opportunity to obtain Certificate III in Correctional Practice
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- Ongoing developmental opportunities
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You can obtain more information about these roles by coming to an information session at the Ambrose Treacy Room – Treacy Centre in Parkville at 6pm on 17th April 2008.

To obtain further details about this session and apply online go to [www.cvcareers.com.au](http://www.cvcareers.com.au).

Applications for these roles must be submitted by 5pm, Monday 28th April 2008.

Training is scheduled to commence in 14 July 2008

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The course is run over 8 weeks and operates daily between 8am and 2.30pm at North Eveleigh.



## MANAGER, INDIGENOUS STUDENT SERVICES

### Jumbunna, Indigenous House of Learning

UTS has a continuing commitment to indigenous employment which is reflected through its **Wingara Indigenous Employment Strategy**. UTS has an opening for an Australian Indigenous Person with demonstrated management experience.

Join UTS's strong **Indigenous Staff Network** in the position of Manager Indigenous Student Services within Jumbunna IHL, and gain ongoing support throughout your employment at UTS in this identified role.

Leading a team of indigenous student services staff, an opportunity exists for an experienced manager to lead the planning, development, implementation and improvement of academic and cultural support services for Australian indigenous students at UTS.

Building on your strong communication skills you will work closely with faculty staff and external organisations to identify and develop ongoing indigenous student services across the University.

Strategically focussed on developing and mentoring staff across the Student Services Unit, your leadership and management skills will be invaluable in maintaining and furthering the motivation and interest of the team.

UTS offers flexible work practices, study support, access to three childcare centres and is close to Central Station.

**Salary range:** \$70,377 to \$85,152 pa plus 17% superannuation.

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### RECONNECT PROGRAM, DUBBO

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**Aboriginal people are particularly encouraged to apply.**

An attractive salary package will be offered. Burnside offers a professional and supportive work environment and staff development opportunities.

For further information about this position please contact Jessyiah Flower on 02 9768 6848 or email [jflower@burnside.org.au](mailto:jflower@burnside.org.au)

**Applications close Friday 2nd May 2008**

This position is of child-related employment and will require a "Working with Children" check under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply.

Burnside is an EEO Employer and is committed to principles of cultural diversity.

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The College is a leading provider of a large, diverse range of training, recruitment and community support services in the Central West and beyond. We are a challenging, innovative, face-paced workplace with a commitment to a learning culture. We offer staff a friendly, professional work environment with opportunities for training and further development.

## Coordinator

### Aboriginal Services, Orange, NSW

Fulltime

This is a great opportunity for a committed and enthusiastic person to provide strong leadership of our newly formed Aboriginal Services Team.

This position would suit a person who:

- Can coordinate a range of quality training, employment and mentoring services which meets the needs of clients
- Has experience managing budgets and financial management skills
- Can promote and build relationships with key organizations and individuals
- Can provide specialist support and advice to the College

A total remuneration range of \$63,186-\$70,388 inclusive of superannuation and if you choose to take full advantage of salary packaging. Access to a fully-serviced College vehicle for private use is available.

The College offers a great working environment, above average leave entitlements, performance based salary increments and access to full salary packaging.

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Your interest will be treated in the strictest confidence.

**Applications close:** 9am Monday 28th April, 2008.

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Education  
Industry  
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## National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) Industrial and Indigenous Support Officer

Level 4/5

(an Identified Indigenous Position)

NTEU is an equal opportunity employer.

NTEU is seeking applications for a new staff member across its Industrial and Indigenous Units, based in the NTEU National Office, Melbourne. Applicants must identify as Indigenous Australians.

The primary role of the position is the provision of high-level administrative support to the Industrial and Indigenous staff of the National Office. Other duties include maintaining and updating databases, lodging required documentation with the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, assisting with research and writing on industrial and Indigenous matters where required and liaison with other NTEU staff and elected officials.

The successful candidate will have a commitment to trade unionism, experience and expertise in administration and a strong grasp of MS Office-based applications. Knowledge of or involvement in the higher education sector or Indigenous affairs would be an advantage.

The appointment will be made at NTEU Level 4 or 5, with a salary between \$49,236 and \$60,611, depending on skills and experience, plus an employer superannuation contribution of 17%.

A position description can be obtained from the NTEU website [www.nteu.org.au](http://www.nteu.org.au).

For further information please contact Sarah Roberts, National Industrial Coordinator, telephone: (03) 9254 1910 or e-mail [sarah.roberts@nteu.org.au](mailto:sarah.roberts@nteu.org.au).

Applications, including the names of two referees, should be addressed to: Graeme McCulloch, General Secretary, NTEU, PO Box 1323, South Melbourne, Victoria or e-mail [gmcclulloch@nteu.org.au](mailto:gmcclulloch@nteu.org.au).

An exemption from the provisions of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A63/2008) has been granted in relation to this position.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE at 5pm Friday 2 May 2008.**

## Child Care Worker

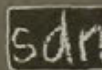
We currently have a vacancy for a full-time Child Care Worker at our Redfern Child and Family Learning Centre. Our centre caters to a diverse community of learners and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

**Our ideal candidate will possess:**

- Certificate III in Children's Services
- Experience in a similar role
- The ability to form warm, responsive relationships with children.

For further information please contact Ms Liz Farry, Centre Manager, Redfern Child and Family Learning Centre on (02) 9699 3381. Please visit our website at [www.sdn.org.au](http://www.sdn.org.au) Applications can be sent to either [careers@sdn.org.au](mailto:careers@sdn.org.au) or Ms Eileen Johanes, HR Coordinator, PO Box 654 Broadway, NSW 2007.

Pre-placement medical and Working with Children Check applies.



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**Why not take a look at our website** [www.missionaustralia.com](http://www.missionaustralia.com) and review the position description in more detail - though when you start you'll make it your own. So if you like to operate autonomously within a framework of peers contact David Makin (02) 9217 1055 or Lisa Rouse (02) 9288 0042 for a further discussion.

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## The University of Sydney

### Schools, Community Liaison and Marketing Officer

### School of Learning & Teaching, Koori Centre Reference No. 126672

The University of Sydney's Koori Centre provides programs, services and facilities to encourage and support the involvement of Indigenous Australians in all aspects of tertiary education. The Centre is proud to participate in global indigenous conferences and lead academic thought in this area.

The Centre currently seeks a dynamic individual to travel to high schools across NSW to promote the Koori Centre as a destination for indigenous students planning tertiary study. This is an outstanding opportunity to develop your skills and career as you play an integral part in an innovative and vital organisation.

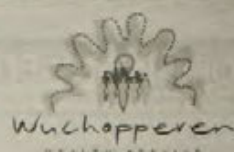
Utilising your exceptional communication skills, you will liaise with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations in regions across NSW. Highly-organised and able to think creatively, you will be at ease as you coordinate the Centre's marketing plan and prepare communications materials and website content. Furthermore, you will organise regional workshops, year 11 and 12 camps at the University, Reconciliation week and other indigenous conferences and workshops.

To succeed, you will be able to provide evidence of your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent and possess a current NSW driver's licence. You will also need to be available for frequent travel across the State.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 126672. General enquiries can be directed to Anne Niland on (02) 9036 7297.

**Closing Date:** 19 May 2008

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**Wuchopperen Health Service** is a community owned and managed organisation delivering holistic primary health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Cairns and surrounding districts.

We currently require the services of the following positions, to form part of our Social Health team that offers counselling and support services and programs to children and families.

### Substance Misuse Program

- Drug and Alcohol Counsellor (re-advertised)
- Health Promotions Officer
- Case Worker
- Support Worker

### Counselling and Support Program

- Counselling and Support Program Manager

Ideally applicants will be able to demonstrate relevant experience and/or qualifications. A current driver's licence is essential. Applicants for all the above positions must possess, or be eligible for, a Blue Card (for suitability to work with children and young people), and must consent to broader criminal history checks as a requirement for working with children and people with a disability.

For information about these positions or for a recruitment package, please contact Lynette Yeates [lyeates@wuchopperen.com](mailto:lyeates@wuchopperen.com)

For further organisational details, please refer to our website: [www.wuchopperen.com](http://www.wuchopperen.com)

**Closing Date for applications:** Monday, 29 April 2008.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



## Koori Transition to School Officer, VPSG3

Fixed term (12 months), part time (0.5 EFT) position  
Office for Children and Early Childhood Development  
Children and Youth Services, Gippsland Region

The Office for Children and Early Childhood Development aims to improve the health, development and wellbeing of Aboriginal children by working in partnership with internal and external stakeholders to develop new ways of responding to the significant issues faced by Aboriginal children and their families in Victoria.  
This position offers an excellent opportunity to use your skills and experience to improve transition to school and improved learning outcomes for Koori children in Bairnsdale.

Further information about the position is available from Sue Killeen ph: (03) 5177 2553. Interested applicants should apply for this position via the "Careers with the Victorian Government" website - [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au). In the Reference field on the Jobs Board page, enter the position reference OCECD076. Applications close 05 May 2008.

Ref: AD 17466-02



**Queensland  
Government**

### Registrar

(Temporary Role to 1 January 2012)

**Family Responsibilities Commission**

Salary: \$120 077 - \$125 637 p.a.

(Total Remuneration Value)

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/FRC901/08

**Key Duties:** For a full list of duties please refer to the position description. Key Duties include: Manage the resources and activities of the Commission including a strong focus on financial management and control and the reallocation of staff resources where necessary; Work closely with the Commonwealth Government and the Cape York Institute as the strategic partners in the Welfare Reform trial; Perform statutory functions (listed under section 35 of the Family Responsibilities Commission Act).

**Skills and Abilities:** For a full list of skills and abilities please refer to the position description. Skills and abilities include: strategic leadership and management experience; extensively developed interpersonal, written and oral communication; ability to successfully develop, review and implement innovative strategic and operational policies to meet stakeholder and statutory authority requirements; superior understanding of policies, systems and processes in judicial administration.

Enquiries: Stuart Busby (07) 3224 8312

or E-Mail: [stuart.busby@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:stuart.busby@premiers.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday 28 April 2008

### Manager (Specified)

**Child Safety Services Division**

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Department of Child Safety**

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/CHSS896/08

**Key Duties:** Provide leadership and management in the delivery of high quality child protection services to clients and communities through the development of appropriate service responses to meet the identified needs of clients, including individuals, families, carers, the community and the public and non-government sectors.

**Skills and Abilities:** Demonstrated leadership management and operational planning skills to achieve strategic and operational goals.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 28 April 2008

### Executive Officer

(Temporary role to 1 January 2012)

**Family Responsibilities Commission**

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/FRC906/08

**Key Duties:** Provide support, coordinate information and expert advice to the Registrar ensuring effective functioning of the Commission in accordance with corporate government requirements.

**Skills and Abilities:** Highly developed ability to lead and manage a range of diverse and complex organisational corporate support activities and projects including financial administration, human resources and IT. Success in achieving objectives and in contributing to improved organisational performance.

Enquiries: Judy Dudurovic (07) 3225 8736

or E-Mail: [judy.dudurovic@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:judy.dudurovic@premiers.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 May 2008

### Local Coordinators

(Multiple positions - temporary roles to 1 January 2012)

**Family Responsibilities Commission**

Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a.

Location: Aurukun, Coen, Mossman Gorge, Hopevale and Cairns

REF: QLD/FRC902/08

**Key Duties:** Support efficient and effective operation of the Commission in the welfare reform community area for which the coordinator is appointed (as per Section 38 of the Act).

**Skills and Abilities:** Coordination and leadership skills and ability to contribute to the strategic direction of the Commission. Commitment to providing quality client service including effective local adaptation of Commission policies relating to client service.

Enquiries: Renee Wana-Jansen (07) 4039 8815 or

E-Mail: [Renee.Wana-Jansen@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:Renee.Wana-Jansen@premiers.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 May 2008

### Senior Information Officer

(Temporary role for 6 months)

**Family Responsibilities Commission**

Salary: \$69 726 - \$74 600 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/FRC903/08

**Key Duties:** Develop strategic information management processes. Managing information relevant to the FRC Act, data management support by maintaining quality database system ensuring data is efficiently captured, securely stored and is easily accessible.

**Skills and Abilities:** Experience in design and management of Microsoft Excel database systems to assist in development and implementation of information collection and collation systems. Microsoft Sharepoint experience would be highly regarded.

Enquiries: Stuart Busby (07) 3224 8312

or E-Mail: [stuart.busby@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:stuart.busby@premiers.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 May 2008

### Cultural Development Officer

(Identified)

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Queensland Corrective Services**

Salary: \$60 769 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/CS124/08

Enquiries: Jo Phelan (07) 4912 6260

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 May 2008

### Manager Indigenous Licensing

**Services Division, Northern Region**

**Department of Transport**

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/TDS897/08

**Key Duties:** You will provide operational management and leadership to the Indigenous Licensing Unit through the development of a framework for service delivery to remote, rural and metropolitan Indigenous communities. You will also develop and maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders including Indigenous groups.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7683

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 May 2008

### Program Development Officer

(Identified)

**Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland**

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Department of Communities**

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM6002/08

**Key Duties:** Develop and facilitate programs and support services for young people subject to youth justice court orders in Indigenous communities.

**Skills and Abilities:** Liaise with stakeholders in diverse communities in implementing youth justice interventions. Develop and facilitate culturally appropriate programs consistent with case plans.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 May 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)

**Department of Communities**

Salary: \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Cherbourg

REF: QLD/COM5963/08

**Key Duties:** Provide quality professional casework services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention.

**Skills and Abilities:** Deliver a full range of professional casework and court related services within a statutory framework. Delivering coordinated and professional services with a focus on client outcomes.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 May 2008

### Police Liaison Officer

**Central Region**

(There are two positions available)

**Queensland Police Service**

Salary: \$37 910 - \$40 592 p.a. (\$22 098 - \$33 407 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Woorabinda

REF: PD178/08

Enquiries: Craig Strothfeldt (07) 4935 0155

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 May 2008

### Youth Worker (Identified)

**Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland**

(Casual status \$23.61 to \$25.84 per hour. Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Department of Communities**

Salary: \$24 - \$26 per hour

Location: Hervey Bay

REF: QLD/COM5958/08

**Key Duties:** Provide supervision to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in relation to the maintenance of services, subject to youth justice interventions.

**Skills and Abilities:** Demonstrated ability to engage and communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people, using appropriate cultural protocols.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 May 2008

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Permanent Part-time (20 hours per week)

#### Child Care Workers - Ref. No. LP607

4 x Permanent Full-time (40 hours per week Monday to Friday 8 hours per day with RDOs)

#### Clerk - Ref. No. LP301

Permanent Part-time (20 hours per week)

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## ABORIGINAL WELL-BEING OFFICER

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Reporting to the Manager, Offender Services, the Aboriginal Well-being Officer will have a clear and distinct presence within the prison and will provide culturally appropriate programs and services for indigenous prisoners. You will provide support, assistance, information and advice to correctional staff and indigenous prisoners and liaise with local community indigenous agencies. You will also be required to attend regular network meetings with other indigenous support staff and provide feedback (including statistical data) to the Manager, Offender Services.

You are able to demonstrate knowledge of Indigenous social welfare and rehabilitative needs, and your outstanding communication skills allow you to relate effectively to people across all levels, both internally and externally. Previous leadership experience within a correctional environment will be highly regarded.

You will be required to undergo a company and police security check.

Before applying, you must read the position description and selection criteria which can be found at [www.gslpi.com.au](http://www.gslpi.com.au) (click on the career opportunities link).

To apply, please email your resume and application letter to [Employment.ppp@gslpi.com.au](mailto:Employment.ppp@gslpi.com.au)

Enquiries may be directed to Felicity Parton on (03) 9217 7221.

An understanding of, and a commitment to, Human Rights are a prerequisite for all positions with GSL.

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Applications close Friday 2 May 2008.





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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CORPORATE SERVICES AND REVIEW

For information on Commerce please see  
[www.commerce.nsw.gov.au](http://www.commerce.nsw.gov.au). For Information Packages please  
call (02) 9372 7194. Please quote position number.

### TRAINEE IT SUPPORT OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

**TRAINEE, SYDNEY, Temporary Full-time, Position Number 2008/117.** Salary: \$237 per week up to \$485 per week depending on age/qualifications. Package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. The position will work with the Client Relationship and Operations teams of IM&T during the traineeship and will gain experience in all facets of IT support to a large and multi disciplinary client base. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application. Capacity to gain knowledge and understanding of IT equipment and support methodologies. Good work management skills, ability to contribute to projects, set priorities and meet deadlines. Analytical and problem solving skills and a capacity to learn and contribute to a team. Good communication and interpersonal skills. Client focus in providing computer support services to clients.

**Notes:** Position is targeted under the Department of Commerce's Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Through a combination of on the job and formal training the position will learn how to provide high level client support services and administer and maintain Commerce IT systems and facilities. 12-Month Traineeship. Permanent appointment at the end of the traineeship will be subject to satisfactory service, attendance and demonstrated ability to complete the Certificate III in Business course.

**Inquiries:** Trevor Henry or Tamara Belleair-Mayers, telephone (02) 9372 7052 or (02) 9372 7672 Email: [trevor.henry@commerce.nsw.gov.au](mailto:trevor.henry@commerce.nsw.gov.au) **Information Packages:** Email [infopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au](mailto:infopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au) quote 2008/117.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** You can apply on-line at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or if by post to Sarala Chalasani, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place Sydney 2000.  
**Closing Date:** Friday 09 May 2008.

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NEW Department of  
Community Services

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 1/2  
Western Region

Bathurst, Cowra, Cootamundra, Wagga Wagga  
Permanent Full-Time & Part-Time (Various positions)  
Vacancy No: DOCS-08-12232

Total remuneration package valued up to \$55,568 per annum (Salary: \$46,320 pa - \$50,356 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate from: \$25.36 per hour - \$27.57 per hour.

**Job Description:** These positions support the provision of front line services to the community from Community Services Centres (CSCs) and provide a range of client and administrative services that contribute to the effective delivery of quality services within the CSC.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated capacity to provide a high level of client contact service and well-developed interpersonal skills to work within a team.
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the functions of a CSC and DoCS services as well as an awareness of the functions of other related human service organisations.
- General computer office skills, combined with a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.
- Capacity to develop a good working knowledge of DoCS financial, administrative and other systems (eg KIDS, SAP Financials, SAP HR).
- Knowledge of office procedures and a capacity to understand and apply policies in undertaking administrative processes.
- Capacity to set up a range of office equipment (photocopier and fax machines, overhead projectors, computers and printers) and to ensure operational efficiency of equipment for CSC staff.

**Job Notes:** There are several positions available. Applicants must specify their preferred location(s). Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

#### Positions Available:

- Bathurst** - 1 x Permanent Part-time Position (21 hours per week)
- Cowra** - 1 x Permanent Full-time Position (35 hours per week) & 1 x Permanent Part-time Position (17.5 hours per week)
- Cootamundra** - 1 x Permanent Part-time Position (17.5 hours per week)
- Wagga Wagga** - 1 x Permanent Full-time Position (35 hours per week)

**Inquiries:** Jackie Hickey (02) 6937 9414.  
**Information Packages:** [www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers) or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd on (02) 6392 8250

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink PO Box 2552 Orange NSW 2800.  
**Closing Date:** Friday 2 May 2008.

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### OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH BUDGET AND PLANNING BRANCH PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION SECTION

APS LEVEL 5

PROJECT OFFICER

\$56,591 - \$59,730

Reference Number: 08-0074

CANBERRA

As a Project Officer you will be working within a small team in the Program Management and Implementation Section that is coordinating and working with the State and Territory Offices of the Department to develop annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Regional Plans and involved in providing planning support to other areas within the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIS).

You will assist in managing and providing access to OATSIS planning resources and also provide technical and general planning advice and assistance to support new program initiatives and the regional planning process. This includes collating and presenting demographic and health data, including preparing descriptive and analytical maps using the Department's Corporate Geospatial Information System to assist the planning of health service delivery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia.

**Contact officer:** Tim Gallard on 0434 366 748 or [tim.gallard@health.gov.au](mailto:tim.gallard@health.gov.au)

**Selection documentation:** [www.health.gov.au/vacancies](http://www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or Carly Huggins on 02 6289 8171 ([carly.huggins@health.gov.au](mailto:carly.huggins@health.gov.au))

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE OFFICE HEALTH BRANCH

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT UNIT

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1

BUSINESS MANAGER

\$76,718 - \$87,498

Reference Number: 08-0070

ADELAIDE

The Business Management Unit (BMU) is located and line-managed within the Health Branch of the South Australian State Office. It provides business operations support for the State Office, and contract, financial and administrative support to the Health Branch, Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIS) and the two Aged & Community Care Branches.

We are seeking a suitably experienced person to take on the responsibilities of the Business Manager role. The successful applicant will have overall responsibility for the operations of the Program Business Management Teams (3) and Business Operations Teams (2), providing leadership to the staff of the BMU, encouraging staff development and positive work relationships; ensuring that the BMU's activities are service-oriented and aimed at addressing the needs of both internal and external stakeholders; providing high level financial management, contract management and human resource advice to managers and staff within the State office and the wider Department; and playing a key facilitation role in office wide business and workforce planning.

**Contact officer:** Fran Lovell on 08 8237 8307 or [fran.lovell@health.gov.au](mailto:fran.lovell@health.gov.au)

**Selection documentation:** [www.health.gov.au/vacancies](http://www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or Voola Varvounis on 08 8237 8044 ([voola.varvounis@health.gov.au](mailto:voola.varvounis@health.gov.au))

Applications close 8 May 2008, 7pm AEST.

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online ([www.health.gov.au/vacancies](http://www.health.gov.au/vacancies)) or by phoning the contact person for the job.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents from the Department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Collective Agreement.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

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## Director, Regional Development

Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development

Executive Contract Officer 2 (Total Remuneration Package of \$171 641)

An Executive contract of up to 4 years may be offered

The Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development is seeking for a dynamic, highly dedicated, self-motivated and experienced professional to lead its Regional Development Branch in Darwin for the following position.

You will lead and manage programs designed to promote regional and Indigenous development including enterprise development, investment attraction and project management. It will be your role to manage the agency's resources to deliver agreed outcomes in the areas of regional and Indigenous economic development, business and industry development.

You will possess a high level of knowledge and understanding of the issues facing regional and Indigenous business. You will also have proven professional leadership skills to manage a team of people, resources and information across a diverse range of departmental programs.

The successful applicant should possess high levels of interpersonal and communication skills, the ability to think strategically and demonstrated analytical and problem solving abilities. Previous experience in project management would be an added advantage.

If you are a qualified, determined and dedicated individual, please contact Dave Malone on (08) 8999 7486 for further information.

It is essential that applicants address the requirements of the role contained in the selection criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 22664

Closing date: 2 May 2008

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## Youth Program Officer

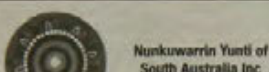
We need your passion for culture, music and the arts and your extensive experience in large scale event and project management to lead projects aimed at encouraging young Australians to contribute to social change.

Your ability to engage and inspire diverse groups of young people will be reflected in your successful implementation of innovative projects that seek a significant and meaningful engagement with young Australians.

Please visit [www.oxfam.org.au/jobs](http://www.oxfam.org.au/jobs) for application details - closes 9 May.

Contract to March 2010 - salary \$45,130 plus benefits. EEO/Child Safe employer - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates particularly encouraged to apply.

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Nunkuurrin Yunti of South Australia Inc

TENDER

## Communications Consultant

Nunkuurrin Yunti of South Australia Inc is the foremost Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Centre in Adelaide, providing a range of primary health care and community support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

A communications professional is required to develop a Communication Framework and Strategy for the Metropolitan Adelaide Healthy for Life Consortium. The Communications Consultant will ensure effective communication and information sharing mechanisms are in place to maintain open and transparent communications - enabling appropriate, informed decision making and accountability processes to the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander communities and partner stakeholders.

Healthy for Life is an Australian Government program that aims to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers, babies and children, enhance the quality of life for people with a chronic condition and over time reduce the incidence of adult chronic disease. The design allows for health services to step back and review their current service delivery in child and maternal health and chronic disease, to identify priority action areas for improvement, and to develop further health care provided in their community.

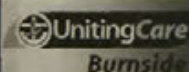
Key reporting areas include:

- Develop an overarching communication framework and strategy.
- Explore issues related to corporate branding, ownership of information and copy-write issues as they relate to working in partnerships such as the Consortium
- Support Consortium partners to incorporate Healthy for Life communication strategies in their Community Participation and Engagement Frameworks
- Identify opportunities for integrating Healthy for Life communications into broader corporate communication strategies
- Advise on the strategic use and development of the partnership website

Consultancy Specification available from the Nunkuurrin Yunti website - [www.nunku.org.au](http://www.nunku.org.au) or Wendy Bouskila, Executive Assistant - Phone: 08 8223 5217 Email: [wendy@nunku.org.au](mailto:wendy@nunku.org.au)

Tenders required by: Close of business, Monday, 12 May 2008.

Nunkuurrin Yunti is an equal opportunity employer and applications are invited from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.



## Aboriginal Intensive Family Support Options (AIFSO)

Opportunity to be involved in a ground-breaking service

- Campbelltown based
  - Well resourced program
  - A supportive and diverse work environment
  - Attractive salary package, including fully maintained car
- AIFSO aims to support Aboriginal families with a child or young person with a disability who are under a high level of stress/crisis and at risk of family breakdown. The program operates on 24/7 basis providing support at times most needed by the family. It seeks to keep families together and improve family resilience.

### TEAM LEADER - FULL TIME

We are seeking an experienced Team Leader who will have experience in staff supervision and support, sound casework and advocacy skills, good engagement and assessment skills, ability to work flexible hours and on call 24/7.

### FAMILY CASEWORKER - FULL TIME

We are seeking a skilled and innovative caseworker able to provide short-term, intensive and flexible in home support to target families for up to 3 months.

In accordance with Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions.

For further information please contact Robin Palmer on 4628 3199 or for an application package please contact Jessykah Flower on (02) 9768 6848 or email [jflower@burnside.org.au](mailto:jflower@burnside.org.au)

Applications close 9 May 2008

These positions are of a child related employment and you will require a 'Working with Children' check under the Commission for Children and Young Persons Act 1988. It is an offence for a prohibited person to apply.

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## Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service DRUG and ALCOHOL HEALTH WORKER (Aboriginal)

Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service Drug and Alcohol Program aims to minimise harm associated with alcohol and other drug use within the Macleay Valley. We are seeking a motivated, enthusiastic, experienced Aboriginal health worker with relevant qualifications and/or work experience to provide drug and alcohol education programs, recovery support programs and referral for clients. The position is located in Kempsey and some travelling is required. HSUA 2002 AHW Salary will be negotiated on qualifications and experience. This is a designated Aboriginal position under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act.

Closing date: May 9, 2008.

For an information package and essential job details contact: Ken Riddington HR or Dr Penelope Richards, Clinical Services on 02 6562 4919.



## 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 - \$68,530 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.



SKYCITY Darwin has recently launched its Indigenous Engagement Program and is focused on providing sustainable employment opportunities. The program is focused on the engagement of Indigenous Australians in our business and is strongly supportive of opportunities and initiatives aimed at promoting an environment which values the culture and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We are currently seeking applicants for various positions throughout our property including:

- Porters and Drivers
- Room Attendant
- Banquets Staff
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- Commis Chef
- Surveillance Operators
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- Kitchen Steward

If you possess a strong work ethic, commitment to providing premier guest service, have a great personality, excellent presentation then we would like to hear from you.

Walk in interviews will be conducted on:

Monday 21st April & Wednesday 23rd April  
Monday 28th April & Wednesday 30th April  
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Can't Make the Walk in interviews? Please contact:

Clare Scrymgeour  
Indigenous Employment Program Coordinator  
Tel: 08 8943 8832

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Please note: Some workplace areas within the SKYCITY Darwin are a smoking environment



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## Opportunity for Aboriginal Health Workers in Renal Services at Alice Springs Hospital Northern Territory

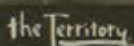
(\$37 326 - \$46 685)

We are inviting expressions of interest from Aboriginal Health Workers who would like to gain skills in hands on care for patients who are receiving haemodialysis treatments.

If you are a highly motivated Aboriginal Health Worker with sound knowledge and experience in patient care and enjoy the challenge of a busy clinical environment then we would like to hear from you!

There are several vacancies and real opportunities for professional development in a friendly and supportive workplace.

For further information contact Lynda McKelvie  
Clinical Nurse Manager Renal (08) 89516750 or email  
[Lynda.mckelvie@nt.gov.au](mailto:Lynda.mckelvie@nt.gov.au)



## INDIGENOUS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TRAINEES

Fixed Term for 12 Months

Ref No. 50110

"The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)."

Unique traineeships are available for highly motivated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons to join the University of Western Sydney as a Business Administration Trainee. This is a rare opportunity to begin an exciting career and at the same time obtain a relevant TAFE qualification.

With guidance and support from the Director, Indigenous Employment and Engagement and the relevant Manager, the trainee will primarily focus on providing administrative support, customer service and undertake project duties. Currently, there are four specialised traineeships on offer with the School of Management, School of Law and the Information Technology (IT) Procurement Unit.

Business Administration Trainees working with the School of Management and School of Law will be responsible for general reception duties, word processing and data entry, ordering of stationery and handling mail. IT Procurement Business Administration Trainees responsibilities will include data entry, basic spreadsheets, telephone and email contact and general administrative duties.

An interest in developing a career in business administration will be a strong requirement. Equally important will be a high level of enthusiasm, strong team-work skills and a willingness to work whilst completing your TAFE qualification.

Position Enquiries: Melissa Williams, (02) 9678 7587, [melissa.williams@uws.edu.au](mailto:melissa.williams@uws.edu.au)

Closing Date: 29 April 2008.

Please visit the UWS Website: <http://www.uws.edu.au/vacancies/> for full details on this position and how to apply.

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## PROJECT ADVISOR

(2 Year Fixed Term Contract)

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The ILC assists Indigenous Australians to acquire and manage land to provide cultural, social, economic or environmental benefits for themselves and future generations.

The role of a Project Advisor is to:

- administer land management and land acquisitions projects, including coordinating assistance from other agencies;
- report to the Operations Manager about land acquisition applications and the progress towards granting of land to Indigenous Title Holding Bodies; and
- provide advice to Indigenous clients about land management, land acquisition and other assistance available from government and non-government agencies.

We are looking for an energetic, highly focused strategic thinker to work in a challenging, and rewarding team environment. The preferred candidate will have a commercial focus, excellent project and contract management skills, communication skills, demonstrated negotiation skills and the capacity to back their own judgement, allowing them to facilitate high quality outcomes with Indigenous communities, Industry and State and Federal Agencies. The candidate should also have an understanding of Indigenous social and economic issues across urban, rural and remote communities.

Tertiary qualifications in Land Management or similar would be an advantage, but not essential. Commencing salary is negotiable within the range above depending on your skills and experience.

For further information, please contact Paul Jenkins, Manager Strategic Projects on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490. (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at [www.ilc.gov.au](http://www.ilc.gov.au))

Applications are to include the ILC Cover Note (available on the website), covering letter and detailed current CV only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications should be emailed to [vacancies@ilc.gov.au](mailto:vacancies@ilc.gov.au)  
Or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to:

Adam Jenkins  
Indigenous Land Corporation  
GPO Box 652,  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Applications close at 12 noon on Monday 5 May 2008.





## Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited

# Join our team

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company owned and financed by the Australian Government. Through our Central Office located in Canberra, and eight Regional Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

**Canberra**  
**Central Office**  
**Finance and Property Division**

### Divisional Manager

**APS Executive Level 2**

**\$75,996 - \$93,252 pa, plus superannuation**

This position will require the occupant to manage the Finance and Property Division preparing the Company's budget and financial allocations, provide input into annual and other reporting cycles and coordinate Divisional policy inputs. We are seeking people with an understanding of financial management and high-level managerial skills.

**Further inquiries:** Dr Kamlesh Sharma

**Telephone No:** 02 6212 2012

**Selection documentation:** Roxanne Smith

**Telephone No:** 02 6212 2001 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, **9 May 2008** and should be sent to: **Dr Kamlesh Sharma, Assistant General Manager - Company Secretary, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30 Woden ACT 2606.**

**Cairns**  
**Regional Office**

### Corporate Services Officer

**APS Level 4**

**\$42,896 - \$49,611 pa, plus superannuation**

Under general direction, be responsible for providing information and advice on financial/grant management issues to those hostels of the Community Grants (CHG) program and monitoring and reporting on the financial/grant management and administrative operations of the CHG program.

**Townsville**  
**Iris Clay Hostel**

### Hostel Manager

**APS Level 3**

**\$41,231 - \$47,323 pa, plus superannuation**

We are seeking a highly motivated person to fill the position of Hostel Manager. The successful applicant will be responsible for the operation of the hostel, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

**Further inquiries:** Michael Jackomos

**Telephone No:** 07 4051 4588

**Selection documentation:** Syreeta Mills

**Telephone No:** 07 4051 4588 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, **9 May 2008** and should be sent to: **Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143 Cairns QLD 4870.**

**Shepparton**

**Kialla IYMP Hostel**

### Relief House Manager

**(Expected Vacancy)**

**(part time 15.20 hours per week)**

**APS Level 3**

**\$292.06 - \$335.23 per week, plus superannuation**

**Role:** The successful applicant will be required to act as a residential youth worker.

Provide residential support for young Indigenous people aged 16-24 years and manage an accommodation facility for up to 10 residents.

We are seeking a motivated person to manage a group house or similar accommodation and provide residential support for young Indigenous people from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

**Duties include:**

- Managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation
- Assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle
- Liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home.
- Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. On-the-job training will be available.

**Desirable:** Drivers Licence

**Further inquiries:** Rita Stewart

**Telephone No:** 03 9642 2775

**Selection documentation:** Jamone Maynard

**Telephone No:** 03 9642 2775 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, **9 May 2008** and should be sent to:

**Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G Melbourne VIC 3001.**

### Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the probationary period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Workplace Diversity.

**These are identified positions.**

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



## HOUSING NSW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 11/12

Office of Community Housing

Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-06-10324

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (salary \$81,589 pa - \$105,923 pa). Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**

Provides high level executive support to the Executive Director including managing issues, projects, HR and communications and coordinating business planning.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- High-level conceptual and analytical skills.
- Superior interpersonal, consultation, influencing, negotiating and conflict management skills.
- Ability to provide high level advice about politically sensitive, confidential and/or contentious issues.
- Superior written skills.
- Sound judgement in high pressure situations.
- Sound project management experience.
- Excellent organisation skills and ability to manage conflicting priorities in tight timeframes.
- Demonstrated capacity to build constructive relationships at all levels.
- Tertiary qualifications or relevant experience.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Please ensure all information is attached as a single file when submitting your application.

**Inquiries:** Maura Boland on 02 8753 8250.

**Information Package:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers)

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing date:** Friday 2 May 2008.

## vic roads

For people going places

### Indigenous Road Worker

**VicRoads manages the Victorian arterial road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system.**

We currently have an exciting opportunity for one Indigenous Road Worker to join our VicRoads Road Services team. The successful applicant will be offered a placement at one of the following Road Services depots.

- Deer Park
- Geelong
- Kew
- Monwell

**The successful candidate will demonstrate**

- The ability to undertake manually intensive tasks.
- The ability to work effectively within a team environment.
- The ability and willingness to learn the operation of plant and equipment.

This identified Indigenous position is an initiative of the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A116/2006). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Salary is the range of \$30,102 to \$36,624 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range. Performance bonuses may also be payable.

**For more information**

Visit the 'Employment at VicRoads' section of the VicRoads website [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au) to obtain a full position description and to submit your application or contact Ebony DeAraugo on (03) 54 345026

Applications close on 9 May 2008.

[www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)



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

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## BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

### Lecturer - Indigenous Education Work Position No.: 14530

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to December 2008  
- Alice Springs

Remuneration Academic Level A - \$47,452 - \$63,654

To participate in the preparation and delivery of VET Certificates in Indigenous Education Work, also to assist in the management of the operations of the Teacher Education Section within the School of Education, Arts and Social Sciences.

Applications close Friday 2 May 2008

For further information, the Selection Criteria and the information for applicants sheet are available from the Institute website [www.batchelor.edu.au](http://www.batchelor.edu.au) (recruitment link), the Human Resources Unit on (08) 9939 7272 or (08) 9939 7393; fax (08) 9939 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 (AUGA 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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## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, Cr. 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
06/1759	Danny Smith	150.94km <sup>2</sup>	78km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°18' Long 116°56'	Ashburton
47/1319	Forces Metals Group Ltd	89.81km <sup>2</sup>	53km NWly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°02' Long 117°32'	Ashburton
47/1342	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	181.01km <sup>2</sup>	67km NWly of Tom Price	Lat 21°55' Long 117°22'	Ashburton
47/1349	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	38.09km <sup>2</sup>	81km NWly of Tom Price	Lat 22°01' Long 117°00'	Ashburton
47/1654-5	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	305.22km <sup>2</sup>	97km NWly of Wittenoom	Lat 21°23' Long 118°30'	Port Hedland Town
47/1655	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	449km <sup>2</sup>	73km NWly of Wittenoom	Lat 21°35' Long 118°18'	Port Hedland Town
8/471565					
47/1668	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	41.29km <sup>2</sup>	33km SEly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°53' Long 116°28'	Ashburton
47/1669-70	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	660.85km <sup>2</sup>	47km NWly of Wittenoom	Lat 21°50' Long 118°12'	Ashburton
8/471673					
47/1703	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	205.39km <sup>2</sup>	40km Wly of Tom Price	Lat 22°38' Long 117°24'	Ashburton
47/1728	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	18.95km <sup>2</sup>	119km Wly of Tom Price	Lat 22°40' Long 116°40'	Ashburton
47/1734	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	22.01km <sup>2</sup>	11km SWly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°16' Long 117°26'	Ashburton
51/1261	Tuckarama Gold Pty Ltd	6.1km <sup>2</sup>	51km SWly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°58' Long 118°12'	Meekatharra
68/2272	Australian Zircon NL	803km <sup>2</sup>	200km NWly of Rowland	Lat 29°14' Long 125°34'	Meekatharra
68/2273-7	Australian Zircon NL	2553.82km <sup>2</sup>	254km NEly of Rowland	Lat 28°59' Long 126°22'	Meekatharra

**Nature of the act:** Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day:** 23 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 23 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) 9268 7100. The exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 23 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 exploration licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



## NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, Cr. Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
45/277	Atlas Iron Ltd	166.77ha	43km Wly of Goldsworthy	Lat 29°14' Long 119°07'	Port Hedland Town
57/5	Reed Resources Ltd	402.58ha	65km NWly of Sandstone	Lat 27°25' Long 119°00'	Sandstone

**The purposes for 45/277** are the erecting and operating of portion of the proposed crushing and screening plant associated with the Purdoo DSO project and explosives magazine and access road.

**The purposes for 57/5** are erecting placing and operating machinery, depositing transportation and treating minerals and tailings, roads, pipelines, pipelines, storage and transportation of minerals and mineral concentrate, storage and transportation of non-mineralised waste and topsoil, water management facilities and infrastructure, power generation and/or transmission facilities, fuel facilities, tunnel, bridge, meteorological station, explosives storage and preparation area, workshop maintenance facilities and office administration facilities.

**Nature of the act:** Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

**Notification day:** 23 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 parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 23 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 a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 23 August 2008), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



## NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, Cr. Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
57/29	Reed Resources Ltd	789.33ha	65km NWly of Sandstone	Lat 27°27' Long 119°05'	Sandstone

**The purposes for 57/29** are aerodrome, road, power line, water pipe line, gas pipe line, mine site accommodation and associated facilities, mine site administration buildings, workshop and vehicle facilities, equipment and fuel storage areas, electricity generation facilities, communications to services a mining operation and rubbish dump.

**Nature of the act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day:** 23 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 23 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) 9268 7100. The miscellaneous licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 23 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 miscellaneous licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, Cr. 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
45/1186	Trevor John Sims	319.47ha	24km SWly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°16' Long 119°32'	East Pilbara
45/1187	Trevor John Sims	319.57ha	30km SWly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°18' Long 119°28'	East Pilbara
47/1413	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	1037.12ha	45km Wly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°06' Long 117°55'	Ashburton
71/770	Gaagayne Gold Mines NL Orion Resources NL	479.99ha	38km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°29' Long 119°34'	Yalgoo

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification Day:** 23 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 23 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) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 23 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.



## CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CONGRESS

*Our dreaming for the future*

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress is the largest Aboriginal Medical Service in the N.T. and is based in Alice Springs.

### CLINIC VACANCIES

#### Aboriginal Health Worker Level 3 - Clinic (PN 803)

2 positions - NT Registration essential

Base salary \$47,736 / Salary package value \$55,444

#### Registered Nurse (PN 833)

Hours Negotiable / Full-Time preferred

Base salary \$61,135 / Salary package value at \$70,571

#### Social Worker (FAAD) (PN 836)

Base Salary \$58,311 / Salary Package value \$67,383

### EDUCATION & TRAINING VACANCIES

#### Educator trainee AHW (PN 503)

18 Months Contract - 32.5 hours week

Base Salary \$47,736 (pro-rata) / Salary Package value \$55,444

NT AHW Registration and min. of 2 years clinical experience essential.

All applications close on Wednesday 7 May 2008

For further information please go to our website [www.caac.org.au/hr](http://www.caac.org.au/hr) or contact our HR Officer, Sheralee Taylor; Email [sheralee.taylor@caac.org.au](mailto:sheralee.taylor@caac.org.au); Telephone 08 8951 4418.

Aboriginal people are encourage to apply

## National Indigenous Study Awards



Open To All Eligible Students  
\$2000 Study Award On Offer  
Ref. No. 2008/321

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is Australia's premier research organisation. CSIRO is endeavouring to have an impact in overcoming the disadvantage gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

In line with this, the CSIRO is now offering Study Awards to Indigenous tertiary students who have completed at least one year of a full time tertiary program. This offer is an initiative of the CSIRO Indigenous Engagement Strategy. There will be 10 Awards of \$2000 will be on offer in 2008, and these Awards will be provided to successful students to help subsidise costs associated with textbooks, equipment, stationery, and administration fees.

Applications are now open for this year's National Indigenous Study Awards, and we would like to invite submissions from all eligible Indigenous students.

For selection documentation and details on how to apply visit [www.csiro.au/careers](http://www.csiro.au/careers) or call 1300 301 509.



# Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM14788	Approx. 15 km NW from Dajarra Centred at approximate Lat.21°35'S Long.139°27'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 13 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1314 w, x 1366 b, c	Joseph Sandham Rogers
EPM16733	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 99 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°57'S Long.140°35'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 102 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°57'S Long.140°38'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  <b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 100 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°53'S Long.140°39'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  <b>Part 4:</b> Approx. 98 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°54'S Long.140°37'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 12 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1615 z 1667 t, k, p, u, z 1688 a, b, g, q  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 16 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1688 d, j, n, o, s  <b>Area of Part 3:</b> 10 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1616 o, p, u  <b>Area of Part 4:</b> 6 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1616 s, x	Exco Resources Limited 080 339 671
EPM16922	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 12 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°26'S Long.139°57'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 18 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°29'S Long.139°59'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  <b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 118 km SSE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°30'S Long.139°57'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1248 g  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1248 y  <b>Area of Part 3:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1320 h	Mt Dockerell Mining Pty Ltd 009 242 997

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

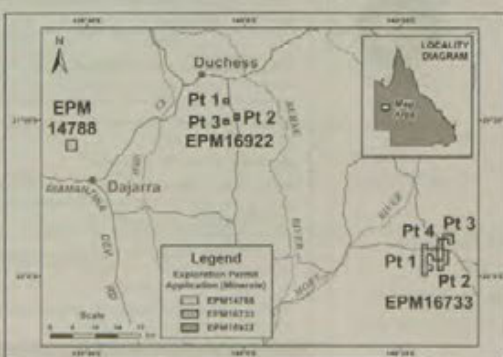
**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 14 May 2008



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water

## Relationships Australia

NEW SOUTH WALES

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS

Family Relationship Centres  
Bathurst, Brookvale and Sydney City (CBD)

Due to the expansion of our family relationship services, Relationships Australia (NSW) has exciting opportunities for experienced full-time and part-time Administration Officers to join our new Family Relationship Centres in Bathurst, Brookvale and Sydney City (CBD).

**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.

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@rns.org.au](mailto:employment@rns.org.au). All positions are subject to a Working with Children check. The closing date for applications is included in the information packages.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### HOUSING NSW CONTACT CENTRE OPERATOR - TRAINEESHIP

Clerk Grade 2/4  
Housing Contact Centre, Liverpool  
Permanent Full-Time (5 positions)  
Position No. DOH-08-12204

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa - \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Provide responsive telephone-based services to Housing NSW and Office of Community Housing tenants, primarily diagnosing maintenance problems and organising repairs or referring to local teams.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Excellent communication, negotiation and interviewing skills over the telephone.
- Experience with problem solving.
- Computer proficiency in the use of databases and e-mail.
- Demonstrated ability to follow procedures in a real-time environment.
- Understanding of the empathy required when dealing with a diverse range of clients.

**Job Notes:** Permanent Appointment will be determined upon successful completion of a 12 month Traineeship, which includes completion of Certificate III in Communication (Contact Centre) to be acquired on the job. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Daryn Falshaw (02) 9612 6108 or Sarah Starr (02) 9612 6102

**Information Package:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers)

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 May 2008.



### DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE PHYSIOTHERAPIST GRADE 1

Nowra Community Support Team

Community Access

Southern Region, Nowra

Permanent Part-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-12155

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,537 per annum (Salary: \$46,320 pa - \$64,827 pa) Full-time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate from \$23.36 per hour - \$32.69 per hour.

**Job Description:** Provide physiotherapy services to children & adults with developmental delay & disability across various settings (school, home, & the workplace) including assessment, person centred planning, individual & group programs, assessment & planning.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Recognised Degree/Diploma in Physiotherapy.
- Eligible for membership of the Australian Physiotherapy Association and current NSW Physiotherapy registration.
- Understanding of and commitment to the NSW Disability Services Standards.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with people with disabilities and their families, team members, and professional staff within other organisations.
- Effective written communication skills and experience using Microsoft computer applications.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct physiotherapy assessments and develop and implement intervention programs for individuals and groups.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a Permanent Part-Time position, 20 hours per week. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

**Inquiries:** Linda Gilroy (02) 4429 4900

**Information package:** [www.dadhc.com/employment](http://www.dadhc.com/employment) or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

**Closing date:** Friday 2 May 2008.

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# DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethnic religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. 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.

## YOUTH OFFICER

Youth Officer, Various State-Wide Locations, Various, Vacancy Number 08/073, Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,568 p.a. (\$43,903-\$50,356) Salary package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Casual pay rates start from \$22.14 per hour with shift and penalty rates paid in addition.

Youth Officers working in Juvenile Justice Centres are responsible for providing a positive leadership role while assisting in the care, development and security of young people in custody in NSW. Selection Criteria: PLEASE NOTE: Jobs NSW applications will not be progressed. Applicants are required to obtain and complete an application form - please visit our website: [www.djj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.djj.nsw.gov.au) or telephone 1800 355 562.

Inquiries: [www.djj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.djj.nsw.gov.au) telephone: 1800 355 562 Email: [careers@djj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:careers@djj.nsw.gov.au)

Information Packages: Telephone: 1800 355 562 or [www.djj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.djj.nsw.gov.au).

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment, NSW Department of Juvenile Justice, 'Youth Officer Campaign', PO Box K399, Haymarket NSW 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 02 May 2008

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## Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat NSW - (AbSec)

AbSec is primarily funded by the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS), and is recognised as the peak NSW Aboriginal organisation providing child protection and out-of-home care policy advice to the Government and non-Government sector.

## Policy and Development Officer

35hrs per week

This is a senior management level position within the organisation. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate high level management, advocacy, evaluation and policy development skills. A thorough knowledge of the Out of Home Care and child protection sector is required to obtain best practice outcomes for Aboriginal Children, Young People, Carers, Agencies and communities. The successful applicant would also have the ability to travel extensively throughout NSW and to be able to act in the position of the Executive Officer of AbSec as required.

A competitive salary package (including salary sacrificing) is available and is commensurate with the experience required to undertake the duties associated with this position. Before applying for this position, applicants will need to request an information package containing the selection criteria and other relevant information from [accounts@absec.org.au](mailto:accounts@absec.org.au) or by phoning (02) 9264 0088.

If any further information is required about the scope of the position, please phone Bill on (02) 9264 0088 or 0408 888 898.

Applications Close 16 May 2008.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification of this position and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## HOUSING NSW

## ACCORD CHANGE MANAGER

Clerk Grade 11/12

Housing Partnerships Team

Policy, Strategy & Finance

Head Office, Ashfield

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-11598

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (salary \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Manage and coordinate change activities associated with the implementation of the Accord. The position plans, monitors and drives the delivery of necessary change management activity, including communication and learning and development initiatives.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience in identifying, influencing and managing all aspects of organisational change.
- Demonstrated experience with the application of change management and methodologies, implementation of change, and achieving results.
- Demonstrated experience in applying strategic, conceptual, creative and analytical thinking in a change management context.
- Well-developed liaison and consultation skills plus strong experience and knowledge of networking and cultivating productive working relationships.
- Demonstrated experience in communicating with influence to achieve change.
- Demonstrated skills working within an environment of conflicting organisational change priorities.
- Broad knowledge of social housing policy environment.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the PSEM Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Sue Taylor (02) 8753 8503 or email: [Susan.Taylor@housing.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Susan.Taylor@housing.nsw.gov.au)

Information Package: [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers)

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 9 May 2008

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# Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15841	Approx. 18 km SSW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°05'S Long.143°07'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 239 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 72 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1717 a, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1718 v 1789 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 1790 a, b, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 1861 e, k 1862 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1863 l, m, q, r, v, w 1934 d, e, k 1935 a, b, f, g	Platina Resources Limited 119 007 939
EPM16669	Approx. 11 km S from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°02'S Long.143°13'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 325 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1718 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1719 f, l, m, q, r, v, w 1790 c, d, e, j, k, p 1791 a, b, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1792 l, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 1863 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, r, u, x, y 1864 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	Seco Resource Finance Pty Ltd 109 967 348
EPM16744	Approx. 104 km NNW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.13°01'S Long.143°07'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council and Lockhart River Aboriginal Land Council	Area: 333 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 853 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 923 e, k, p, u, z 924 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 925 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 996 a, d, e, f, k, l, m, n, o, p 997 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	Seco Resource Finance Pty Ltd 109 967 348
EPM16747	Approx. 56 km N from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.13°27'S Long.143°06'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 333 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1214 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1215 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1284 m, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 1285 h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1286 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 1287 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, s, x 1358 a, b, f, g, l, m 1359 b, c, g, h, m, n, r, s	Seco Resource Finance Pty Ltd 109 967 348

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**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

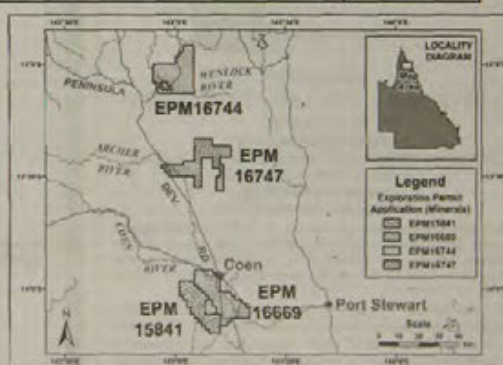
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 14 May 2008



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water





## VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) is seeking applications from suitably skilled applicants for the following positions in the Link Up Program.

The Link Up program aims to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (stolen generations) separated as a result of past laws, practices, and policies of Australian Governments to trace and be reunited with their families.

Link Up has the following 3 vacant positions:

### Case Manager/Counsellor (Outreach Focus) Full-time position

## Caseworker/Counsellor

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- Experience in management in family tracing and reunion process
- Providing professional counseling to individual clients and families
- Providing community information, education and awareness.

## Research Officer

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- Assist in identifying and to locate client family members
- Supporting clients to access their own records
- Establishing and maintain effective working relationships with government & non government agencies

If you think any of these positions would be ideal for you, please contact Paula Crilly on (03) 8388 1855 for a copy of the job description and selection criteria.

Applications close on:  
15th May 2008.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CORPORATE SERVICES AND REVIEW

For information on Commerce please see [www.commerce.nsw.gov.au](http://www.commerce.nsw.gov.au). For Information Packages please call (02) 9372 7194. Please quote position number.

## TRAINEE IT SUPPORT OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

TRAINEE, SYDNEY, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 2008/117. Salary: \$237 per week up to \$485 per week depending on age/qualifications. Package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The position will work with the Client Relationship and Operations teams of IM&T during the traineeship and will gain experience in all facets of IT support to a large and multi disciplinary client base. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application. Capacity to gain knowledge and understanding of IT equipment and support methodologies. Good work management skills, ability to contribute to projects, set priorities and meet deadlines. Analytical and problem solving skills and a capacity to learn and contribute to a team. Good communication and interpersonal skills. Client focus in providing computer support services to clients.

**Notes:** Position is targeted under the Department of Commerce's Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the

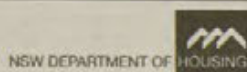
employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Through a combination of on the job and formal training the position will learn how to provide high level client support services and administer and maintain Commerce IT systems and facilities. 12-Month Traineeship. Permanent appointment at the end of the traineeship will be subject to satisfactory service, attendance and demonstrated ability to complete the Certificate III in Business course.

**Inquiries:** Trevor Henry or Tamara Belleair-Mayers telephone: (02) 9372 7062 or (02) 9372 7672 Email: [trevor.henry@commerce.nsw.gov.au](mailto:trevor.henry@commerce.nsw.gov.au) **Information Packages:** Email [infopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au](mailto:infopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au) quote 2008/117.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** You can apply on-line at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or by post to Sarala Chatsani, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place Sydney 2000.

**Closing Date:** Friday 09 May 2008.

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## HOUSING NSW ENGINEER BAND A

Professional Grade H-I  
RESITECH  
Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time  
Position No. DOH-08-12167

Total remuneration package valued up to \$79,662 per annum (Salary: \$48,143 pa - \$72,208 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** This position is responsible for providing specialist engineering advice and solutions in the development and maintenance of housing infrastructure.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Degree level qualifications in Civil / Structural Engineering. Practical knowledge of principles of engineering design, in relation with residential structures and infrastructure.
- Sound computer literacy with experience in the use of project management, data base reporting and time recording systems.
- Capacity to develop and maintain relationships with clients, peers, government authorities, contractors and consultants.
- Sound written communication skills with experience in explaining technical terms in plain English and producing comprehensive reports.
- Demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills with the ability to interpret complex information and provide technical advice.
- Ability to deliver project outcomes within strict deadlines and agreed cost and quality parameters.
- Drivers licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a re-advertised position and previous applicants will need to re-apply. Resitech is a service agency of the Housing NSW. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

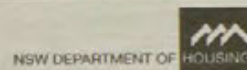
**Inquiries:** Girish Pathak (02) 8753 8093

**Information package:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers)

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 May 2008.

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## HOUSING NSW ASSISTANT PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Business Support Unit

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division

Illawarra Area, Wollongong

Temporary Part-Time

Position No: DOH-08-12145

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa) Full-time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate from \$33.47 per hour - \$36.93 per hour.

**Job Description:** This position assists the Business Support Manager in developing service delivery initiatives, preparation of briefing notes and draft responses to ministerial correspondence, contentious issues reports and other general information requests.

### Selection Criteria:

- High level written and oral communication skills.
- Knowledge of or experience in project management.
- Sound analytical skills to investigate issues raised in correspondence and critically review briefing material.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a high volume environment where deadlines are critical and an ability to manage competing priorities.
- Extensive experience in policy application and decision making in a client service environment.
- Relevant computer skills including competency in Word and Excel.

**Job Notes:** The successful applicant will be appointed on a temporary part time basis and must be able to work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (21 hours per week) for an initial period of 6 months with possible extension up to 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Michael Hassett (02) 4224 5780

**Information Package:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers) or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 May 2008.

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16818	Approx. 37 km WNW from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°21'S Long.152°24'E Local Government Area: Bundaberg Regional Council and Fraser Coast Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 257 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 83 (each 1°lat x 1°long) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1036 f, g, i, m, n, o, r, s, w, x, y, z 1108 c, d, e, j, k, p 1109 a, f, g, i, m, q, r, s, w, x, y 1181 b, c, d, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 1182 q, v 1253 d, e, k, p, u, z 1254 a, b, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1255 v 1326 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 1327 a, b	Gympie Eldorado Mining Pty Ltd 110 465 177
EPM16819	Approx. 53 km S from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.26°0'S Long.152°36'E Local Government Area: Gympie Regional Council and Fraser Coast Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 308 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1615 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1616 o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1617 q, v 1686 e, k 1687 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1688 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1689 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 1760 h, c, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1761 a, b, f, g, i, m, r 1832 h, c, d, g, h, j, o	Gympie Eldorado Mining Pty Ltd 110 465 177
EPM16820	Approx. 32 km WSW from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°34'S Long.152°24'E Local Government Area: Fraser Coast Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 309 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1252 z 1253 v, w, x, y 1324 d, e, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1325 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1326 f, l, m, q, t, s, v, w, x, y 1396 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 1397 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1398 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u	Gympie Eldorado Mining Pty Ltd 110 465 177
EPM16823	Approx. 43 km WNW from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°22'S Long.152°19'E Local Government Area: Bundaberg Regional Council, Fraser Coast Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 229 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 74 (each 1°lat x 1°long) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1108 h, m, n, o, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1109 v 1179 k, p, u, z 1180 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1181 a, f, i, m, q, r, v, w, x 1251 e 1252 a, b, c, d, e, k, p, u 1253 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t	Gympie Eldorado Mining Pty Ltd 110 465 177
EPM16825	Approx. 33 km SW from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°43'S Long.152°27'E Local Government Area: Fraser Coast Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 309 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1396 z 1397 v, w, x, y, z 1398 v, w, x, y, z 1399 v, w, x, y, z 1469 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1470 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1471 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1541 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p 1542 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n	Gympie Eldorado Mining Pty Ltd 110 465 177

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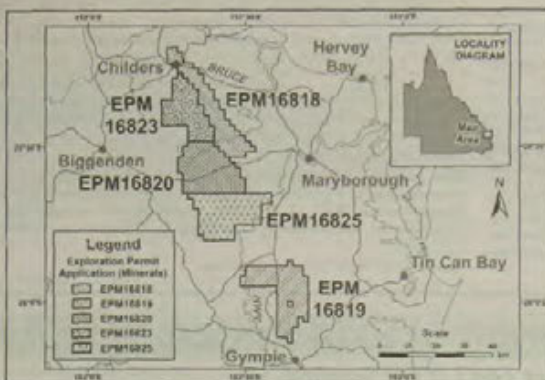
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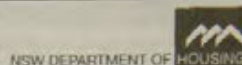
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Notification Day: 14 May 2008



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water



## SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (SPECIALIST)

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Illawarra Area  
Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division  
Temporary Full-Time (Various positions)  
Position No: DOH-08-12197

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Ensure a quality housing and support package is provided to clients with complex or high support needs. Provide specialist skills in assessment, creative interventions and negotiate the complexities of the human services support structure.

### Selection Criteria:

- Sound understanding of and demonstrated capacity to provide support and relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds, including clients with disabilities, mental health problems or challenging behaviours.
- Demonstrated experience in delivering a high quality client service to people with complex needs in a high volume work environment.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and relationships with a wide range of human service groups and organisations and experience in working in a casework environment.
- Strong listening, communication, interpersonal and interviewing skills.
- High level influencing, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse problems and propose effective and innovative solutions to meet client needs.
- Sound assessment and decision making skills.

**Job Notes:** There are various temporary full-time positions available for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. This recruitment will be used to create an eligibility list to fill short term temporary vacancies over the next 12 months in the Illawarra Area. Successful applicants may be appointed to positions in offices at Corral, Wollongong, Dapto or Shellharbour. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Lubie Buhac or Llewella Davies (02) 4224 5740  
**Information Package:** www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620  
**Closing Date:** Friday 2 May 2008.

04/17/07

# Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1189	Approx. 79 km NNW from Injune Centred at approximate Lat.25°11'S Long.146°16'E Local Government Area: Roma Regional Council and Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 224 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 72 (each 1'lat x 1'long)  Block Number Sub-blocks 987 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, x, y, z 988 q, v, w 1059 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, x, y, z 1060 a, h, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1061 q, v, w, x 1131 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k	Carnarvon Coal Pty Ltd 127 582 870

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approximately 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

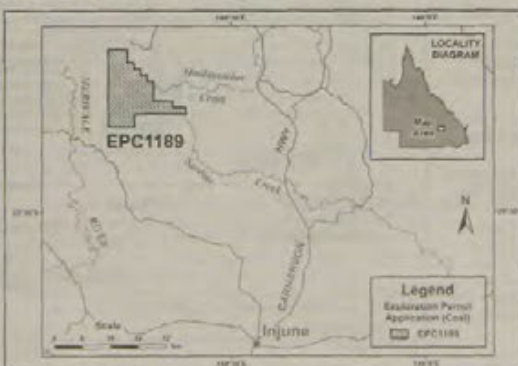
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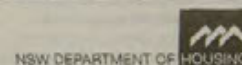
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Notification Day: 14 May 2008



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water



## SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Illawarra Area  
Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division  
Temporary Full-Time (various positions)  
Position No: DOH-08-12200

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Manage public housing waiting lists, tenancies, properties & contractors. Involves visiting clients in their homes, inspecting properties, office based client service, administrative duties, manage complex portfolios & contribute to team development.

### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in delivering a high quality client service to people with complex needs in a high volume work environment.
- Strong listening, communication, interpersonal and interviewing skills.
- High level influencing, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with a wide range of human service groups and organisations.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse problems and propose effective and innovative solutions to meet client needs.
- Ability to monitor the workflow, priorities and competing challenges of others.
- Sound assessment and decision making skills.
- Current drivers licence.

**Job Notes:** There are various temporary full-time positions available for a period of 6-12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. This recruitment will be used to create an eligibility list to fill short term temporary vacancies over the next 12 months in the Illawarra Area. Successful applicants may be appointed to positions in offices at Corral, Wollongong, Dapto or Shellharbour. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Patricia Sheldrick (02) 4283 0980  
**Information Package:** www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620  
**Closing Date:** Friday 2 May 2008.

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## Purfleet Taree Local Aboriginal Lands Council Chief Executive Officer

The Purfleet Taree Local Aboriginal Lands Council (PTLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and enthusiastic people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

The PTLALC is based in beautiful Taree on Biripi's land. Taree is excellently located with only 1.5 hours to Newcastle, 20 minutes to the beaches with many rural and coastal cities and towns within a 1 hour drive. Taree boasts two large shopping centres, a booming industrial area and an extremely quickly growing community and business centre. The PTLALC runs many programs including a very successful COEP which has sustained enough flourishing outcomes that it has secured a further contract into 2008. The successful applicant will provide extensive support to the Board of Directors through successful day to day management of the PTLALC and other duties as directed by the Board. This will include the professional management of the PTLALC associations, relationships and operations. The position holder will provide sound and accurate advice to the delegated Board of Directors in a timely and appropriate manner while meeting the daily requirements of our Community and their housing needs.

If you feel this opportunity is exactly the sea change you were after, please address the below selection criteria in writing:

**Selection Criteria:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act; Capability to interpret and implement legislation; Demonstrate organizational and Management experience; Understanding of business accounting practices and principals; Sound knowledge of national and local Aboriginal issues; Ability to competently use computer software and other electronic equipment; Demonstrated ability of implementation and negotiation of funding and associated programs; Demonstrated consultation and mediation skills; Ability to meet deadlines appropriately and on time; Demonstrated ability to prepare and submit rewarding reports and submissions; Demonstrate ability to dismiss or recruit new staff using the principals of EEO; Demonstrate understanding of OH&S.

This position is an Indigenous Australian designated position. It is considered to be a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Applications should be marked "Confidential" and posted to: The PTLALC - Chairperson, PO 857, TAREE NSW 2430.

Applications close 5pm 5th May 2008.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM14815	Approx. 31 km S from Cooktown Centred at approximate Lat.15°45'S Long.145°13'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 158 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cooktown <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 48 (each 1°lat x 1°long)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3182 t, u, y, z 3183 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 3184 v, w 3254 d, e, j, k, o, p, r, u, y, z 3255 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, o, q, r, v, w 3256 a, b, f, g	Bluestone Nominees Pty Ltd 092 257 013
EPM16309	Approx. 100 km W from Laura Centred at approximate Lat.15°30'S Long.143°31'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 330 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3017 u, z 3018 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3019 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 3020 a, f 3090 h, c, d, e, h, j, k, p, u, z 3091 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3092 f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3162 e 3163 a, b, c, d, e 3164 a, b, c	Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd 006 195 982
EPM16310	Approx. 103 km WNW from Laura Centred at approximate Lat.15°16'S Long.143°33'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 330 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2732 g, h, m, n, r, s, v, w, x 2803 c, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2804 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, q, r, v 2874 z 2875 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2876 v, w 2946 p, t, u, w, x, y, z 2947 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2948 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 3020 b	Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd 006 195 982

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**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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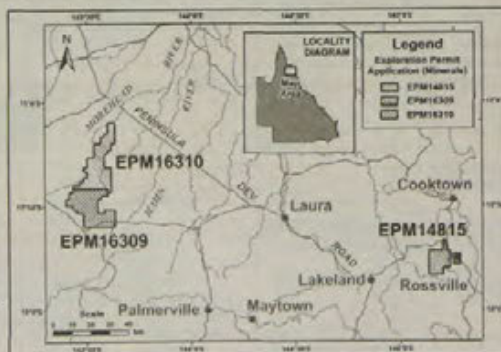
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Natural Resources and Water

## Receptionist & Legal Secretary

The Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd seeks both a Receptionist and Legal Secretary for our Redfern office and Admin Officer in Canberra. Experience in office administration, good communication skills essential. Applications close 29/04/08.

Contact Sheri Misaghi on (02)83036800 or email sheri.misaghi@alsnswact.org.au for selection criteria.

## Bourke/Brewarrina Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Scheme

We are currently seeking applications for the permanent part time position of 42 hours per fortnight for a

## Aboriginal Specialist Worker

Note: Being Aboriginal and female is a genuine occupational qualification for this position pursuant to Section 14 and 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act.

For an information package contact (02) 6872 1200 or (02) 6884 1688.

Applications close:

Monday 5th May, 2008 5.00PM.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION & REGULATION DIVISION

## ABORIGINAL HERITAGE PLANNING OFFICER

Environment Officer Class 9, Dubbo, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-162. Total remuneration package valued to: \$93,478 p.a. (\$76,042-\$84,711) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Assist with the regulation & management of Aboriginal heritage through consultation and negotiation with Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders. Assess reports on Aboriginal heritage values and management relating to developments and planning. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Demonstrated skills and experience in consultation and engagement with Aboriginal communities, including an understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures. Demonstrated understanding and experience in the protection and management of Aboriginal heritage, including Aboriginal objects. Demonstrated project management and financial management experience. Sound knowledge of NSW and Commonwealth legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection and environmental impact assessment. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills, and strong interpersonal skills, flexibility and an ability to work effectively in a team environment. Demonstrated liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills and experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues. Current Drivers Licence and preparedness to travel and stay overnight at locations away from the Branch office.

**Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Robert Taylor (02) 6883 5354 0427 423 422 Email: robert.taylor@environment.nsw.gov.au

**Information Packages:** Jodie Saville (02) 6883 5312 or jobs.nsw.gov.au.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

**Closing Date:** Friday 09 May 2008.

QAT 76288

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## HOUSING NSW CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

New England Area, Tamworth

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-12231

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,576 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa - \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** To deliver a broad range of applicant, tenancy and property management services and advice to clients, including those with complex needs.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds, including those with complex needs.
- Experience in delivering quality client service in a high volume work environment.
- Demonstrated capacity to work as an effective team member combined with active listening, oral and written communication, interpersonal and interviewing skills.
- Proficient in negotiation and conflict resolution with the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with stakeholders.
- Ability to prioritise and manage competing tasks, meet deadlines and targets.
- Ability to understand, interpret and apply standards, legislation, policy and guidelines in the provision of services to clients.
- Computer literacy and knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.
- Current driver's licence.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Kathy Kirkwood (02) 6764 5519  
**Information package:** www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 May 2008.

QAT 76279



## Indigenous Counsellors

Kids Helpline  
Full time & Part time positions  
Located in Milton, Brisbane  
Additional KHL training provided

Kids Helpline are seeking expressions of interest from applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to work with a nationally recognised leader in the provision of online counselling services to enable young people, especially those who are marginalised and without voice, to improve their quality of life.

- Successful applicants will have:**
- Relevant tertiary qualifications
  - Experience in counselling
  - Demonstrated interest in the wellbeing of children, young people and families
  - A commitment to counselling frameworks of child centred practice and empowerment, as well as advocating for the rights of children and young people.

**Applications will close on the 2nd of May** and successful applicants will proceed through to our information session and counseling skill based training program commencing 30th June 2008.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about what BoysTown can offer to further your career and personal aspirations. To contact our HR Team please telephone: (07) 3867 1340 or email [recruitment@boystown.com.au](mailto:recruitment@boystown.com.au)

**Application packages available at:**  
[www.boystown.com.au/vacancies](http://www.boystown.com.au/vacancies)  
**Further information about Kids Helpline at:**  
[http://www.kidshelp.com.au/home\\_KHL.aspx?s=6](http://www.kidshelp.com.au/home_KHL.aspx?s=6)

## NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

### COMMERCIAL ANALYST

- Highly Property Focused
- Diverse and Exciting Role in a great Team Environment
- Opportunity to demonstrate your Creative Problem Solving Skills

Reporting to the Commercial Director you will be responsible for undertaking a complex and challenging role which includes analyzing complex land dealings across the state; strategic planning & management of a commercial properties portfolio and the provision of business advice to a range of stakeholders.

Suitable applicants will possess a strong understanding of sound financial and business management principles and demonstrate a proven record in commercial analysis. Excellent interpersonal skills including the capacity to negotiate and mediate. The capacity to prepare high quality reports and recommendations together with an appreciation of Aboriginal issues is also essential.

An attractive remuneration package (neg.) with a range of salary packaging options and employment benefits will be available to the successful applicant.

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 Rose Gordon by email: [rose.gordon@alc.org.au](mailto:rose.gordon@alc.org.au) or on (02) 9683 4498.

**Applications can be forwarded to [rose.gordon@alc.org.au](mailto:rose.gordon@alc.org.au) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:**  
Manager Human Resources  
NSW Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124.  
**Applications close 12 May 2008.**  
**Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.**

## NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### HOUSING NSW

#### POLICY OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Client Service Strategy Branch  
Head Office, Ashfield  
Temporary Full Time  
Position No: DOH-08-12221

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (salary \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** The role exists to provide policy advice and assistance to the Client Service Strategy Branch on the implementation of the Housing and Human Services Accord within Housing NSW operational policy framework.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Policy development and maintenance experience in a human services environment.
- Demonstrated ability to undertake policy and procedural analysis.
- Understanding of contemporary trends and issues in the delivery of human services.
- Capacity to translate government objectives and public policy trends into new policies and procedures.
- Demonstrated experience in interdepartmental and stakeholder liaison and the capacity to build effective relationships and partnerships.
- Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines and balance competing priorities.
- Sound project management skills, including business planning and ability to work collaboratively within a policy team.
- Good oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary position for a period of 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. Applicants MUST provide names and contact details of two referees, one of whom is a current or recent supervisor.

**Inquiries:** Jo Mann (02) 8753 8918  
**Information Packages:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers)  
**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package  
**Closing Date:** Friday 2 May 2008.

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## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Sales Permit

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Sales Permit shown below under the Forestry Act 1959 (Qld).

**Sales Permit to which this notice applies:**

Sales Permit Number and Name	Location of Sales Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
SP2007309 Mt Phillips Quarry	Approx. 20 km West North West from Dysart Local Authority Area: Isaac Regional Council	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 59 on CNS415 - Term Lease 0/220581 (quarry and access)  <b>Area of land applied for in Sales Permit:</b> 575.0 Ha plus current Access Road and Proposed Access Road	Star Machinery Pty Ltd 113 540 695

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Sales Permit under the Forestry Act 1959 (Qld) authorises the holder to get quarry material and carry out associated activities subject to the Forestry Act 1959 (Qld), for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of extensions for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Sales Permit be granted under the Forestry Act 1959 (Qld) by the Chief Executive, Department of Natural Resources and Water, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane, Qld 4001.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Sales Permit, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Sales Permit application, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Water (NRW) Forest Products, Western Forest Management Area, 13 Rutherford St, Mount, Qld 4630. Telephone: (07) 4166 1433; NRW Forest Products, Floor 10 Forestry House, 160 Mary St, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone (07) 3234 0120.

**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 Sales Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au).

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 7 May 2008**



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

**Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:**

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16731	Approx. 15 km NNW from Springsure Centred at approximate Lat.23°59'S Long.148°04'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 175 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> - Charleville and Clermont. <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 56 (each 1lat x 1long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> Charleville 48 c 49 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k 50 a, b, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r Clermont 3360 y 3432 d, e, j, k, p, v, z 3433 a, b, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3434 f, g, i, m	Strategic Minerals Corporation NL 008 901 380 85% Bartsch Geoscience Pty Ltd 090 935 667 15%

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**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3230 3814.

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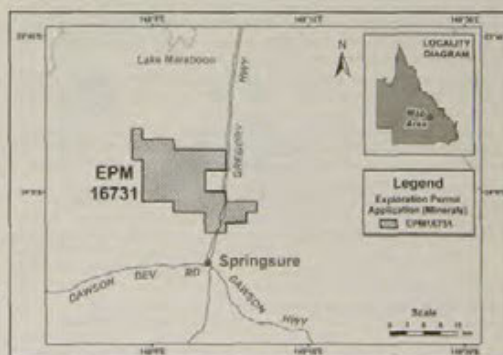
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**Notification Day: 14 May 2008**



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water



**TAKE NOTICE** that **URANIUM ONE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** ACN 069 420 462 (**Uranium One**) of Level 9, 11-19 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, South Australia 5000 proposes to carry out mining exploration operations on Exploration Licences numbered 3397, 3398, 3399, 3400 and 3415 (**Land**).

**Uranium One** has served Form 27 notices on all relevant parties in accordance with section 63M of the South Australian Mining Act 1971.

Exploration Licence 3397 is held by **Uranium One** and covers an approximate area of 609 km<sup>2</sup> located in the Yeltacowie Area approximately 140 km north of Port Augusta.

Exploration Licence 3398 is held by **Uranium One** and covers an approximate area of 836 km<sup>2</sup> located in the Hesso Area approximately 70 km NNW of Port Augusta.

Exploration Licence 3399 is held by **Uranium One** and covers an approximate area of 926 km<sup>2</sup> located in the Charlinga Area approximately 80 km northwest of Port Augusta.

Exploration Licence 3400 is held by **Uranium One** and covers an approximate area of 533 km<sup>2</sup> located in the Bowen Hill Area approximately 110 km northwest of Port Augusta.

Exploration Licence 3415 is held by **Uranium One** and covers an approximate area of 731 km<sup>2</sup> located in the Kangaroo Bluff Area approximately 90 km southwest of Woomera.

**Uranium One** proposes to explore for minerals within the tenements referred to above. The nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is mineral exploration and prospecting including, but not limited to, drilling operations to ascertain the nature and extent of, and

any mineralisation occurring within, paleochannels beneath the surface of the Land.

The Land is subject to Native Title Determination Applications SC 96/4, Barnagaria Native Title Claim and SC 99/2, Kokatha Native Title Claim.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, **Uranium One** may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the South Australian Mining Act 1971 authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

**ANY PERSON** who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponent, **Uranium One**, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if within four (4) months of the initiation of these negotiations, **Uranium One**, and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the South Australian Mining Act 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact:

Uranium One Australia Pty Ltd  
Attention: Greg Cochran  
Level 9, 11-19 Grenfell Street  
ADELAIDE South Australia 5000

## NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Closing Date: 9 May 2008

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

#### Aboriginal Health Worker (HEO)

Ref: S4786. Salary: \$38,878-\$57,266 pa. F/T at Aboriginal Vascular Project, Liverpool Community Health.

Enq: Azilda Fernandez, (02) 9827 2222.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Apply online at: [www.sswhs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sswhs.nsw.gov.au)  
or send applications quoting Ref. No. to: Manager, Recruitment Unit,  
Locked Bag 7950, Liverpool NSW 1571 or email applications to:  
[jobs@sswhs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@sswhs.nsw.gov.au)

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

#### CMA REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS COORDINATOR

Environment Officer Class 9, Wagga Wagga and Parramatta, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-160. Total remuneration package valued at: \$93,478 p.a. (\$76,042-\$84,711). Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Provide expert cultural heritage support, reporting & advice to the CMA Assessment Unit Head. Manage regional assessment projects and teams comprising members from Aboriginal communities, CMA regions and DECC. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, and detailed knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and natural resource and community structures and Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues. Well developed understanding of the workings of Government at State and Local level, and knowledge of relevant legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection and natural resource management in NSW. Demonstrated extensive project management and financial management experience and computer skills, including demonstrated ability to utilise and access information from databases and analyse data to interpret trends and recommend improvements. Demonstrated experience in undertaking targeted research, assessment and planning for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage and natural resource values. Superior written and verbal communication skills, liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills. Experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated effective analytical skills and ability to produce high quality written material, policy and management recommendations. Current Drivers Licence.

**Notes:** Two identified positions under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Two temporary positions available to 1 December 2008. The positions are based in Wagga Wagga and Parramatta, applicants must indicate on their application which location they are applying for. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Jodie Davis (02) 6883 5309 Email: [jodie.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jodie.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Genevieve Thompson (02) 9585 6168 [jobs.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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 09 May 2008.

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## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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EPM16878	Approx. 87 km NNW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.17°11'S Long.138°35'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 363 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 111 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 943 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 944 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 1015 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1016 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1087 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 1088 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n	Mantle Mining Corporation Ltd 107 180 441
EPM16880	Approx. 100 km NW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.17°08'S Long.138°24'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 151 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 46 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 941 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 942 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, v, w 1012 e 1013 a, b, c, d, e 1014 a, b	Mantle Mining Corporation Ltd 107 180 441

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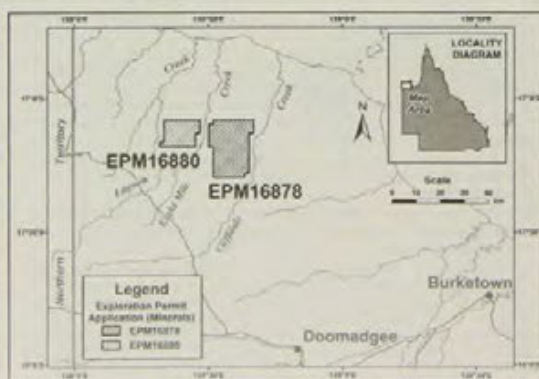
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Notification Day: 14 May 2008



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water



## Coordinator - Indigenous Women's Program

Women's Legal Services NSW

Permanent Full time (35hrs/wk)

Women's Legal Services (WLS) NSW is a community legal centre for disadvantaged women in NSW. We are seeking to employ a permanent full-time Coordinator to coordinate the Indigenous Programs within WLS NSW.

### Selection criteria include:

- A commitment to social justice.
- Demonstrated capacity to provide an accessible and culturally sensitive service to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander women.
- Demonstrated experience in working with family violence / sexual assault in a community services delivery capacity.
- Demonstrated experience in working within policy procedures and operational frameworks.
- Demonstrated ability to supervise staff.
- Ability to travel to country areas as required or on a 4 / 6 weekly basis.

WLS NSW considers that being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

We offer flexible working conditions and fringe benefits. Please telephone (02) 9748 7700 for a full job package and selection criteria. Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be forwarded to The Manager, WLS NSW PO Box 206, Lidcombe NSW 1525, by 19 May 2008.



The Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service is a new service located in Ballina, NSW. The service provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal community in Ballina, Cabbage Tree Island, Byron Bay and surrounding areas. The Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service operates under the auspice of the Northern Rivers General Practice Network (Lismore).

The service is seeking applications for the following positions:

**Practice Nurse (part-time)**

**Enrolled Nurse (Part-time)**

**Aboriginal Health Worker (part-time)**

**Medical Receptionist (part-time)**

These positions will help enhance the present service team in delivering effective and culturally appropriate Primary Health Care to the Aboriginal Community.

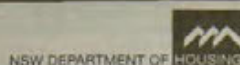
Please contact Jennifer Smith or Emma Walke, if you have specific queries about the vacancy, on (02) 66 815644 or for a Position Description, please email bullinah@internode.on.net.

The closing date for application is: Close of business 7th May 2008.

Please submit your resume and application addressing the selection criteria to:

**Confidential**  
Service Co-ordinator  
Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service  
120 Tamar Street  
Ballina NSW 2478

Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service is an initiative of the Northern Rivers General Practice Network (NRGP). NRGP is an equal opportunity employer and applies merit-based selection techniques to ensure that the best person for the position is selected. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for vacant positions.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

## PRINCIPAL POLICY ANALYST

Clerk Grade 11/12

Homelessness Unit, Service Programs

Head Office, Ashfield

Temporary Full-Time, Position No: DOH-08-11279

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (salary \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** This role exists to increase the capacity of the Department to respond to the Housing needs of homeless people through the development of strategies, policies and planning frameworks, new products and services.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Proven expertise in developing human service policies and procedures and substantial analytical problem solving skills.
- Substantial skills in product and service development and implementation.
- Sound project management and resource planning skills.
- Proven track record to work collaboratively with a range of Government and non-government stakeholders to develop and implement cross agency projects.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to engage internal and external stakeholders through consultations and briefings.
- Capacity to respond effectively to identified skill gaps and training needs using available resources.
- Sound knowledge about the role of human service agencies in relation to high need groups.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 7 November 2008 under the terms of the PSEM Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** John Macmillan (02) 8753 8474

**Information Package:** www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Friday 9 May 2008.

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## The Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC)

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the NLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson Gerry Moore, by email: gerry.moore@alsnswact.org.au or on 0411 655 556.

Applications can be forwarded to: gerry.moore@alsnswact.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

**The Chairperson**  
Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 528  
Nowra NSW 2541

Applications close: Friday 9th May 2008

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

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EPM15486	Approx. 45 km ENE from Ravenswood Centred at approximate: Lat.20°03'S Long.147°19'E Local Government Area: Burdekin Shire Council and Whitsunday Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 634 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Clermont and Townsville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 197 (each 1°lat x 1°long) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> Clermont 38 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 39 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 40 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 111 d, e, k 112 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 184 c, d, e Townsville 3422 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3423 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3424 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3425 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3426 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3427 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Sipa Gold Limited 103 764 058

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**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4302, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

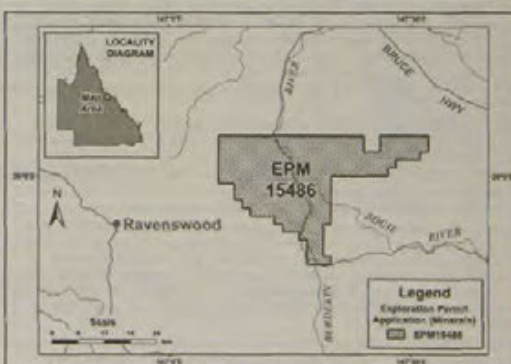
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 14 May 2008



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



## HOUSING NSW PROJECT MANAGER

Clerk Grade 11/12

Corporate Analysis & Reporting

Financial & Performance Management

Head Office, Ashfield

Temporary Full-Time, Position No: DOH-08-11950

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (salary \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** This role is responsible for the co-ordination of corporate planning & external reporting requirements to ensure that department's purpose is translated into strategies and actions. In addition it will conduct evaluations and reviews as required.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Extensive experience in coordinating and leading planning processes in organisations.
- Experience in conducting research and analysing complex information to inform organisational strategy.
- Knowledge of social housing issues and/or human service delivery in NSW and a sound understanding of the machinery of government processes.
- Superior oral/written communication and interpersonal skills, ability to influence and deal with staff at all levels and demonstrated ability to lead and facilitate groups.
- Demonstrated high level ability to liaise/negotiate/consult at senior management level, manage conflicting priorities and timeframes, make sound judgements.
- Demonstrated senior experience in project management, including strategic thinking and planning.
- High level conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills.
- Tertiary qualifications in an appropriate discipline or relevant industry experience.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to 13/3/2009 under the terms of the PSEM Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Patricia Boow (02) 8753 8765

**Information Package:** www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Wednesday 14 May 2008.

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## 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:

### LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

ROBERT WILLIAM and MARGARET ROSE SANSON for 1 x 38MM SUBMERSIBLE PUMP, on Lot 7061 DP1114387, Parish GURANGULLY, County DOWLING, for DOMESTIC purposes. (Ref. 70WA604505)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6850 2800. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Viv Russell, Licensing Manager

Applications for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, have been received from:

### LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Nicholas John Manning LOWING & Kerry Lynne LOWING for 1 x Bore at Lot 27 or 15 DP756509, Parish Barrabu, County Wakool for Irrigation. (Application No. 1758)

Nicholas John Manning LOWING & Kerry Lynne LOWING for 1 x Bore at Lot 29 DP756509, Parish Barrabu, County Wakool for Irrigation. (Application No. 1759)

MOIRA PRIVATE IRRIGATION DISTRICT for 1 x Bore at Lot 1 DP517259, Parish Moira, County Cadell for Stock & Domestic (Application No. 1771)

RIVERINA RURAL LANDS PROTECTION BOARD for 1 x Bore at Lot 7001 DP1118719, Parish North Deniliquin, County Townsend for Commercial (Deni Play on the Plains Festival) (Application No. 1773)

Russell Ian & Mandy Louise FOLLETT for 1 x Bore at Lot 105 DP1101583 or Lot 4 DP701027 or Lot 5 DP701027, Parish Ulupna, County Deniliquin for Irrigation. (Application No. 1777)

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 SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, has been received from:

### ADELONG CREEK WATER SOURCE

STEFAN CORNELSON & KAREN LYNETTE STEENS for a pump on Adelong Creek, Lot 2 DP757211, Parish ADELONG, County

WYNARD for IRRIGATION on Lot 2 DP757211, Parish of ADELONG, County of WYNARD. (Ref. 40CA405146)

An application for a replacement WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, has been received from:

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

J W, B G, D J & J M O' MAHONEY PTY LTD for one additional bore on Lot 3 DP578333 Parish NARRANDERA, County COOPER for IRRIGATION on Lot 3 DP578333 Parish NARRANDERA, County COOPER. (Ref. 40CA405148)

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, have been received from:

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

WAYNE JOSEPH ANDREAZZA for a BORE on Lot 100 DP751741, Parish WILLBRIGGIE, County COOPER for IRRIGATION on Lot 100 DP751741 Parish WILLBRIGGIE, County COOPER. (Ref. 40WA405149)

PAUL STEVEN and MARIA LOUISE ANDREAZZA for a BORE on Lot 104 DP751741 Parish WILLBRIGGIE, County COOPER for IRRIGATION on Lot 104 DP751741 Parish WILLBRIGGIE, County COOPER. (Ref. 40WA405152)

JUDITH ELIZABETH GRAHAM for 1 x Bore at/adjacent to Lot 2 DP519451, Parish GIDGELL, County BOYD for IRRIGATION, DOMESTIC, STOCK PURPOSES at/adjacent to Lot 2 DP519451, Parish GIDGELL, County BOYD. Additional bore to supply existing entitlement. (Ref. 40WA405159)

ANTONIO GALLUZZO and RITA ELMA GALLUZZO for 2 x BORES at/adjacent to Lot 2 DP747044, Parish UROLY, County BOYD. Additional bore to supply existing entitlement. (Ref. 40WA404061)

BERNARD JAMES WALSH, JAMES HENRY WALSH and JOYCELYN BETTY WALSH for 2 x BORES at/adjacent to Lots 537 and 538 DP751745, Parish YARANGERY, County COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lots 537, 538, 539 and 565 DP751745, Parish YARANGERY, County COOPER. Additional bores to extract existing entitlement. (Ref. 40WA405162)

JOSEPH MATTHEW LANDO and SYLVIA LANDO for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 81 DP756398, Parish BUNDURE NORTH, County URANA for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 81 DP756398 Parish BUNDURE NORTH, County URANA. (Ref. 40WA405163)

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. GA2:538461

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager

# Calendar

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contemporary Indigenous art and photographs of the Murray Cod. For details call (03) 8341 7141 or email [munjilakarsvp@museum.vic.gov.au](mailto:munjilakarsvp@museum.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.museumvictoria.com.au/](http://www.museumvictoria.com.au/) MelbourneMuseum

**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 [neita@asg.com.au](mailto:neita@asg.com.au) or visit [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.au)

**Until 8 August:** Registrations for National Basketball Championship. It's time to get your team registrations in for the Basketball Championships. Divisions available: A grade men and women, under 18's, under 16s and under 14s boys and girls. 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)

**Until 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)

**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](mailto: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 Yama on (0405) 509 751 or email [kalg08@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kalg08@yahoo.com.au)

**23 April:** Football Fun Day. This is a fun filled day for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students with a 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:** Friends of Tranby Aboriginal College - Meeting. Friends, staff and students (past and present) are working together to support Tranby as we celebrate 50 years of self-determination in education. Held at 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe from 6pm onwards. For details call Thomas Newman on (0419) 535 782 or email [thomas@tranby.edu.au](mailto:thomas@tranby.edu.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. 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

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## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16602	Approx. 46 km NE from Wandoan Centred at approximate Lat:25°56'S Long:150°22'E Local Government Area: Dalby Regional Council	Area: 194 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 63 (each 1' lat x 1' long)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1588 I, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1589 I, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1590 I, q, r, v, w, x 1661 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 1662 a, b, c, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1734 a, b, c	Bluekebble Pty Ltd 116 988 508

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'I'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4107, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

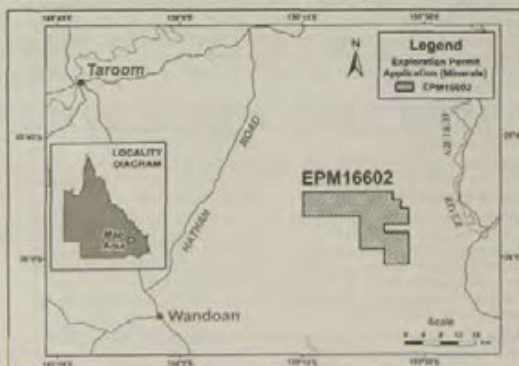
**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water



# National Calendar

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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.

**26 April:** The Peoples Knockout delegates meeting. This meeting is to call all teams willing to participate at the 38th Annual Aboriginal Knockout Rugby League Carnival. Held at Cudgen Leagues Club, Wommin Bay Road, Kingscliff. For details call Selwyn Apanui on (0431) 571 973 or Sol Belleir on (0411) 481 829.

**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, 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](mailto:info@liquidlearning.com.au) or visit [www.liquidlearning.com.au](http://www.liquidlearning.com.au)

**29 April:** GetUp-Get Together. Indigenous and non-Indigenous people are invited to participate in nationwide reconciliation conversations to share stories, and build trust and friendship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Held at Redfern Community Centre from 7pm onwards. For details call (02) 9264 4037 or email [info@getup.org.au](mailto:info@getup.org.au) or visit [www.getup.org.au](http://www.getup.org.au)

**1 May:** V2-International Digital Arts Project. This exhibition reflects a global commitment to exploring cultural identity through leading professional arts practice in digital media. VT2 presents vibrant, innovative screen-based and photo-media works from international and Indigenous Australian new-media artists. Held at the Block, Kelvin Grove from 6pm onwards. For details call (07) 3138 5495 or email [ciprecinct@qut.com](mailto:ciprecinct@qut.com) or visit [www.ciprecinct.qut.com/whats happening](http://www.ciprecinct.qut.com/whats happening)

**2 May:** Get Together. This is for Aboriginal people working in Government and non government agencies and friends. There will be a DJ there on the night. Held at Tailors on Central, Mary St, Surry Hills, from 6pm onwards. For details call Greg Slabb on 02 9219 0716 or 0428 118 756 or email [Greg.Slabb@daa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Greg.Slabb@daa.nsw.gov.au)

**2-4 May:** NSW Sport and Recreation active lifestyles weekend. Are you over 45 and looking to stay healthy, fit and active? This weekend offers you the chance to participate in experience activities you may never have had a chance to try. Activities include: Oki-Do yoga, pole walking/nautical walking, tennis, sailing, canoeing, archery, indoor rock climbing, well-being, medical knowledge workshops and more. Held at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head. Cost \$240 per person (includes all meals, accommodation and activities). For details call (02) 6618 0400 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**3 May:** The Victorian College of Koorie Education Campus 10th Birthday celebration. Our school Committee of Management and school community would like to extend an invitation to past teachers/staff, students and their families to help celebrate this occasion. The birthday celebration includes: Traditional welcome and dance, musical entertainment from Koorie artists, family activities, catering by local Koorie chef and the opening of the time capsule. Held in Mildura from 11am-3pm. For details call (03) 5023 2321.

**5 May:** Film *A Hard Rain* with discussion. See David Bradbury's film, *A Hard Rain*, the grim truth about nuclear energy. Are you worried about global warming? Wondering if nuclear power is the solution? Confused about the uranium debate? Then this film is a must see. Free entry

and all welcome. Held at Nelson Heather Centre, corner Jacksons and Pittwater Roads, North Narrabeen, from 7.15pm onwards. For details call Anna on (02) 9913 7940 or Vanessa on (02) 9970 5456 or Lizzie on (02) 9918 2594 or visit [www.asgmwp.net](http://www.asgmwp.net) or [www.frontlinefilms.com.au](http://www.frontlinefilms.com.au)

**5 May – 13 June:** Free Show for Aboriginal communities – *Multatara Sorry Business*. This is an award winning theatre performance about road safety. There will be a Metro tour and a Great Sothern tour. For details call Michelle or Meredith on (08) 9202 1966 or (0439) 948 183 or email [meredith@yirraaakin.asn.au](mailto:meredith@yirraaakin.asn.au)

**5 May:** Resuscitation course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park from 5.30-7.30pm. For details call 131 302 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://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 deliver and capacity development of groups, organisations and communities. Held in Sydney. For details call (02) 6251 5770 or email

[ailc@indigenousleadership.org.au](mailto:ailc@indigenousleadership.org.au) or visit [www.indigenousleadership.org.au](http://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 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)

**9-14 May:** WorldStorm 2008, the NT Writers' Festival events and workshops. WordStorm is an established and much-anticipated NT literary event, and is unique in Australia for its profiling of Indigenous Australian and South-East Asian voices. Event types will be books, exhibitions/show, festival, comedy, dance, music and debating. Held in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek. For details call (08) 8999 8289 or email [info@ntwriters.com.au](mailto:info@ntwriters.com.au) or visit [www.ntwriters.com.au](http://www.ntwriters.com.au)

**15-18 May:** WorldStorm 2008 the NT Writers Festival. WordStorm is an established and much-anticipated NT literary event, and is unique in Australia

for its profiling of Indigenous Australian and South East Asian voices. There will be writers and performers from Australia, Indonesia, East Timor, West Papua, Singapore and New Zealand will converge on Darwin for an explosive and entertaining cultural festival. Held at Darwin. For details call Alex Keeble on (08) 8941 2651 or email [info@ntwriters.com.au](mailto:info@ntwriters.com.au) or visit [www.ntwriters.com.au](http://www.ntwriters.com.au)

**20 May:** 2008 Indigenous Jobs Market. This is the best place to meet potential employers from business and the Government. It also gives you the chance to meet and talk to job network members, TAFE, Universities and Group Training. Lunchtime entertainment Free barbecue lunch provided and giveaways. Held at Kevin Betts Stadium, Ralph Place, Mt Druitt, from 9am-2pm. For details call Alan Pope on (02) 9890 7804 or (0423) 201 843 or email [alan.pope@grow.org.au](mailto:alan.pope@grow.org.au)

**23 May:** Reconciliate '08 Dreaming Together. City of Melbourne celebrates Reconciliation Week by showcasing Victoria's Indigenous talent through cultural activities and dance workshops. Performers include Tjimba and the Yung Warriors and Sister She. Information about education, training and career opportunities also available on the day. Held at Federation Square from 10am-3pm. For details call (03) 9658 9658 or [www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/indigenous](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/indigenous)

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## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
ML10329 Pioneer 1	Approx. 85 Km West from Townsville Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dairymple	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 2932 on PH1558 – Preferential Pastoral Holding 44/3932 (mining and access) Lot 2 on WG230 – Railway Land (access only) Road Reserves (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 36.0 Ha	Maxwell John WILKINS (33.34%) Robert James WILKINS (33.33%) Russell Ross WILKINS (33.33%)
ML10330 Pioneer 2	Approx. 85 Km West from Townsville Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dairymple	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 2932 on PH1558 – Preferential Pastoral Holding 44/3932 (mining and access) Lot 2 on WG230 – Railway Land (access only) Road Reserves (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 27.0 Ha	Maxwell John WILKINS (33.34%) Robert James WILKINS (33.33%) Russell Ross WILKINS (33.33%)

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities, subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty one (21) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty one (21) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease applications, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongahba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216; DME, Tropical Weeds Research Centre 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, Qld 4820, Telephone: (07) 4761 5762.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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**24 May:** The Long Walk 2008. Come and celebrate the achievements of Indigenous communities at a community showcase including stalls, kids' activities, traditional games and performances. The afternoon will culminate with the 2008 Long Walk from Federation Square to the MCG for the Dreamtime at the G (Essendon v Richmond) from 2.30pm onwards. For details call (03) 9326 2814 or visit [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://www.thelongwalk.com.au) or [www.afi.com.au](http://www.afi.com.au)

**25 May:** Roots Nation 2008. This is an event that is strictly roots and reggae music from around the world. Featuring direct from Kingston and Jamaica International reggae legends Horace

Andy, Luciano and Mikey General with full band. Held at the Arts Centre, Hamer Hall from 2pm onwards. Tickets \$30-\$59. For details call Simon Raynor on (03) 9314 0272 or (0413) 007 602 or email [tsphere@bigpond.com](mailto:tsphere@bigpond.com) or visit [www.terrasphere.com.au](http://www.terrasphere.com.au)

**27 May:** Free RTA workshop. This is a workshop for supervising drivers to help learners become safer drivers. All welcome and its free. Held at Casino RSM Club from 7-9pm. For details call (02) 6655 4125 or (02) 6762 5599 or email [delphimotors@gmail.com](mailto:delphimotors@gmail.com)

**27 May – 3 June:** Reconciliation Week – 'Let's Walk the Mile, Let's Reconcile'. This year Reconciliation Week will have particular significance, with the

acknowledgement and national apology delivered by Parliament on Feb 13 at last making a real reconciliation possible. For details call (03) 9662 1645 or email [info@reconciliationvic.org.au](mailto:info@reconciliationvic.org.au) or visit [www.reconciliationvic.org.au](http://www.reconciliationvic.org.au)

**29 May:** St George Employment and Training Expo. Come and join in on our workshops and seminars. Get information and advice about job vacancies, training courses, job network and Centrelink services, apprenticeships and traineeships, TAFE courses, career choices and many more. Held at Rockdale Town Hall from 9.30am-1.30pm. For details call Kim Chung on (02) 9597 5455 or email [sgpcase@sgmrc.org.au](mailto:sgpcase@sgmrc.org.au)

**29 May:** 'Our Service' Community Expo. This community Expo lets you meet with a range of agencies including Fair Trading Office of Industrial Relations, Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW, Centrelink NSW Ombudsman and many others. This is a free event and all welcome. Held in the Waratah Room, Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24-28 John Street, Lidcombe, from 10am-2pm. For details call Lyn Wotton on (02) 9895 0051 or (0412) 265 695 or Shob on (02) 9895 0635.

**29-31 May:** Film screening *Urgent*. This is a powerful story of loss and rediscovery about three young women who discover they're sisters. This performance will provide a place for young people to begin the next chapter of *Urgent*, a novel which discusses Aboriginal health, the Stolen Generations and Reconciliation. It will present the voices of young Aboriginal people and be a celebration of youth and Aboriginal culture. Cost \$10 concession and \$15 full. Held at Carlton Courthouse, Melbourne. For details call Edward James on (03) 5227 0689 or email [edward@courthouse.org.au](mailto:edward@courthouse.org.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 Guzely Gallery 30th annual art exhibition. Works must have been completed in the two years preceding June 2008 and be the artists own unaided original work. Held at the Elizabeth Guzely Gallery, 125 Charlotte St, Cooktown. For details call (07) 4069 5322.

**11 June:** Adelaide Cabaret Festival feat Kev Carmody 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.tarwirri.com.au](http://www.tarwirri.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 Eggins on (02) 6643 4643 or email [info@edexpo.info](mailto:info@edexpo.info) or visit [www.edexpo.info](http://www.edexpo.info)

**16 June – 18 July:** *Chopped Liver*. This film is a black comedy play to inform you that people with hepatitis C are so much more than 'Chopped Liver'. Written by Kamarra Bell-Wykes and produced by Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre in Victoria. Running time: 50 minutes and suitable for audience age 16 and over. For details on event locations call (03) 9329 9097 or email [info@ilbjerri.org.au](mailto:info@ilbjerri.org.au) or visit [www.ilbjerri.org.au](http://www.ilbjerri.org.au)

**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 [aic@indigenousleadership.org.au](mailto:aic@indigenousleadership.org.au) or visit [www.indigenousleadership.org.au](http://www.indigenousleadership.org.au)

**3 July-3 August:** Aboriginal Art Award 2008. Aboriginal artists are invited to submit works exploring the theme 'Express – Respect'. Open prize \$3,000, open second prize, collaborative award and people's choice award are \$1000 each and the youth award of \$500. You can collect art work after the art exhibitions. For details on locations call (02) 6627 0200 or (02) 6670 2790.

**6-13 July:** NAIDOC Week 08. The national theme is, Advance Australia Fair? NAIDOC celebrates the survival of Indigenous culture and

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16292	Approx. 40 km S from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°21'S Long.144°03'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 125 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Normanton and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 38 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks Normanton 288 c, k, p, u Townsville 217 a, h, e, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, y, z 289 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 361 c, k, p	Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195
EPM16296	Approx. 14 km S from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°07'S Long.144°03'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council and Cook Shire Council	Area: 253 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Normanton and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 77 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks Normanton 72 z 144 c, k, p, u, z 216 c, k, p, u, z Townsville 1 c, k, p, u, v, w, x, y, z 2 l, q, v 73 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 74 a, f, l, q 145 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195
EPM16595	Approx. 9 km W from Dimbulah Centred at approximate Lat.17°08'S Long.145°02'E Local Government Area: Tableland Regional Council	Area: 20 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 949 l, m, n, q, r, s	NQ Mining & Exploration Pty Ltd 122 172 445

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

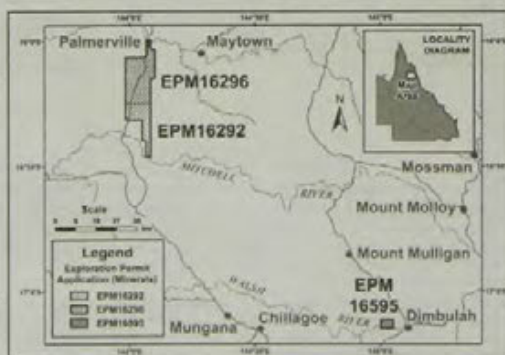
**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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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)

**12 July:** Indigenous Sports Stars Gala Dinner. This gala dinner will be acknowledging Bundjalung past and present, sportsmen and sportswomen for their outstanding achievements in the sporting arena. Tickets \$40 per person including meals and entertainment. Tickets on sale at the Lismore Workers Club. Held in the Auditorium at the Lismore Workers Club from 6pm onwards. For details call Grantley Greighton on (0402) 309 582.

**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 [koorigiri@mail.com](mailto:koorigiri@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.tarwirri.com.au](http://www.tarwirri.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) or

**3-5 December:** Re-Orienting Whiteness - Call for papers. Re-Orienting Whiteness 2008 invites scholars to explore the potential, or otherwise, of 'whiteness' to analyse the operations of race, past and present. Held in Melbourne. For details call (03) 990 52172 or email [katherine.ellinghaus@arts.monash.edu.au](mailto:katherine.ellinghaus@arts.monash.edu.au) or [reorientingwhiteness@gmail.com](mailto:reorientingwhiteness@gmail.com) or visit [www.arts.monash.edu.au/historical-studies/news-and-events/reorienting-whiteness-2008](http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/historical-studies/news-and-events/reorienting-whiteness-2008)

## Sport

# Kennett slams crackdown on racism

**HAWTHORN** Australian Football Club President Jeff Kennett has criticised a proposal for anti-racism announcements at AFL games, calling it another sign of the influence of 'thought police' on the league.

The idea was suggested by Football Victoria chief Peter Schwab, a former Hawks player and coach, who proposed pre-game announcements promoting the message that racism was unacceptable and encouraging crowd members to do in spectators who racially abused players.

"Now there's going to be some announcement before football matches, I can't believe this is right, telling us all how crowd members should refer to players on the ground, in case there's any racism and bad language," Kennett said in Launceston.

"The thought police from the AFL are telling us what we should be thinking during a round of football."

Kennett also outlined the Tasmanian audience the case against them getting their own club in the AFL, despite the wishes of both their State Government and Opposition.

He said it was not just a matter of the State being able to support a club financially, which he

said cost about \$30 million a year, but also the AFL's desire to capture new markets with its plans for teams on the Gold Coast and western Sydney.

"They're looking at putting these new teams in places that will help grow the code over the next 20 or 30 years," Kennett said.

"The Gold Coast has a population

similar to Tasmania (about 500,000), projected to grow to 750,000 over the next few years.

"Western Sydney has a population of 1.8 million, substantially more than Tassie, and they are also being challenged by the other football codes.

"That's actually what's driving the AFL, not a lack of respect for Tasmania by any

means, but to try to make sure the code not only remains strong but continues to grow."

Kennett said the Hawks' arrangement with Tasmania, under which they play four home matches per season in Launceston and are sponsored by the State Government, was continually growing stronger. - AAP

## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of Mining Leases shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
ML70393 Ellensfield East	Approx. 29 Km North East from Morabiah Local Authority Area: Isaac Regional Council	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 13 on SP178466 - Pastoral Holding 30/897 (mining only) Lot 4 on CP903281 - Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 30/4117 (mining and access) Lot 18 on GV181 - Freehold (access only) Lot 1 on SP192451 - Freehold (access only) Lot 24 on SP110067 - Goonyella Branch Railway (access only)  <b>Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 1377.00 Ha</b>	Vale Australia (CQ) Pty Ltd 103 902 389 (60%) Nebo Central Coal Pty Ltd 079 942 377 (40%)
ML70395 Ellensfield Wedge	Approx. 32 Km North East from Morabiah Local Authority Area: Isaac Regional Council	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 13 on SP178466 - Pastoral Holding 30/897 (access and mining) Lot 3 on GV54 - Freehold (access only) Lot 4 on RP852463 - Freehold (access only)  <b>Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 4.064 Ha</b>	Vale Australia (CQ) Pty Ltd 103 902 389 (60%) Nebo Central Coal Pty Ltd 079 942 377 (40%)

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Culture and Main Streets, Woolloongahba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 2216; DME, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Qld 4720. Telephone: (07) 4987 9350.

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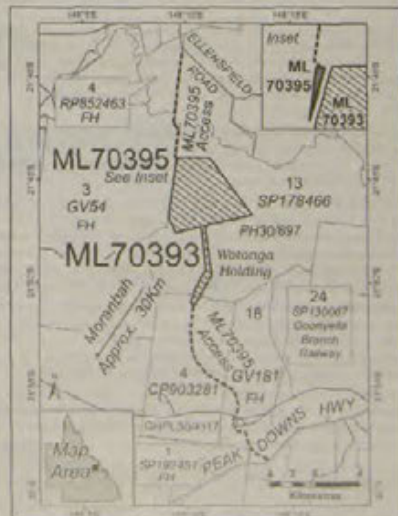
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## Souths commit to ANZ Stadium as its home ground

**NSW** SOUTH Sydney has signed a new agreement to make ANZ Stadium the NRL club's home ground for the next 10 years.

The club reportedly rejected a bid from their former home ground, the Sydney Football Stadium, to renew its deal with the Sydney Olympic Park venue, which has a capacity of more than 80,000.

The Rabbitohs, who have close ties to the Indigenous community, will have a custom-designed locker room at the stadium as part of the new deal.

The agreement, which began this season and runs until the end of 2017, means Souths will play a minimum of 10 NRL home games per season and all home finals at Homebush.

"The people at ANZ Stadium showed faith in us when others didn't and we're delighted to be continuing our partnership with ANZ Stadium to reward that loyalty," Souths director of football Shane Richardson said.

"This stadium deal will give us the financial clout to become the best team in the competition, and that's what it's all about.

"For the first time, our club has the best stadium deal in rugby league, if not in all of sport.

"I'm not just talking financially, but also in the benefits it provides to our members, our players, our coaches and our corporate partners." - AAP



# They get physical



Action from the Rydaz v Cougars match. Damien Fujl (Rydaz) has the ball.

## Health drive behind Torres Strait program

By ALF WILSON



A PHYSICAL activity program initiated by the Torres Strait Wongai Basketball Association and the Northern Peninsula Area District Health Promotion Unit was a great success at a big basketball carnival on Badu Island.

Prime movers behind it were Mario Assan and Thomas Loban, Health Promotion Officers with the Torres and NPA District Health Service's Health Promotion Unit. "With 2008 being the Year of Physical Activity, the Torres and NPA Health District Health Promotion Unit, in partnership with Wongai Basketball Association, decided to collaborate on a physical activity Program, engaging youth in the community through the sport of basketball," Assan said.

Assan said a team comprising 10 males between the ages of 14-18 years were invited to participate in a five-week program, with eight being selected to participate in the annual Badu Basketball Carnival in March.

"This program included health education sessions on topics such as drugs and alcohol, physical activity and healthy nutrition, with the boys required to attend training sessions five days a week leading up to the carnival," Assan said.

"A no-smoking and alcohol consumption code of conduct policy was also implemented at the start of the program.

"During the carnival, a health promotion stall was also displayed with health promotion merchandise such as T-shirts, water bottles, hats, stickers and basketballs promoting anti-smoking messages distributed throughout the community and participating teams."

Assan said that community members also contributed to the five-week program, with Francis Loban and Nicholas Thompson

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Joseph Passi and Jake Seaton with their anti-smoking signs.

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Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
ML 70378 Grosvenor	North from and adjacent to Moranbah Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Isaac Regional Council	<p><b>Current Land Tenures:</b></p> <p>Lot 3 on GV252 - Private Freehold Land            Lot 2 on RP904445 - Private Freehold Land            Lot 2 on GV239 - Railway Land            Lot 2 on GV251 - Railway Land            Lot 3 on GV251 - Railway Land            Lot 5 on GV241 - Railway Land            Lot 4 on GV243 - Railway Land            Lot 2 on GV69 - Railway Land            Lot 10 on SP191699 - Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 30/4123            Lots 15 &amp; 16 on GV133 - Special Lease 30/44477            Lot 6 on GV324 - Special Lease 30/50464            Lot 20 on SP102355 - Term Lease 213386            Lot 23 on SP158749 - R56 - Recreation Reserve            Lot 1 on GV120 - R4 - Water Reserve            Lot 44 on GV203 - R94 - Local Government Reserve            Isaac River            Road Reserves</p> <p><b>Area of land applied for in Mining Lease:</b> 9515.9481 ha  <b>Surface Area:</b> 8592.4288 ha</p>	Anglo Coal (Grosvenor) Pty Ltd 081 022 344

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding thirty-five (35) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding thirty-five (35) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

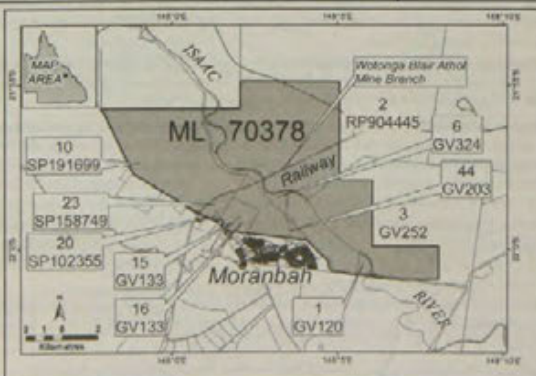
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216; DME, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Qld 4720. Telephone: 07 49879350.

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# in Badu basketball

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putting the boys through rigorous training sessions.

"The team was named Wongai WildCats and their training was put to the test during the three-day carnival over Easter, with the team playing six games winning two, drawing one and losing one game during the round-robin competition, qualifying third in the competition standings," Assan said.

Assan said the boys were matched against a Thursday Island team, Green Hill Wolves, which had defeated them in a close match in the earlier rounds.

"The five weeks of training certainly paid off as the WildCats defeated the Green Hill Wolves and advanced to the grand final against a formidable opponent - Rydaz.

The earlier round-robin match against Rydaz had ended in a draw, and the grand final was a close affair with the boys winning by three points in front of a vocal crowd," Assan said.

Both teams certainly put on a show for the community of Badu Island, which boasts the best facilities in the TSI.

Assan said several of the boys received awards, with Stacey Loban and Joseph Passi receiving encouragement awards.

Harold Mosby had an outstanding carnival receiving the player of the grand final trophy, and Conwell Bani won the three-point shootout with an accurate display of long-range shooting.

"Congratulations must go to the boys who trained hard and showed real commitment during the five-week program. Winning the carnival was only the bonus as they were already winners by participating and completing the program," Assan said.

"The teams that all participated during the carnival are already winners and congratulations to all who travelled far and wide to make the carnival an event that the community of Badu Island can be proud of."

Sponsors included Torres Strait Youth & Recreation Sporting Association, Wongai Basketball Association, K and M Plumbing, Waiben Light Marine, Peter Fraser Builders, IBIS, Thursday Island Pharmacy and M and D Ahboo.



Philip Bani, of the Green Hill Wolves looks to pass in the match against the WildCats.



The Yam Island ladies team.



The Thursday Island Tiddas ladies team.

## Australian football academy to expand in Kimberley

WEST Australian Premier Alan Carpenter has announced a \$2 million expansion of a successful football academy to tackle school attendance and participation for Indigenous boys.

Mr Carpenter said the money would be spent on extending the East Kimberley Clontarf Football Academy over the next five years, with new programs at Halls Creek District High School and an expansion of the existing academy at Kununurra.

"Two new programs will be established at Halls Creek District High School for Indigenous boys in Years Five to Seven, and Years Eight to 12," he said.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of Mining Leases shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
ML 70378 Grosvenor	North from and adjacent to Moranbah Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Isaac Regional Council	<p><b>Current Land Tenures:</b></p> <p>Lot 3 on GV252 - Private Freehold Land</p> <p>Lot 2 on RP904445 - Private Freehold Land</p> <p>Lot 2 on GV239 - Railway Land</p> <p>Lot 2 on GV251 - Railway Land</p> <p>Lot 3 on GV251 - Railway Land</p> <p>Lot 5 on GV241 - Railway Land</p> <p>Lot 4 on GV243 - Railway Land</p> <p>Lot 2 on GV69 - Railway Land</p> <p>Lot 10 on SP191699 - Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 30/4123</p> <p>Lots 15 R 16 on GV133 - Special Lease 30/44477</p> <p>Lot 6 on GV324 - Special Lease 30/50464</p> <p>Lot 20 on SP102355 - Term Lease 21/3386</p> <p>Lot 23 on SP158749 - R56 - Recreation Reserve</p> <p>Lot 1 on GV120 - R4 - Water Reserve</p> <p>Lot 44 on GV203 - R94 - Local Government Reserve</p> <p>Isaac River</p> <p>Road Reserves</p> <p>Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 9515.9481 ha</p> <p>Surface Area: 8592.4288 ha</p>	Anglo Coal (Grosvenor) Pty Ltd 081 022 344

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding thirty-five (35) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding thirty-five (35) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

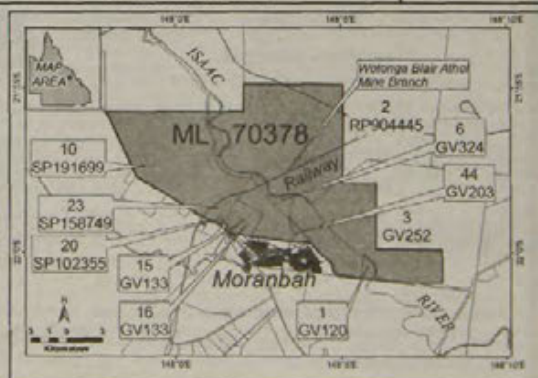
**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Culture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3096 3216; DME, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Qld 4720, Telephone: 07 49879350.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 16 May 2008


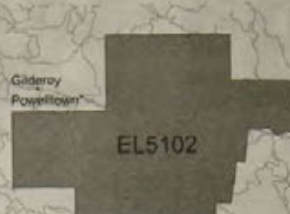
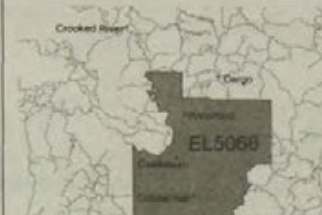
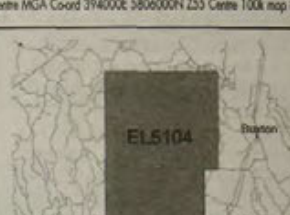
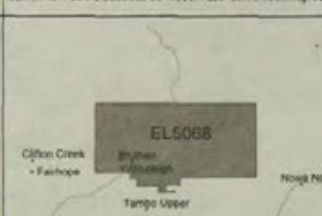
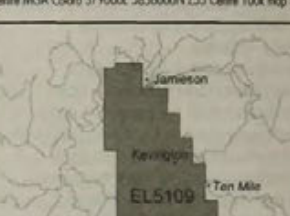

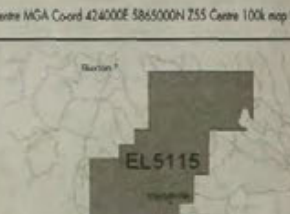
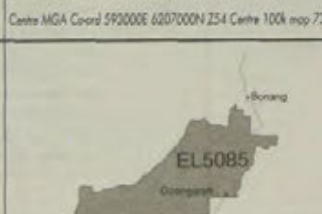
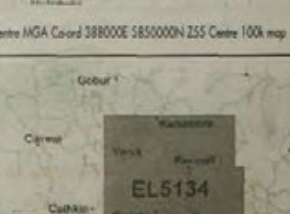
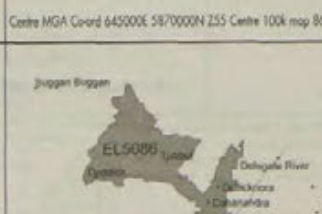
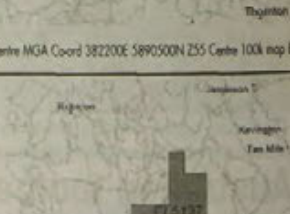


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Natural Resources and Water



# Notice Under Section 29(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

The State of Victoria proposes to consider the granting of the following exploration licence applications under Section 25 of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990:

TENEMENT	APPLICANT DETAILS	LOCALITY	TENEMENT	APPLICANT DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5061	<b>NAME:</b> Oroya Mining Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> South & west of Club Terrace as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 86 - E2-E4, F2-F5, G2-G5, H3-H5 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 360 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> East Gippsland	 Centre MGA Coord 664000E 5835000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8622	EL5102	<b>NAME:</b> World Minerals Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> South and east of Powertown as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 80 - D7 & D8, E7 & E8, F7 & F8, G7 & G8 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 150 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> Baw Baw, Cardinia & Yarra Ranges	 Centre MGA Coord 394000E 5866000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8022
EL5066	<b>NAME:</b> Highlake Resources Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Waterford, Castleburn & Cobbannah as shown on attached plan <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 65 - D9, E9, F9 & G9 Map 83 - C2-C4, D2-D4, E2-E4, F2-F4, G2-G4 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 374 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> Wellington & East Gippsland	 Centre MGA Coord 520000E 5840000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8322	EL5104	<b>NAME:</b> World Minerals Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Approx 3km west of Buxton. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 62 - B8 & B9, C8 & C9 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 84 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> Murrindindi	 Centre MGA Coord 379000E 5856000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8023
EL5068	<b>NAME:</b> Highlake Resources Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Bruthen and Wiseleigh as shown on attached plan <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 84 - E4-E5, F4-F5, G4-G5, H4-H5 Map 85 - B4-B5 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 258 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> East Gippsland	 Centre MGA Coord 578000E 5829000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8422	EL5109	<b>NAME:</b> Blue Gum International Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> South and west of Jamieson as shown on the attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 63 - C6-C8, D6-D8, E8 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 86 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> Mansfield	 Centre MGA Coord 424000E 5856000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8123
EL5083	<b>NAME:</b> Mineral Sands Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Approx 12km south west of Mildura. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 2 - G4-G6, H4-H7 Map 3 - B4-B7, C5-C7, D6 & D7 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 266 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> Mildura Rural City	 Centre MGA Coord 592000E 6207000N Z54 Centre 100k map 7329	EL5115	<b>NAME:</b> Hawk Resources Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Marysville as shown on the attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 62 - C9, D8 & D9, E8 & E9 Map 80 - C2, D2 & E2 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 80 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> Murrindindi	 Centre MGA Coord 388000E 5855000N Z55 Centre 100k map
EL5085	<b>NAME:</b> Marathon Resources Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Approx 3km south west of Bonang. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 67 - J7, Map 68 - A7, B6 & B7, C5-C7, D5-D7, E6 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 254 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> East Gippsland	 Centre MGA Coord 645000E 5870000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8023	EL5134	<b>NAME:</b> Fawcett Gold Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over Alexandra and other towns as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 62 - B2-B5, C2-C5, D2-D5 & E2-E5 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 250 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> Murrindindi & Mansfield	 Centre MGA Coord 382200E 5890500N Z55 Centre 100k map 8023
EL5086	<b>NAME:</b> Marathon Resources Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Over and east of Daddick as shown on attached plan. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 52 - J9 & K9, Map 67 - H2 & H3, J2 & J3 Map 68 - A2 & A3, B2-B4, C2-C5, D2-D5 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 335 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> East Gippsland	 Centre MGA Coord 638000E 5897000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8023	EL5137	<b>NAME:</b> Lode Mining Pty Ltd <b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION:</b> Approx 14km south west of Jamieson. <b>LOCATION REFERENCE:</b> Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 62 - H9, 63 - B8 & B9, 80 - H2 <b>TERM:</b> 5 years <b>AREA:</b> 73 km <sup>2</sup> <b>SHIRE:</b> Murrindindi	 Centre MGA Coord 412500E 5855000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8123

Nature of Act :Exploration

Maps showing the application areas listed above, and further information about these tenement applications is available on request from Minerals and Petroleum Division at Level 16/1 Spring St Melbourne VIC 3001, tel. (03) 9658 4454

The notification day for the tenement applications listed above is **23 April 2008**. Under Section 30 of the Act, persons have until **23 July 2008** to take steps required to become "native title parties" in relation to the affected tenement application. The time and procedure for becoming a native title party are set out in the Act. Inquiries in this regard should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, tel. 1800 640 501.

For further information about native title and/or the right to negotiate process, contact Lawrie Brown, Native Title Coordinator, Department of Primary Industries, Ph. (03) 5430 4694.



# Basketball set for comeback



**TSI** BASKETBALL is on the verge of returning to the days when it was the most prominent sport in the Torres Strait, according to TS sporting official Wayne Guivarra.

He said he was encouraged by the standard and enthusiasm produced at the recent Badu Island Basketball Carnival.

Mr Guivarra is secretary of the Torres Strait Youth and Sporting Association.

"Basketball was big time in the mid 1960s until the early 1980s and may again reach the heights of that era if current trends continue" he said.

Legendary Torres Strait basketball Olympian Danny Morseu hails from this era, while the current Australian team includes Indigenous stars Nathan Jawai and Patrick Mills.

Ten powerful teams contested the carnival at the Jack Ahmat Multi-purpose Indoor Stadium in March, with Thursday Island's experience being the winning factor in the men's and women's division final.

The stadium was recently opened and named in honour of

renowned sporting identity and recently deceased community Chairman Jack Ahmat.

"The TI teams didn't dominate as they usually do," said Guivarra, who puts the improved performances of the outer island teams down to the fact that remote communities now have more appropriate facilities to develop their talent.

Thursday Island's Wildcats defeated Badu Island's Rydaz in the men's event, while Muddies were the eventual victors, defeating TI Tiddaz in the women's competition.

The presence of dual Olympian Brian Kerle from Queensland Sport and Recreation proved a major coup. Kerle ran basketball clinics for the kids, while the Torres Strait Regional Health Promotional Unit provided strong messages about the effects that smoking had on sporting opportunity.

Other exciting entertainment at the Easter basketball carnival included 3-point shootout competitions.

The popularity of this inaugural event may see the Badu Island Basketball Association make it an annual event.



WAYNE GUIVARRA



## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1557	Gwynn Metals Ltd	40.02km <sup>2</sup>	12km Ely of Derby	Lat 17°18' Long 124°47'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1660	King Lizard Diamonds Ltd	22.89km <sup>2</sup>	110km Nly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°15' Long 125°14'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1714	Resources Properties Pty Ltd	100.95km <sup>2</sup>	55km Fly of Derby	Lat 17°26' Long 124°06'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1717	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	222.17km <sup>2</sup>	113km Ely of Derby	Lat 17°21' Long 124°41'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1716	Blackfin Pty Ltd	39.14km <sup>2</sup>	71km SEly of Derby	Lat 17°34' Long 124°14'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1721	Blackfin Pty Ltd	577.31km <sup>2</sup>	50km SEly of Derby	Lat 17°37' Long 123°57'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1723	Blackfin Pty Ltd	81.43km <sup>2</sup>	68km SEly of Derby	Lat 17°57' Long 123°56'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1727	Ochre Resources Ltd	182.93km <sup>2</sup>	49km Sly of Derby	Lat 17°43' Long 123°30'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1730	Spark Energy Pty Ltd	65.09km <sup>2</sup>	80km Sly of Derby	Lat 18°01' Long 123°47'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1735	Pio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	222.76km <sup>2</sup>	86km NEly of Broome	Lat 17°24' Long 122°47'	Broome
04/1739	Malinda Minerals Ltd	375.46km <sup>2</sup>	78km NEly of Broome	Lat 17°21' Long 122°35'	Broome
04/1759	Hydro Aluminium Western Australia Pty Ltd	429.05km <sup>2</sup>	264km NEly of Derby	Lat 15°06' Long 125°00'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
04/1760-1	Bauxite Australia Pty Ltd	866.14km <sup>2</sup>	252km Wly of Wyndham	Lat 12°19' Long 125°49'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
08/1602	Desert Energy Ltd	44.63km <sup>2</sup>	161km Ely of Coral Bay	Lat 28°18' Long 115°20'	Ashburton
08/1611	Geoffrey Hills Ladyman	6.41km <sup>2</sup>	112km Sly of Ordvale	Lat 22°34' Long 115°01'	Ashburton
08/1622	Oxide Pty Ltd	526.28km <sup>2</sup>	70km Ely of Coral Bay	Lat 23°08' Long 114°27'	Ashburton/Gameroi
08/1638	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	21.36km <sup>2</sup>	54km Sly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°57' Long 117°15'	Upper Gascoyne
08/1641	Artina Resources Ltd	70.28km <sup>2</sup>	132km Sly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°49' Long 117°15'	Ashburton
15/1871	Western Resources & Exploration Pty Ltd	20.54km <sup>2</sup>	8km Wly of Kambalda	Lat 31°11' Long 121°35'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/1905	Potomac Iron Ore Ltd	8.84km <sup>2</sup>	58km Ely of Koolberrington	Lat 32°53' Long 120°07'	Coolgardie
15/1946	Potomac Iron Ore Ltd	190.08km <sup>2</sup>	58km Ely of Koolberrington	Lat 30°44' Long 122°02'	Coolgardie/Yilgarn
15/1947	New Metals Explorations Ltd	125.99km <sup>2</sup>	70km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°17' Long 122°03'	Coolgardie/Dundas
15/1948	Sulphide Resources Pty Ltd	152.22km <sup>2</sup>	91km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°33' Long 120°12'	Coolgardie
15/1969	Miner Resources NL	5.84km <sup>2</sup>	8km Sly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°32' Long 121°34'	Coolgardie
15/1980	Miner Resources NL	2.92km <sup>2</sup>	6km SEly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°32' Long 121°36'	Coolgardie
16/056	Potomac Iron Ore Ltd	200.86km <sup>2</sup>	66km Ely of Koolberrington	Lat 30°42' Long 120°11'	Coolgardie
20/053	Resources Properties Pty Ltd	42.76km <sup>2</sup>	40km NWly of Cue	Lat 27°06' Long 117°41'	Cue
29/1749	Fairfax Resources Ltd	64.94km <sup>2</sup>	71km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 33°35' Long 122°13'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/1820	Australian Mineral Fields Project C Pty Ltd	8.84km <sup>2</sup>	77km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°41' Long 122°16'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/050	Heron Resources Ltd	154.74km <sup>2</sup>	20km Sly of Menzies	Lat 29°51' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/057	Steris Mining Corporation Pty Ltd	5.03km <sup>2</sup>	52km Sly of Menzies	Lat 30°09' Long 120°57'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
30/033	Heron Resources Ltd	35.87km <sup>2</sup>	50km NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°26' Long 120°34'	Menzies
36/036	Enterprise Exploration Ltd	152.35km <sup>2</sup>	41km NEly of Leonora	Lat 27°38' Long 120°56'	Leonora
36/040	Linger & De Pty Ltd	12.18km <sup>2</sup>	70km NEly of Leonora	Lat 27°22' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/055	Selmy Resources Pty Ltd	21.03km <sup>2</sup>	71km Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°03' Long 120°35'	Leonora/Menzies
37/066	Metronic Resources NL	30.28km <sup>2</sup>	69km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°11' Long 121°23'	Leonora
37/079	St Barbara Ltd	135.54km <sup>2</sup>	33km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 121°07'	Leonora
37/082	Metronic Resources Pty Ltd	21.73km <sup>2</sup>	30km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°00' Long 121°03'	Leonora
37/091	Maddison Resources Pty Ltd	168.25km <sup>2</sup>	71km Wly of Leonora	Lat 28°22' Long 121°03'	Leonora
37/096	Newton Gold Mining Pty Ltd	33.36km <sup>2</sup>	49km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°18' Long 120°55'	Leonora
37/098	John Robert Venn Money	36.11km <sup>2</sup>	29km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°39' Long 121°20'	Leonora
37/095	Jackson Metals Ltd	3.03km <sup>2</sup>	47km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°29' Long 121°08'	Leonora
37/067	Lysander Resources Pty Ltd	30.46km <sup>2</sup>	52km NEly of Leonora	Lat 27°31' Long 121°31'	Leonora
38/1061	Oriskany Gold Ltd	60.23km <sup>2</sup>	12km Nly of Laverton	Lat 28°31' Long 122°26'	Laverton
38/2003	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	6.02km <sup>2</sup>	21km NEly of Laverton	Lat 28°29' Long 122°33'	Laverton
38/2004	Barick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	9.03km <sup>2</sup>	20km NEly of Laverton	Lat 28°30' Long 122°35'	Laverton
38/2005	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	24.06km <sup>2</sup>	23km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°36' Long 122°38'	Laverton
38/2006	Barick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	6km <sup>2</sup>	29km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°46'	Laverton
38/2029	Deep Yellow Ltd	53.98km <sup>2</sup>	38km Sly of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 122°31'	Laverton
38/2030	Barick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	12km <sup>2</sup>	33km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°53' Long 122°34'	Laverton
38/2031	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	5.99km <sup>2</sup>	40km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°56' Long 122°36'	Laverton
38/2032	Deep Yellow Ltd	51.04km <sup>2</sup>	31km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°48' Long 122°38'	Laverton
38/2033	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	6.02km <sup>2</sup>	21km NEly of Laverton	Lat 28°30' Long 122°35'	Laverton
38/2034	Delta Gold Ltd	8km <sup>2</sup>	7km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°39' Long 122°27'	Laverton
38/2115	Metrix Resources Ltd	138.98km <sup>2</sup>	163km Nly of Carnarvon	Lat 28°16' Long 122°28'	Wiluna
38/2134-5	A1 Minerals Ltd	12.16km <sup>2</sup>	40km Nly of Laverton	Lat 28°16' Long 122°21'	Laverton
39/1202	Jindalee Resources Ltd	172.41km <sup>2</sup>	44km Wly of Laverton	Lat 28°39' Long 121°57'	Laverton
39/1250	Yalgoo Mining (WA) Pty Ltd	62.83km <sup>2</sup>	53km Sly of Laverton	Lat 28°05' Long 122°32'	Laverton
39/1276	Mark Gareth Croxall	84.52km <sup>2</sup>	54km Sly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 121°54'	Laverton/Leonora
39/1321	Glyphon Minerals Ltd	3.01km <sup>2</sup>	20km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°31' Long 122°15'	Laverton
39/1348	Glyphon Minerals Ltd	123.72km <sup>2</sup>	53km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°19' Long 121°59'	Laverton/Leonora
39/1349	Glyphon Minerals Ltd	126.67km <sup>2</sup>	49km NWly of Laverton	Lat 28°22' Long 121°59'	Laverton/Leonora
39/1355	Dunkley Pty Ltd	32.91km <sup>2</sup>	64km Sly of Laverton	Lat 27°11' Long 122°31'	Laverton/Menzies
45/2879	Burnby Resources Ltd	6.41km <sup>2</sup>	59km Wly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°03' Long 119°11'	East Pilbara
45/3137	Griffin Resources Ltd	418.42km <sup>2</sup>	26km Wly of Gooswallow	Lat 20°02' Long 119°25'	East Pilbara
45/3177	Hickwood Resources Ltd	102.03km <sup>2</sup>	39km NEly of Nullagine	Lat 21°36' Long 120°18'	East Pilbara
46/746	Wly Pty Ltd	550.60km <sup>2</sup>	18km NWly of Nullagine	Lat 21°49' Long 119°51'	East Pilbara
47/1123	De Beers Australia Exploration Ltd	161.56km <sup>2</sup>	39km SWly of Dampier	Lat 20°59' Long 118°34'	Roebourne
47/1537	Pot Iron Ore Pty Ltd	73.54km <sup>2</sup>	36km SWly of Dampier	Lat 20°53' Long 118°26'	Roebourne
51/1257	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	120.23km <sup>2</sup>	22km Nly of Meekatharra	Lat 28°23' Long 118°34'	Meekatharra
51/1258	Tek Conno Australia Pty Ltd	27.16km <sup>2</sup>	15km Wly of Meekatharra	Lat 28°29' Long 117°51'	Meekatharra
51/1259	Desert Energy Ltd	159.71km <sup>2</sup>	81km Ely of Meekatharra	Lat 28°26' Long 119°18'	Meekatharra
51/1264	Desert Energy Ltd	214.89km <sup>2</sup>	78km Ely of Meekatharra	Lat 28°35' Long 119°17'	Meekatharra
52/2155-8	Unser Investments Pty Ltd	12.35km <sup>2</sup>	132km NWly of Meekatharra	Lat 28°35' Long 117°46'	Meekatharra
53/1366	Anagon Resources Limited	3.05km <sup>2</sup>	77km SEly of Wiluna	Lat 28°58' Long 120°54'	Wiluna
53/1366	Anagon Resources Limited	3.05km <sup>2</sup>	73km SEly of Wiluna	Lat 28°53' Long 120°52'	Wiluna
53/1369	Richard Forbes Donald Hill	94.76km <sup>2</sup>	68km SEly of Wiluna	Lat 28°58' Long 120°45'	Wiluna
53/1370	Desert Energy Ltd	158.57km <sup>2</sup>	68km Sly of Wiluna	Lat 28°43' Long 119°33'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
57/667	Blair Holdings Pty Ltd	15.14km <sup>2</sup>	8km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°02' Long 119°14'	Sandstone
57/670	Troy Resources NL	80.45km <sup>2</sup>	28km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°13' Long 119°14'	Sandstone
59/1433	Edge Noel Limited	211.42km <sup>2</sup>	27km NWly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°12' Long 116°27'	Yalgoo
59/1439	Geotech International Pty Ltd	63.31km <sup>2</sup>	64km Ely of Moora	Lat 29°22' Long 116°38'	Perenjori
59/1440	Zinc Ore Australia Ltd	64.09km <sup>2</sup>	152km Nly of Yalgoo	Lat 27°03' Long 116°07'	Murchison
59/1743	Epsilon Energy Ltd	173.4km <sup>2</sup>	36km SWly of Baladonia	Lat 32°35' Long 123°31'	Dundas
59/2399	W&L Sols (WA) Pty Ltd	104.34km <sup>2</sup>	49km Wly of Baladonia	Lat 32°19' Long 123°24'	Dundas
66/2400	OTI Resources Ltd	96.76km <sup>2</sup>	12km NEly of Wiluna	Lat 25°48' Long 121°04'	Wiluna
70/2391	Lake Moore Gypsum Pty Ltd	207.73km <sup>2</sup>	60km Sly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°59' Long 117°33'	Darvelino/Kooda/Mount Marshall
70/3119	Iuka Resources Ltd	265.72km <sup>2</sup>	5km SWly of Pingari	Lat 32°39' Long 115°49'	Yalgoo
70/3120	Iuka Resources Ltd	164.22km <sup>2</sup>	10km SWly of Waroona	Lat 32°53' Long 115°49'	Murray
70/3369	Lon Properties Pty Ltd	14.9km <sup>2</sup>	23km NWly of Eneabba	Lat 29°39' Long 115°08'	Harvey/Waroona
74/382	Piston Enterprises Pty Ltd	37.19km <sup>2</sup>	12km SEly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°59' Long 120°09'	Ivan
77/1417	Fusion Energy Ltd	209.81km <sup>2</sup>	130km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 29°07' Long 119°24'	Ravensthorpe
80/0871	Nicholson East Pty Ltd	120.54km <sup>2</sup>	84km NEly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°45' Long 128°17'	Halls Creek
80/0872	Nicholson East Pty Ltd	137.39km <sup>2</sup>	136km Sly of Kununurra	Lat 16°51' Long 128°55'	Halls Creek/Wyndham & East
80/0876	Thundamentals Exploration Ltd	45.94km <sup>2</sup>	68km NEly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°41' Long 127°58'	Halls Creek
80/0889	UOOL Ltd	52.26km <sup>2</sup>	97km Nly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°21' Long 127°38'	Halls Creek
80/0993	Reapoint Exploration Pty Ltd	292.83km <sup>2</sup>	74km Ely of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°20' Long 126°16'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
80/0996	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	278.79km <sup>2</sup>	181km NWly of Wyndham	Lat 14°07' Long 127°11'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/1014	Selmy Resources Pty Ltd	42.31km <sup>2</sup>	33km NEly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°58' Long 127°49'	Halls Creek
80/1016	Venus Resources Ltd	556.92km <sup>2</sup>	40km SWly of Kununurra	Lat 16°02' Long 128°28'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/1046	Red Rock Australia Pty Ltd	39.03km <sup>2</sup>	28km NEly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°05' Long 127°51'	Halls Creek

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For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.





# NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources (C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004) may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
25/0003	Polytechnic WA Pty Ltd	159.07ha	15km Ely of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°50'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
25/0003 & 25/0004	Great Gold Mines NL	270.88ha	15km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°12' Long 122°35'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
25/0137	Great Gold Mines NL	198.19ha	120km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°13' Long 122°39'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
25/0138	Great Gold Mines NL	21.37ha	120km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°10' Long 122°38'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
25/0139	Great Gold Mines NL	21.07ha	120km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°11' Long 122°37'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
25/0206-41 & 25/02042	Norfolk Nickel Case Pty Ltd	1147.41ha	4km Wly of Merces	Lat 29°41' Long 121°50'	Merces
25/0204-6	Norfolk Nickel Case Pty Ltd	525.72ha	9km S of Merces	Lat 29°43' Long 121°51'	Merces
25/0204-9	Peak Resources Ltd	241.39ha	10km SEly of Merces	Lat 29°44' Long 121°50'	Merces
25/0204-7	Peak Resources Ltd	1538.07ha	8km NEly of Merces	Lat 29°38' Long 121°50'	Merces
25/0204-8	Peak Resources Ltd	49.72ha	42km SEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°59' Long 121°01'	Lancelton
25/0204-9	Dalympic Resources NL				
25/0204-10	Norfolk Nickel Case Pty Ltd	120.78ha	49km SEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°13' Long 121°03'	Lancelton
25/0204-11	Dalympic Resources NL				
25/0204-12	Black Mountain Gold NL				
25/0204-13	Norfolk Nickel Case Pty Ltd	3.42ha	35km SEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°03' Long 121°01'	Lancelton
25/0204-14	Dalympic Resources NL				
25/0204-15	Black Mountain Gold NL				
25/0204-16	Hampton Hill Mining NL	47.52ha	23km SEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°04' Long 120°51'	Lancelton
25/0204-17	Alia Resources Pty Ltd				
25/0204-18	Alia Resources Pty Ltd	47.52ha	25km SEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°05' Long 120°52'	Lancelton
25/0204-19	Anger Resources Limited	145.57ha	35km Ely of Lancelton	Lat 27°59' Long 121°04'	Lancelton
25/0204-20	Golden City NL	305.29ha	6km Ely of Lancelton	Lat 28°52' Long 121°03'	Lancelton
25/0204-21	Gold Granite Johnson	18.76ha	42km NEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°58' Long 121°47'	Lancelton
25/0204-22	Norfolk Nickel Case Pty Ltd	356.39ha	42km NEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°57' Long 121°38'	Lancelton
25/0204-23	Robert Keith Fagan				
25/0204-24	Robert Keith Fagan	388.12ha	44km NEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°57' Long 121°38'	Lancelton
25/0204-25	Robert Keith Fagan	311.69ha	43km NEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°58' Long 121°40'	Lancelton
25/0204-26	Robert Keith Fagan				
25/0204-27	Robert Keith Fagan	794.72ha	49km NEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°57' Long 121°41'	Lancelton
25/0204-28	GMC Resources Ltd	59.44ha	14km SWly of Lancelton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°17'	Lancelton
25/0204-29	Hill Holdings Pty Ltd	395.19ha	57km W of Carno-Newbury Mason	Lat 27°54' Long 122°18'	Lancelton
25/0204-30	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd				
25/0204-31	Regis Resources NL	1265.63ha	74km Wly of Carno-Newbury Mason	Lat 27°44' Long 122°11'	Lancelton
25/0204-32	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd				
25/0204-33	Regis Resources NL	199.87ha	70km Wly of Carno-Newbury Mason	Lat 27°47' Long 122°12'	Lancelton
25/0204-34	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd				
25/0204-35	Regis Resources NL	147.13ha	53km Wly of Carno-Newbury Mason	Lat 27°48' Long 122°23'	Lancelton
25/0204-36	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd				
25/0204-37	Regis Resources NL	200ha	48km Wly of Carno-Newbury Mason	Lat 27°51' Long 122°25'	Lancelton
25/0204-38	Regis Resources NL				
25/0204-39	Merces Resources Ltd	131.2ha	15km SWly of Lancelton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°17'	Lancelton
25/0204-40	Merces Resources Ltd	369.89ha	9km SWly of Lancelton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°18'	Lancelton
25/0204-41	Merces Resources Ltd	10.74ha	17km SWly of Lancelton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°16'	Lancelton
25/0204-42	Regis Resources NL	8.28ha	20km SEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°53' Long 122°34'	Lancelton
25/0204-43	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd				
25/0204-44	Regis Resources NL	94.27ha	26km SEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°56' Long 122°34'	Lancelton
25/0204-45	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd				
25/0204-46	Regis Resources NL	96.22ha	41km SEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°47' Long 122°40'	Lancelton
25/0204-47	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd				
25/0204-48	Regis Resources NL	196.29ha	20km Ely of Lancelton	Lat 28°38' Long 122°42'	Lancelton
25/0204-49	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd				
25/0204-50	Barwick (GOM) Limited	145.17ha	14km SEly of Lancelton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°31'	Lancelton
25/0204-51	Barwick (GOM) Limited				
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## Sport



The 2007 Mulga Tigers team. Garreth Smith is at far left, rear.

# Island Origin series a lure for veteran

By ALF WILSON



**WEIPA-based Rio Tinto heavy equipment maintenance planner Garreth Smith is one of the best known rugby league footballers in the Gulf of Carpentaria, Cape York and Torres Strait areas.**

The 32-year-old powerhouse forward is quietly spoken and has loved his footy around Australia's northern outposts.

Smith looks set to line up for the Mulga Tigers at the coming Island of Origin Series on Thursday Island in June.

Off the field, Smith is known as the 'friendly white guy', but on the field is one of the most respected footballers where the huge majority are Indigenous footballers.

"Playing rugby league in the Torres Strait has been the highlight for me," he said.

Smith first played at the 2003 Torres Cup with the Napranum Bulldogs and again in 2004.

"During those two years I coached the Bulldogs and didn't play much footy," he said.

"After the 2004 Torres Cup, I regained a hunger for footy as the spirit and festivity of Torres Strait footy had become an addiction almost. The Torres Strait people play the game as hard and as rough as any footy I have played, but they play with the love of the game truly on their sleeves."

In 2004, Smith also played for the Torres Strait side in the Ted Mosby All Blacks Carnival in Cairns.

"Then in 2005, I played for Southern Indigenous Brothers at the last minute," he said.

"We made the final in 2005 and lost to Kuipiym."

In 2006, Smith was asked to captain the Southern Indigenous side which lost in the final to Kuipiym.

"I was elated as we played a

good carnival, and the atmosphere was unbelievable," he said.

"After we had lost to Kuipiym in the 2006 Torres Cup Jason Nixon and I were approached by Gerald Bowie to play in Cairns for Kuipiym at the Yarrabah All Blacks Carnival.

"We made the final and lost again."

In June 2007, Smith flew to Badu Island for his first Island of Origin Series where he and Nixon played for Mulga Tigers.

Mulga Tigers lost 40-44 to Kuipiym in that memorable final.

"After Badu, I carried a couple of injuries, hoping of course I would get over them in time for the TS Cup," Smith said.

"The week before the Cup, I flew with my wife and children to TI to watch my wife play for the Mosby Eagles side in the first women's TS Cup. She was captain of the side and they won the comp. She received best back and player of the carnival. Fio is my age and she was a true inspiration for me going into the next week's carnival.

"Myself and Jason flew to TI the next week and once again played for Mulga Tigers.

"We lost the final again, in extra time - of all ways to lose."

In 2008 Smith represented the Torres Strait Kustodians in Cairns against the Cairns Foley Shield side.

"We lost this game but we were very competitive and certainly turned some heads in being so," Smith said.

"I plan to play until I am 35. I have made a commitment to my eldest son Denzel that I will play at least one Torres Cup with him that will be 2011 and I will then retire if I make it.

"My time so far in the Torres Strait has been exceptional. I have been accepted well on every occasion and have had the time of my life in every carnival."



# Carnivals to clash

By ALF WILSON



TOWNSVILLE will host two All Blacks rugby league carnivals during October on successive weekends, with the second one to clash head-on with another in Cairns.

Bindal Sharks United Sports and Recreation Aboriginal Corporation carnival has been scheduled for the weekend of 11-12 October and 16 teams will be invited.

## 10th anniversary

It will be held at Bindal's home ground - Shark Park - and represents the 10th anniversary of the Indigenous body which has been heavily involved in sports promotion.

Posters have already been distributed around Townsville advertising the Vern and Frank Daisy All Blacks Carnival and Cultural Fair at the local Sports Reserve on 18-19 October.

The Far North Queensland Rugby League All Blacks Committee has distributed

posters advertising the eighth Cairns carnival on 18-19 October at Mann Street grounds.

Bindal Sharks last ran their own Townsville carnival in 2002 and spokeswoman Jenny Pryor said that three local sides would be invited, along with several

from Palm Island, at least one from Cairns, Cherbourg, Woorabinda, Hughenden/Mount Isa, and Kulpiyam from Badu Island in the Torres Strait.

"In the past we have organised things for everybody else and now we want to do

something for Bindal Sharks and get some recognition," Mrs Pryor said.

Mrs Pryor has been heavily involved in All Blacks carnivals for 22 years and said much of the funding needed was raised by the Bindal committee.

"Since the demise of ATSC, Bindal, the Cairns organisation and First Contact in Brisbane have been the only regional bodies doing these things. Before we had our first carnival, we got permission from the Elders," Mrs Pryor said.

Mrs Pryor said she expected that the winning team would pocket \$14,000 provided 16 teams competed.

Obe Geia is the chief organiser of the Frank and Vern Daisy Cup, named after two north Queensland league legends.

It was first held in February 2006 and then again during October 2007 when nine teams competed, with Cannonballs winning.

Frank and Vern Daisy have attended the two carnivals, presenting trophies and the player of

the carnival has received a car with the two winners being Neil Stanley, of Cherbourg, and Robbie Congoo, from Cannonballs.

The posters for the carnival offer up to \$50,000 prizemoney for the winners if 50 teams nominate.

"The Daisy Cup will be a crackerjack one this year," Mr Geia said. Female teams will compete in the Daisy Cup carnival.

The winning men's team at the Daisy Cup have been presented with the Archie Smallwood Memorial Shield.

Between 2003 and 2006, a Townsville All Blacks carnival had been held but it did not occur in 2007.

During 2006 the Daisy Cup was held eight months before the Townsville carnival.

The Cairns carnival will attract teams from the Torres Strait Islands, Cape York and NPA and organisers have asked for nominations from open men's, open women's and under 18 teams.



From left, Frank Daisy, referee Rick Page and Vern Daisy.



Bindal Sharks officials, from left, Leon Pryor, Jenny Pryor and Kevin Aldridge



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## League stars to join kids' Coffs league fun day



GOLD Coast Titans rugby league star Preston Campbell and former St George winger Nathan Blacklock will be

guests at a rugby league fun day for Indigenous primary school children at Coffs Harbour today.

A helicopter will fly Campbell from the Gold Coast and he will drop in on the fun day at 1pm and will be there until 2pm.

Blacklock will be at the Coffs Harbour Police Citizens Youth Club from 11.30am and will spend most of the day at the PCYC.

The focus is on healthy lifestyle and the fun will start at 8am with breakfast.

There will be coaching clinics, games and giveaways.

The day has been organised by 18-year-old Jimmy Ellis, a participant in the Indigenous Leadership program

through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

As part of that program, participants need to conduct a community activity, hence Jimmy's 'footy fun day' for primary school Indigenous students.

Up to 70 children are expected to take part.

Jimmy Ellis is no stranger to organising activities.

At the age of 11, he began an association with Rotary International and has been an inspired participant of community service.

From the age of 12, he has held a keen sporting interest in soccer, tennis and cross country, competing at State level.

Jimmy completed his Year 12 certificate in 2007, and is starting up a clothing label and undertaking part-time studies at TAFE NSW.



# Doomadgee pulls the plug

By ALF WILSON



DOOMADGEE will not compete in the Mid West Queensland Rugby League competition in 2008 after being one of the

powerhouses for the past four years.

Last season Doomadgee lost the Mid West grand final 30-12 to the Normanton Stingers and had won the previous three premierships.

In the 2007 season, the other sides were Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek and Cloncurry, which are all towns in outback Queensland.

A large percentage of players in the competition are Indigenous and these games have been an avenue for talent scouts to sign quality youngsters for clubs in Townsville, Mackay, Mt Isa and Cairns.

Two months ago, the Mid West Board had plans to expand the competition into two pools



The Normanton Stingers side which won the 2007 Mid West premiership.

with the addition of sides from Gulf Aboriginal communities Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw.

This was in a bid to cut the long distances required for travel to away matches and to attract administrators, which there had been a shortage of since the competition was

resurrected five years ago.

Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek and Cloncurry had been scheduled to compete in Pool A, with Normanton, Doomadgee and two Aboriginal communities – Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw – to battle it out in Pool B.

The competition had originally

been scheduled to start on the weekend of 11-12 April.

Hughenden-based Mid West spokeswoman Kelly Carter said that at a meeting on 11 April, Doomadgee could not provide the League with their financial or affiliation paperwork.

"The Mid West teams will consist of Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek, Cloncurry and Normanton. I am still in the process of working on the changes to the draw, and will forward it when it is finalised," Mrs Carter said.

Mrs Carter said that Kowanyama had been ready to affiliate, but not Pormpuraaw.

"When we decided that Doomadgee was out, that only left Normanton who was originally in our competition to be included in Pool B, and at the meeting it was decided that we could not take on Kowanyama," Mrs Carter said.

Paul Stephens, from the Normanton Stingers, said his team would have the bye in round one on 26-27 April.

"In the first round, Julia Creek will play Richmond and Cloncurry versus Hughenden. Normanton have a bye with Doomadgee not affiliating. Our first game is on 3 May against Julia Creek in the Creek," Stephens said.

The reduced competition means that Normanton will be a short-priced favourite to make it back-to-back premierships, especially since the Stingers have signed former Doomadgee champion Travis Fraser, regarded as one of the best players in the Mid West.

Hughenden and Cloncurry also have good player lists, with not much known about Richmond and Julia Creek.

The strength of the five sides often depends on work commitments of key players for away games when sometimes a round trip of 1200km is required.

Doomadgee, Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw players will now compete in several All Blacks carnivals around the Gulf of Carpentaria region.

## Readers' league legends teams

Readers have responded to our request for opinions the make-up of the best all-time Indigenous rugby league team.

The National Rugby League is about to announce a team made up of what a panel thinks is the best team of Indigenous players to have played rugby league in its 100 years in Australia.

The NRL announced that the Indigenous Team of the Century would be announced at the South Sydney v North Queensland round-eight clash on 2-4 May.

Even though our next edition won't be out until 7 May, we are inviting readers to name their teams.

Send us your line-up to sport@koorimail.com, fax it to (02) 66 222 800 or mail it to PO Box 117, Lismore, NSW 2480.

Write your name and address on the back of your envelope.

We want you to name your starting line-up, nominating a player for each position.

Jacob Luffman emailed his all-time Indigenous team: Fullback, Collin Scott; wingers, Larry Corowa, Wendall Sailor; centres, Justin Hodges, Steve Renouf; five-eight, Cliff Lyons; halfback, Johnathan Thurston; lock, Ron Gibbs; second rowers, Gorden Tallis, Carl Webb; props, Arthur Beetson, John Sattler;

hooker, Mal Cochrane.

Chris Lamb, of St George, Queensland: Fullback, Eric Simms; wingers, Lionel Morgan, John Ferguson; centres, Steve Renouf, Mal Meninga; five-eighth Laurie Daley; halfback, Ewan McGrady; lock, John Sattler; second rowers, Mal Cochrane, Arthur Beetson; props, Sam Backo, Ron Gibbs; hooker, Gorden Tallis.

Kevin Wone, of Edmonton, Queensland: Fullback, Eric Simms; wingers, Greg Inglis, Dale Shearer; centres, Mal Meninga, Steve Renouf; five-eighth, Laurie Daley; halfback, Johnathan Thurston; lock, Kevin Stevens; second rowers, Carl Webb, Gorden Tallis; props, Arthur Beetson, John Sattler; hooker, Mal Cochrane.

This next team was chosen by a think-tank of Indigenous brothers in Parklea Jail, and they name Clive Churchill as their preferred fullback.

We have done some checking and as far as we know, Churchill was not Indigenous.

Here's their team: Fullback, Clive Churchill; wingers, Wendall Sailor, Greg Inglis; centres, Steve Renouf, Justin Hodges; five-eighth, Laurie Daley; halfback, Johnathan Thurston; lock, Ron Gibbs; second rowers, Gorden Tallis, Arthur Beetson; props, Sam Backo, John Sattler; hooker, Mal Cochrane.

## Beetson in Team of Century, but he snubs officialdom



AFTER boycotting last Thursday night's rugby league Centenary Ball, Arthur Beetson learned he was in

the Team of the Century by watching the announcement on television.

"I just went out and had a Chinese feed with my lady friend and then watched it on the tele," said Beetson, who snubbed the black-tie event to protest what he perceives to be problems with the state of the game.

"It's a pretty good side, but they were never going to get me there in a dinner suit. I never go to grand finals or the Daily Ms so I'm comfortable with my decision. I don't care what people say, I've already said what I think of opinions. Everyone's got one."

One of five Queenslanders in the 17-man line-up, Beetson was the least contentious. But as far as he is concerned, the only person chosen by the 28-man voting panel – of which just seven were Queenslanders – whose place should never have been up for debate was the coach, Jack Gibson.

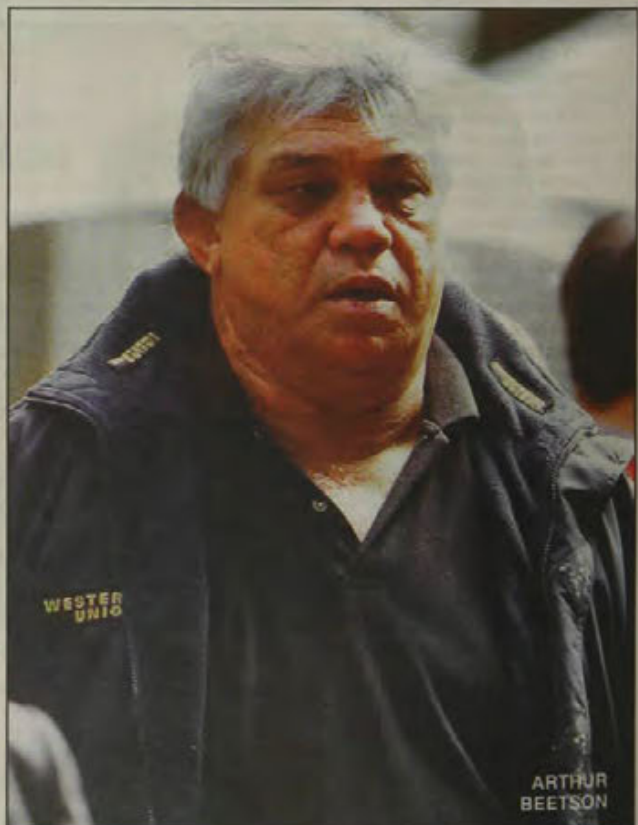
"I know there will be a lot of conjecture and controversy about the 17 players but for mine, Jack was always going to be the coach," Beetson said.

Beetson served notice that he would not attend the gala ball.

"I won't be there, I've got more important things to do," he said in the days leading up to the function.

"I'm just disappointed with what's happened in our game. They (organisers) know I'm not going."

"We're celebrating 100 years. I've got to be honest, we've got some heroes in our game but they're certainly not administrators,"



Queensland's first State of Origin captain said.

"They could be pouring money into the game elsewhere. There are so many problems within our game. The referees are an enormous problem."

"It'd be nice to be acknowledged, but I care more about the direction of the game."

**The Centenary Team:** Clive Churchill, Ken Irvine, Reg Gasnier, Mal Meninga, Brian Bevan, Wally Lewis, Andrew Johns, Duncan Hall, Noel Kelly, Arthur Beetson, Ron Coote, Norm Provan, John Raper, Interchange: Daily Messenger, Bob Fulton, Graeme Langlands, Frank Burge.

Coach: Jack Gibson



# How good is he?

**It's early days, but seasoned experts reckon Palm Island 16-year-old boxer is all class**

Story and Pictures by  
ALF WILSON



PALM Island boxing trainer Ray Dennis has predicted that 16-year-old Luke Lenoy has the ability to become a

world professional champion.

The normally conservative Dennis made the claim after Palm Islander Lenoy had won his first of two gold medals at the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League's tournament, held during the North Queensland Games in Townsville from 10-13 April.

Boxers came from Charters Towers, Ingham, Moranbah, Mareeba, Babinda, Yungaburra, Mount Isa, Palm Island, Mackay and Cairns to take part in the Games, which boasted more than 50 sports.

Lenoy had just stopped Mareeba boxer James Fegatilli in round two of their scheduled three-round contest to win gold in the 67kg junior final.

"Luke is all class and will be a future world professional champion if I can keep him training and out of trouble. He is a good lad," Dennis said.

In the bout after the Lenoy win, classy Darwin boxer Chris Stedman beat Mareeba's Owen Patterson by unanimous points decision to win gold in the final of the 71kg junior division.

"That Darwin lad has a boom on him but I think that Luke can beat him," Dennis said.

That prediction proved spot-on when Lenoy won his second gold medal on night two of the tournament, beating Stedman on points in the 75kg division.

Former top professional and respected referee Gonzo Hooper shared Dennis' high opinion of Lenoy.

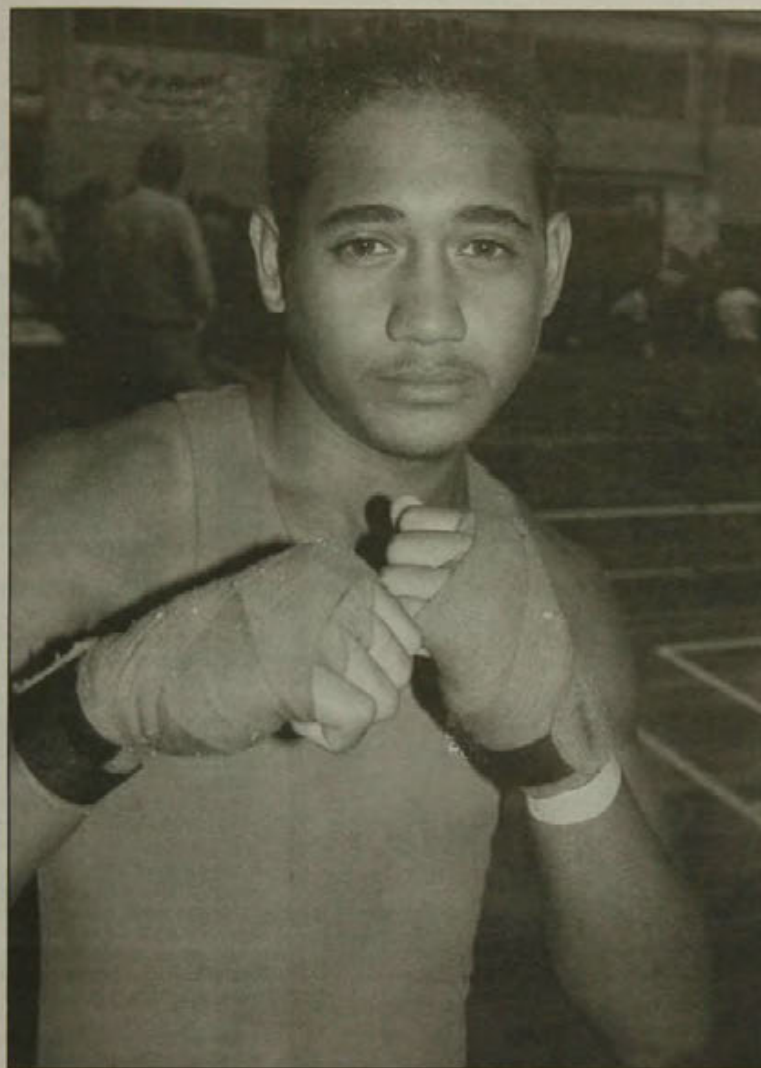
"Lenoy looked good stepping up two weight divisions to beat the Northern Territory visitor Stedman who was impressive the night before," Hooper said.

Heavyweight professional boxer Phil Gregory told *The Koori Mail* that he was highly impressed with Lenoy.

"He does have a lot of natural ability," Gregory said.

*The Koori Mail* was at the fights at which two other Palm Island boxers, Selwyn Seaton and Nat Seaton, fought.

Seaton won gold in the 63.5kg division and Dennis said his boxers won three



● LEFT: Palm Island boxer Luke Lenoy, who won two gold medals at the North Queensland Games. His trainer Ray Dennis said Lenoy had the makings of being a world professional champion. Referee Gonzo Hooper shared Dennis' high opinion of Lenoy.

● ABOVE: Isaac Mundraby, from Babinda, was at the North Queensland Games. He is the older brother of Australian professional bantamweight champion Fred Mundraby.

gold and one silver medal.

"Selwyn was named best junior boxer of the tournament and Luke gave away 7kg in weight to Stedman and still beat him," Dennis said.

Nat Seaton won a silver medal in the heavyweight division and also took out the senior encouragement award for the tournament.

Those wins gave Lenoy an amateur record of 44 wins and just 14 losses and Dennis said his past two years had been sensational.

"Luke has only lost one fight in that period," Dennis said.

*The Koori Mail* visited Lenoy in the dressing rooms before his first final and found him a very confident young man.

"I never get nervous now before fights. I got over that long ago as I have gained more experience. I have never fought this bloke before either," Lenoy said.

Lenoy said that despite his good boxing record, he would never disrespect any opponent by taking them for granted.

"I treat every opponent with care and always am wary of them," he said.

There were a number of

Indigenous boxers there, including 23-year-old Isaac Mundraby, the elder brother of Australian professional bantamweight champion Fred Mundraby. "It is good to see a lot of Murris here," said Isaac Mundraby, who won a silver medal in the 78kg division on night two.

Meanwhile, rising Indigenous

heavyweight boxer Barry Prior will meet Rex Whittingham over four rounds in a gala night of boxing at Townsville's Bombay Rock on 17 May.

Hooper's Flatenem Promotions will present the night, which will include amateur and professional boxing bouts and Maui Thai fights.

Reigning toughman contest titleholder in the over 75kg division Mick King will make his pro martial arts debut.

In the other pro boxing bouts, Leigh Lindgren will meet Indigenous craftsman Tom Clarke over four three-minute rounds. In the main bout, Josh King will take on Sydneysider Jurland Ceniza over six rounds.



● ABOVE: Nat and Selwyn Seaton at the fights.

● LEFT: Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis, right, and Aitkenvale PCYC trainer Wayne Parker Snr at the North Queensland Games.



# How our 10%

As the AFL charges into the milestone 150th year of football celebrations, PETER ARGENT takes a look at the Indigenous players who are exciting the football public in 2008. In this special season, 73 players, which is virtually 10 per cent of the total AFL player base, have Aboriginal heritage.

## Adelaide

**Senior squad:** Jon GRIFFIN, Andrew McLEOD, Graham JOHNCOCK, Jarrhan JACKY, Tony ARMSTRONG. **Rookie:** Jared PETRENKO, Ed CURNOW.

Performing above themselves, the Crows have collected two good wins from the opening four rounds, with second-year ruckman Jon Griffin being a sterling performer in the big-man department.

While marquee player Andrew McLeod has been a little quiet, the usually robust Graham Johncock has been a driving force in defence.

West Australian lad Jarrhan Jacky has played a couple of serviceable games for Woodville-West Torrens in the SANFL and was the travelling emergency for the match in Tasmania, suggesting he isn't far away from an opportunity at the top level.

Rookie Jared Petrenko is still a few weeks away from returning to the game after a shoulder operation in the off season. The under-18s South Australian State player from 2007 is a project player at the club.

New South Wales lad Tony Armstrong is playing reserves football with the Roosters in the SANFL.

Ed Curnow is tied to Glenelg Football Club, but is not playing currently as he's recovering from a quad strain.

## Brisbane Lions

**Senior squad:** Anthony CORRIE, Rhan HOOPER, Ashley McGRATH, Albert PROUD, Jason ROE, Sam SHELTON.

Coming back after a serious knee injury last year, Anthony Corrie had been a strong contributor in the first four rounds of the season and a key player in this club's amazing come-from-behind win over the Power at AAMI stadium in round four, where Brisbane collected victory after being 47 points down late in the third term.

Rhan Hooper and Albert Proud have been regular selections without having a frequent impact on games they have played, although they have been noticeable on occasions. Ashley McGrath has been



Alwyn Davey has been one of the shining lights for the Essendon Bombers in the early part of the 2008 AFL season.

amongst the better player in the Suncoast Lions (in the AFL Queensland competition) in round one before an ankle injury intervened.

Jason Roe is another player who is dealing with quad problems, while young Sam Sheldon isn't expected to start playing for a while yet due to an ongoing groin injury.

## Carlton

**Senior squad:** Joe ANDERSON, Clint BENJAMIN, Eddie BETTS, Andrew WALKER.

One of the devastating blows for the Blues was they lost Andrew Walker during the pre-season kick and giggle. He underwent surgery on his injured right shoulder and is expected to be sidelined for up to three months of the regular season.

In the high-scoring round-three match against Essendon, Eddie Betts played one of his best games and is starting to find consistency at this level. This is an important year in the development of this livewire forward.

Talented second-year player from Darwin Joe Anderson has missed some early season football with an ankle injury.

Drafted at the end of 2006, tall defender Clint Benjamin has played three matches with the Northern Bullants and will be trying to break through for his first senior appearance this year.

## Collingwood

**Senior squad:** Leon DAVIS, Brad DICK, Chris EGAN, Shannon COX. **Rookie:** Sharrod WELLINGHAM.

'Neon' Leon Davis is currently the most in-form of the Indigenous players. Coach Mick Malthouse has used him this year through the middle as well as up forward, being a key component of the on-ball brigade. He has been in the Magpies' best in three of the four fixtures so far, giving his team plenty of run and drive.

Mercurial at times, Chris Egan, after only one match with the Magpies in 2007, is trying to force his way back into the senior team via the Collingwood reserves after playing in the AFL

round-one win over Fremantle and gaining 21 disposals.

Shannon Cox is also trying to do the same after eight games last year. He was best-on-ground in the round-two VFL clash with Williamstown.

Rookie Sharrod Wellingham, after his off-season indiscretion, has been in strong form for the newly-created Collingwood team in the VFL. In two of the first three rounds he has been among the leading performers.

## Essendon

**Senior squad:** Alwyn DAVEY, Courtenay DEMPSEY, Leroy JETTA, Andrew LOVETT, Nathan LOVETT-MURRAY, Paddy RYDER. **Rookies:** Jarrod ATKINSON, Dean DICK.

In the new game plan under Matthew Knights, one of the outstanding performers has been the younger Davey sibling, Alwyn.

Courtney Dempsey and Leroy Jetta started well but, like a number of team-mates, they have succumbed to hamstring injuries.

Becoming an integral part of the Essendon defence alongside veterans Dustin Fletcher and Mal Michael, Paddy Rider is making a name for himself as a back man.

Nathan Lovett-Murray has had some impact in the opening month, while Andrew Lovett, returning in round three, has been an important player in the side.

Rookie Dean Dick has played two senior games from the Bendigo Bombers, while fellow rookie Jarrod Atkinson has been a star for the Bombers' VFL affiliate – including a best and second best.

## Fremantle

**Senior squad:** Jeff FARMER, Antoni GROVER, Roger HAYDEN, Des HEADLAND, Michael JOHNSON. **Rookie:** Calib MOURISH.

What a disappointing start to the season it has been for the Fremantle club. Except for a win in the round-three rivalry round 'derby' match against the West Coast Eagles, they have been poor.

The word inconsistency explains the team's efforts and also a number of their Indigenous players, especially Des Headland.

The better performers have been in the defensive half, with Antoni Grover, Roger Hayden and, until injured, Michael Johnson the best of the Aboriginal contingent.

Jeff Farmer needs to find some form or he'll be playing back in the WAFL.

Second-year Dockers rookie

Calib Mourish is progressing nicely with the East Fremantle senior team in the State League competition.

## Geelong

**Senior squad:** Nathan DJERRKURA, Mathew STOKES, Travis VARCOE. **Rookie:** Liam BEDFORD.

The Cats have continued to show they are a powerhouse of AFL. Mathew Stokes has been an important cog in this group, either up forward where he can be relied on for a couple of goals, or as an option through the mid-field.

Travis Varcoe has played all three games with the Geelong Falcons in the VFL and is trying to break into the powerful Cats line-up.

Now a second-year rookie, it is important for Liam Bedford to impress at this level as well. He has played two games for the Falcons, but is yet to have a significant influence.

Northern Territory native Nathan Djerrkura has a quad strain and is a couple weeks away from returning.

## Hawthorn

**Senior squad:** Chance BATEMAN, Lance FRANKLIN, Mark WILLIAMS, Cyril RIOLI. **Rookie:** Cameron STOKES.

The Hawks were unbeaten after four rounds, and key forward Lance 'Buddy' Franklin has been one of the outstanding players of the competition, already having kicked 21 goals during this period for Hawthorn.

After a sparkling pre-season, the Hawks' number-one draft selection (number 12 overall) Cyril Rioli made his AFL debut in the club's season opener against Melbourne on Easter Sunday, starting on a half forward flank.

With breathtaking speed and the skills suggested by his heritage, he has quickly become a major part of an impressive forward line.

In his ninth season at Hawthorn with a 30 possessions and two-goal game, Chance Bateman became the first Aboriginal man to play 100 games with Hawthorn, in the match against Adelaide.

After nearly 12 months out of the game with injury, Mark Williams returned to senior football in the round-four contest in Tasmania and the dual club leading goalkicker was a good foil for Franklin in attack with three goals.

Adding to a quartet of Indigenous players at Hawthorn, classy on-baller Cameron Stokes was upgraded to the senior list

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# measures up

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before round one and also looks to have found his place among this strong group.

## Kangaroos

**Senior squad:** Matt CAMPBELL, Eddie SANBURY, Daniel WELLS, Lindsay THOMAS. **Rookie:** Cruise GARLETT.

Alice Springs protege Matt Campbell and Mallee Park lad Lindsay Thomas are proving to be handy small forwards for the Kangaroos in their second season at the club.

While playmaker Daniel Wells was high among the best in the round-two win over Richmond, more consistency would be appreciated from this star of the code by his coach, Dean Laidley.

Despite a good first game with North Ballarat, Eddie Sansbury has not yet forced his way into the Kangaroos' senior team.

Rookie from Western Australia Cruise Garlett has played each game in the VFL competition, kicking goals in the first two.

## Melbourne

**Senior squad:** Aaron DAVEY, Matthew WHELAN, Isaac WEETRA. **Rookie:** Austin WONAEAMIRRI.

In what has been a modest start to the season for the Demons in their 150th year, one of the positives to come out of this group under the control of rookie coach Dean Bailey has been the young Aboriginal players.

Hailing from the industrial township of Whyalla and playing junior football in Adelaide, Isaac Weetra made his debut in the opening round of the season.

After starting as a rookie, Darwin lad who spent last season with Norwood in the SANFL Austin Wonaeamirri was elevated to the senior list after round two and made his AFL debut in a commendable effort against 2007 premiers Geelong.

He also continued this strong form in his second game, against North Melbourne, despite the side's fourth loss.

Strong defender Matthew Whelan returned to the seniors in round four after a couple of games with Sandringham. Having an early finish to his 2007 season, he will be looking to return to the form which made

him one of the most respected people in the league.

Aaron Davey has been one of the more consistent performers in a team which is currently on the bottom of the ladder.

## Port Adelaide

**Senior squad:** Peter BURGOYNE, Shaun BURGOYNE, Nathan KRAKOUER, Daniel MOTLOP, Marlon MOTLOP, Danyle PEARCE.

Last year's grand finalist Port Adelaide were sitting at the wrong end of the premiership table after the first four rounds – in 15th position.

Veteran Peter Burgoyne had an amazing 41 touches in the

been in stellar form for the Port Adelaide Magpies in the SANFL competition and should be pushing for a place in the senior side.

Surprisingly, Marlon Motlop played reserves football in North Adelaide for the first two rounds of the season.

## Richmond

**Senior squad:** Jarrod OAKLEY-NICHOLS, Richard TAMBLING, Shane EDWARDS. **Rookie:** Clayton COLLARD.

Now having played more than 50 AFL games, the big issue for Richard Tambling is his inconsistency. He kicked three goals in the round-four win in Perth, but flashes in and out of

Clayton Colliard is playing in the Coburg reserves outfit, having kicked six goals, including a four-goal haul against North Ballarat.

## St Kilda

**Senior squad:** Raphael CLARKE, Xavier CLARKE.

Coming to AMMI stadium, the Clarke brothers, Xavier and younger brother Raphael, from St Mary's, in Darwin, collected a pre-season premiership medallion for the trophy cabinet. They were strong contributors in the Saints' NAB Cup triumph over Adelaide.

Older sibling Xavier reached his 100-game milestone in the round-three match against the

This equalled the fourth-best streak in the history of the game – Jared Crouch's (194 games for Sydney between 1998-2006).

Goodes took over fourth place – outright – in the round-four win over latter-day rivals the West Coast Eagles.

The only better streaks in AFL history are those of Jim Stynes (244 games – Melbourne – 1987-98), Adam Yze (226 games – Melbourne – 1997-2007) and Jack Titus (202 games – Richmond – 1933-43).

The only player to be involved in all three Swans grand finals, Michael O'Loughlin, continued to perform commendably, even though he is on the wrong side of 31. After failing to kick a major in the senior opener, when just 12 goals were scored for the game, he kicked 10 goals in the next three rounds.

With Barry Hall sidelined for an extended period, he will need to continue with this form.

## West Coast

**Senior squad:** David WIRRPAWA.

As dependable as ever, David Wirrpanda has been one of the few shining lights in a modest first four rounds for the Eagles.

Starting back in 1996, the versatile utility is now in his 13th senior season and will be expected to join the fabled 200-club during the first half of this season.

He was used as a rebounding defender and a goal-kicking forward in the three games he has played, before being injured for the round four clash.

## Western Bulldogs

**Senior squad:** Jarrod HARBROW, Malcolm LYNCH, Brennan STACK, Josh HILL.

After just a single appearance in his debut year, Josh Hill has been a revelation over the first four weeks of the season for the Western Bulldogs. In round one, the Adelaide coaching staff showed the young talent enough respect to place Andrew McLeod on him and then in the round-two win, Hill received the NAB rising star nomination.

He has been integral for the Bulldogs in their impressive start to the season.

Jarrod Harbrow played in the round-three and four wins, kicking two goals in the victory over Essendon.

Michael Lynch has been dealing with hamstring problems, while Brennan Stack has played two senior games with the Williamstown side in the VFL.



Xavier, the elder of St Kilda's Clarke brothers from Darwin, reached his 100-game milestone in the round three match against the Bulldogs and then was concussed in the match against the Geelong. He and younger brother Raphael played strongly in the Saints' NAB Cup triumph over Adelaide.

brutal showdown match and was tied for the medal given out in these cross-town encounters, but lost to Bernie Vince on a countback.

Despite the club's expected potency in attack, the younger Burgoyne sibling, Shaun, is the club's leading goalkicker with 10 goals.

Still, both of these players haven't been quite performing to the lofty standards expected of them.

Both forward Daniel Motlop and running midfielder Danyle Pearce have shown indifferent form over the first month of the season.

But Nathan Krakouer has

games too often.

After starting the season with Coburg in the VFL competition, Shane Edwards returned to the senior team for the improbable victory over an inconsistent Fremantle side in Perth and kicked a goal from limited opportunities.

Now in his third season in the AFL system, the first-round draft pick from 2005, Jarrod Oakley-Nichols, will be keen to start bedding down a position in the Tigers' senior side.

He started to show some form in the third-round VFL clash against North Ballarat and will need to build on this.

Number-one rookie draft

Bulldogs and then was concussed in the match against the Geelong.

Raphael Clarke has again been troubled with injuries at the start of the 2008 season.

## Sydney

**Senior squad:** Adam GOODES, Michael O'LOUGHLIN.

Despite being reported in the match against Port Adelaide, Adam Goodes was cleared and played his 194th consecutive game in the match against Brisbane.



# The person behind the player

## DEANO'S LEAGUE



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Indigenous rugby league star Johnathan Thurston. Like Parramatta halfback Tim Smith, Thurston has confronted his personal demons.

**J**UST three years ago, Tim Smith was the hottest talent in rugby league.

I know. I had the privilege to play alongside him at Parramatta and even at his young age, you could see he was a player with special ability.

He was acknowledged for his talents by being awarded the Daily M Rookie of the Year medal and seemed to have the world at his feet.

Today, many are saying he's all but washed up at 23 after seeking time off from playing.

In the wake of his stunning revelation that he has bipolar disorder, the troubled halfback flew home to the Gold Coast with his career seemingly in tatters.

The only salvation was that he was heading back to his mother, and the security of family and friends.

But rather than seeing this as a rugby league tragedy in the making, I believe there are some positives in this story.

First and foremost, we have to forget about Timmy Smith, the footballer, and think about Tim Smith, the person.

Tim has shown remarkable courage to come out and speak publicly about his mental condition.

Rather than see the illness as

something to hide or his admission as a sign of weakness, he has confronted the media and through them told the public of a condition that affects many in our society.

Choking back tears, a clearly devastated Smith fronted the media to read a prepared statement.

"I was diagnosed with bipolar disorder 18 months ago and in this time have been seeking professional advice and taking prescribed medication to try and help me deal with the day-to-day life of someone with bipolar," he said.

"I am not using bipolar disorder as an excuse for anything that has happened in the past or my decision today.

"However, I am not coping with the constant media pressure and public scrutiny.

"The hardest thing about this has been telling my team-mates, who have been extremely supportive and understanding, as well as the Parramatta club, and my family and close friends."

Bipolar is a complex condition, of which depression is one part of the problem.

For a lot of us, our problems can get us down and we don't know where to turn.

In Tim's case, he has not only had the strength to seek help, but the courage to face those who made his life almost unbearable – the media.

Since his announcement, Smith has received enormous support from his team-mates and others in the rugby league community.

Parramatta coach Michael Hagan described Smith's shock decision to stand down indefinitely as 'brave, yet sad'.

Hagan spoke passionately about Smith's announcement – while revealing his former halfback's fragile mental state.

"I think it's sad but Tim has made a very brave decision," Hagan said.

"He isn't coping with the demands of our game because of what he is suffering from.

"Tim has had ongoing pressure and has felt down for a long time.

"The pressure and criticism has been the culmination of things. We have to deal with it and what it means to Tim and the team."

Hagan stressed that Smith had made the right decision for himself – and for the Parramatta club.

"He's arrived at a decision that is best for him," Hagan said. "That's

to be admired.

"He wasn't blaming bipolar for his past behaviour. As I said, he's made a brave decision to step away."

Smith also received support from Andrew Johns just days before 'Joey' was named the greatest halfback in the history of the game.

Johns lauded the courage of Tim for going public about his bipolar disorder, declaring: "It took me 10 years to do what Tim Smith did."

On the day Smith announced he was taking leave of absence from the game to seek further help for his illness, Johns pleaded with the public to 'give him some space' to sort out his problems.

A bipolar sufferer himself, Johns said he understood what Smith was going through.

"When I first heard about his decision, I felt sick for him," Johns said.

"Tim is a fantastic bloke and a young player with a lot of potential. But I knew he was struggling and it has really hit home how hard a time he has been facing," he said.

The fact that Johns has been doing some part-time coaching with Smith in his role at Parramatta only added to his sense of compassion.

**A**nd just in case we think Tim Smith's case is isolated, it was interesting to hear Johnathan Thurston come out this week and talk about confronting his personal demons.

Earlier this year, as he recovered from a double-shoulder reconstruction, he found himself in a three-month period of unprecedented solitude that made the Townsville fishbowl feel more like a sardine tin.

Confined to his apartment and unable to sleep because of 'the worst pain I've ever felt', Thurston succumbed to mental doubts.

He calls them 'my demons' – and they infiltrated his head and an ever-shrinking outside world.

"I had doubts whether I was coming back too early or whether my shoulders could handle it," Thurston said.

"You think, 'am I going to get injured again?' and little things like that can be really negative. There were also a few things off the field."

Under public pressure and feeling besieged, Thurston sought out the Cowboys' resident sports psychologist in mid-January.

"I spoke to a sports psychologist for a while and I suppose that gets the demons out of your head," he says.

"She's someone the Cowboys have on hand for players to speak with when they feel the need. If you have problems on or off the field, she's there. I've done a fair bit with her.

"I'd done the contact work, but my head needed to be right to play."

His struggle to resolve being a high-profile star outside a capital city also featured in their conversations.

"She's really helped me with everything," he said.

"It's hard, but nowadays players have just got to be squeaky clean. There are people out there who are prepared to give you up for the slightest thing.

"But I won't let the media or other people control my life. If I want to do something, I'll pretty much do it."

"Just because I'm in Townsville and everyone knows me, it's not going to stop me from living my life."

The results speak for themselves.

Thurston has not only got his life in order but he is back to his dominant best on the field.

Three great players – Smith, Thurston and Johns.

Three people who have sought help.

Three people with a clear message to us all.

Don't live with your demons.

There is always help out there – have the courage to ask for it.



# All-black line!



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**H**AVING just watched Scott Prince lead the impressive Gold Coast Titans to the top of the competition in a thrilling encounter against the Brisbane Broncos, I can't wait to see Johnathan Thurston's response when he leads the Cowboys against the New Zealand Warriors.

Like all true champions, Thurston has responded to the challenge to his Test position in the best possible way – on the field.

Both players have also pushed their claims through the press, but I believe there is still the one obvious solution that could see Australia field its most potent combination of Indigenous players in history.

Thurston and Prince – along with Melbourne Storm's Billy Slater – are the form players of the competition.

Thurston and Prince deserve selection and with both players experienced in the position of five-eighth there is one simple solution – put the number six on one of their jerseys and pick them both!

I am not simply pushing the Indigenous line here because Greg Bird did an outstanding job in his Test debut last year.

But even his fans would admit that he has been playing his best football at lock this year.

I would still have Bird in my XVII, but the prospect of Prince and Thurston playing alongside each other is difficult to resist.

With Lockyer out of contention, the only other possible choice would be Braith Anasta, but I believe his opportunity to redeem himself at the representative level will come at State of Origin time.

I can already hear some of you say "but what about Greg Inglis?"

I agree that Inglis was outstanding in the recent grand final replay against the Sea Eagles, but I still believe he is better suited out wide.

With Gasnier out through injury, we now also have the opportunity to have another dream

pairing by selecting Inglis to partner Justin Hodges in the centres.

Again, imagine the potent combination of skill, speed and strength that these two could bring to the team.

The service they would receive either side of the ruck from Thurston and Prince would be the ultimate nightmare for any defence.

Imagine the irony of a New Zealand side being confronted by this truly all-black back line!

Again, I can hear you all say "what about the forwards?"

In addition to Greg Bird, I believe the selectors will have to find a spot for Sam Thaiday to regain his Australian jersey.

Thaiday's fitness is outstanding and his increased work rate has added to the quality of his play.

His capacity to offload in traffic makes him a valuable commodity at this level.

If selectors follow my advice, that would mean we would have a minimum of six Indigenous players in Centenary Test side which I believe would set a new benchmark.

But there is little doubt the contest between Thurston and Prince will hold the most public interest.

There is no doubting the competitiveness between the two as well as a deep-seated respect for each other's ability.

For Prince, selection would almost be a form of redemption given his absence from the representative scene in recent years.

The 2004 State of Origin series is a treasured memory and a source of frustration for Prince.

His three matches in the Queensland jersey that year sit alongside the 2005 premiership he won as Wests Tigers captain as his career highlights.

Yet Prince cannot hide his frustration at being overlooked in the three years since. His annoyance is aimed not so much at the fact that selectors have opted for North Queensland's Johnathan Thurston, but more at what he now knows about himself.

"Don't get me wrong, it's great to be mentioned as a contender, but it gets to me because I look back and I know how much better a player I am now," Prince said.

"I am more experienced, I have experience in big games, I can control the game better and I am a much better defender than I was. I just feel I have done my time and I am ready for a crack.

"I am not trying to take anything away from JT and you can't dispute his results over the past couple of years.

"But at the end of the day, I don't feel he is any better player than me. He is skilful and I respect what he has achieved – you have to – but I don't feel he's any better than me."

Prince is convinced there are those people who doubt his ability to transfer the skills he displays at club level to the Origin arena.



● If David Liddiard had his way, these players would be in Australia's Centenary Test team to play New Zealand, clockwise, from top left, Johnathan Thurston, Scott Prince, Justin Hodges, Sam Thaiday, Greg Bird and Greg Inglis.



But he does have a solution for the selectors – the same solution I have outlined above.

"All of it is out of my hands," Prince said. "But if they want you in the team, they will find a way to accommodate you."

"They play any number of guys out of position, but say JT and I play halfback, and they can only pick one of us."

I just ask the selectors to remember when Prince started his career at five-eighth for the Cowboys and when Thurston first came to notice in the same position for the Bulldogs.

Thurston for his part is determined to hold on to the number seven jersey.

"That jersey is something I hold

very close to my heart and something I don't want to give up easy," he said.

"It's an honour to wear that jersey and I want to wear it for as long as I can."

"Of course, there's going to be people who are going to challenge me for it. But I think I'm the type of person who can rise to that level and stay a step ahead."

Thurston admits that even just a couple of seasons ago, he might have been content with a spot 'anywhere in the Australian side'.

But he is a different proposition now. He justified the hype of being the code's No 1 player by winning a second Daily M Medal last year, and feels equally entitled to some faith from selectors.

"Everyone tries to knock you off your perch," Thurston said.

"That goes whether you are the No 1 halfback or the No 1 fullback."

"When you're at the top of what you do, there are always people who want to bring you down or replace you."

"I've won back-to-back Origins and Tri-Nations. I've always wanted to be the best, so I've just got to keep playing good footy."

They are the words of a champion who has had the gauntlet thrown at him by a worthy challenger.

The selectors can provide all lovers of rugby league with a solution that will please everybody.

Select them both.



# No Hall of shame

It is true that a man should be judged by his actions. Over the past week my team-mate Barry Hall has certainly been judged harshly in the public arena for his striking of West Coast's Brent Staker.

In isolation, Barry probably deserves the criticism, but we need to also judge the man on how he has personally reacted to the situation and his actions to redeem himself.

First and foremost, Barry took ownership of his actions from the start.

Although saying it was a reaction in a split second which he described as a 'mind explosion', he did not attempt to use this as an excuse.

Instead, he condemned his own actions and said he would accept any punishment handed out.

He apologised to all concerned and could easily have just taken his seven-week suspension, avoided any media contact and concentrated on recovering from his injured wrist.

But realising the magnitude of the incident in the eyes of the public, he has decided to further expose his sense of remorse to everybody.

In a move that would require a fundamental change to the rules

of our game, Barry said he should have been sent off for the incident with Staker.

"The AFL must bring in a send-off rule because there is no doubt that's what should have happened to me on Saturday night," he wrote.

"There should be a send-off rule for an act such as mine, particularly if the player injured is not coming back on to the field.

"It is unfair to have the opposition one good player down when you've just whacked him and you are still able to keep running around."

Hall said he was happy to see a card-style system brought in, or a discretionary-type system, such as which has been adopted in rugby league.

In a sign of the true qualities of the man, I know Barry admitted it had been difficult to come to terms with his actions, and that he understood why Staker's parents had so vehemently come to the defence of their son.

"As I've said already ... what I did was totally unacceptable," he said.

"We don't need that sort of thing in the game, and I've apologised to everyone for my undisciplined indiscretion, but the person who deserves the biggest apology is Brent Staker.

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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"I won't lie and say it's not tough being called things like a 'weak mongrel' and I can't say I was surprised by the comments from Brent Staker's parents.

"If it was my kid, I'd be doing the same thing. Of course you would be going in to bat for your son.

"There was going to be criticism from everywhere and

that's what happened, and whatever came my way, I was prepared to cop on the chin."

This public admission in itself should be enough to convince the harshest of judges that Hall should not be condemned for a single act.

But he still has to face the Swans' players' leadership group and this will be difficult because he feels he has let the team down.

This is not a matter I wish to comment on because it is an internal matter and has yet to occur.

What I can write about are the comments of coach Paul Roos, who hinted that Barry may step down from the Swans' leadership group.

"Barry spoke to me ... and said he might step down from the leadership group. And that's come from him," Roos said.

"He felt, as an individual, he put his position in the leadership group in jeopardy.

"But again, really at this stage I don't have time to talk this through with Barry as we're preparing for a game with Geelong.

"I said (to him) 'think about it'. And like any player who's injured, he's asked to go away. He'll be away for a week. So we won't be even talking to Barry

Hall or seeing him for a week. That was his comment, he felt that he'd put his place in the group in jeopardy.

"One thing I did say to him was to challenge him to work out why he did it. I think that's a really important step for him as an individual and as a player. It was out of character for him, we do believe.

"He wanted to find out himself so we can put steps in place so it doesn't happen again."

The fact that Barry is even considering to stand down from the leadership is a massive sign of his true regret.

To be in the leadership group is an honour and a sign of respect from the most important judges - your peers.

Barry cannot be faulted for the way he handled this whole issue.

He has 'owned' the whole incident from the start and accepted the public criticism and the punishment handed down.

On top of this, he has tried to make amends with all concerned so that he can recover the respect he has earned during his time at the Swans.

These are the actions of a man of integrity and character. It is on these actions that he should be judged.

Until next time.... Keep Dreaming!

## Cedar sticks with Townsville Crocs

By ALF WILSON



TOWNSVILLE Indigenous player Michael Cedar has re-signed with the Townsville McDonald's Crocodiles in the National Basketball League for the next two seasons.

Guard Cedar was born in May 1986 at Townsville and is 190cm tall, weighs 82kg and made his debut for the Crocodiles in 2006.

He joined the Crocs roster after progressing through the Carmichael Ford/McDonald's Sharp Start Program and was a member of the School Sport Australia team that toured New Zealand in 2004.

He was a graduate of the Town High Tropics program and is a former Queensland junior representative.

In his three seasons with the Crocs, Cedar has formed a vital part of the side's bench unit, providing that much-needed spark.

"We're very happy to have Michael back for the next two seasons. We have seen him greatly improve under coach Trevor Gleeson and we look forward to him contributing more this season," Crocodiles CEO Ian Smythe said.

"It's important for the club to continue to foster the growth of the local Townsville talent.

"We hope that Michael can continue his growth as a player and continue his years here as a Croc."

Last season, Cedar and younger brother Chris became the first Indigenous brothers to play together in an NBL side when they were in the Crocs' team which lost 85-78 to the Sydney Kings at the Townsville Entertainment Centre on 26 September.

The Cedar brothers, whose descendants hail from Darnley Island, in the Torres Strait, credit much of their sports success to their father Robbie, a former Townsville A-grade rugby league forward.

During the off-season, Michael Cedar will be playing for the Townsville Heat in the QABL this year, keeping him active and ready for the challenge in the 2008/09 NBL championship.

"It's great to have signed back up with the Townsville McDonald's Crocodiles. It's exciting to be playing for my home town in the national competition. I'm close to my family and friends and the supporters here are the best in the league," Cedar said.

"I'm also looking forward to continuing to strengthen my game under coach Trevor Gleeson, and continue to improve my performance on the court each night.

"The Townsville Crocodiles is a great club to be a part of and I know that we are all going to be working hard to improve on our position last year."



Robbie Cedar flanked by his basketballing sons Chris, left, and Michael.



## 'Mr Business' fails in world title bid



GERMAN Felix Sturm stopped Australian Indigenous southpaw boxer Jamie Pittman in the seventh round in defence of his WBA middleweight title on Saturday 5 April.

The Associated Press reported that the German dropped Pittman for the third time 36 seconds into the round, battering him with a flurry of punches until referee Russell Mora stepped in and ended the voluntary defence.

Pittman (16-1, 7 knockouts) was tagged hard through the final three rounds while enduring a closed right eye and a cut above the eyebrow his corner couldn't stem.

Sturm (29-2-1, 13 knockouts) put on one of his best performances since he lost a disputed decision to Oscar de la Hoya in Las Vegas in 2004, his only US fight. His last defence ended in a surprise draw against American Randy Griffin.

"I learned from my mistakes," Sturm said. "You could see tonight my best weapon, my boxing skills, my movement."

Pittman had his best moment in the second round, when he caught Sturm on the ropes with combinations. But seconds before the bell rang, a straight right from the German rocked him.

In the fifth round, Pittman dropped to his knees after a hard liver shot. In the sixth he was staggered by a left, then caught by a right uppercut on his way down.

"It's the first time I've gone down to the canvas, but I never give up," Pittman said. "I gave everything - then I had the problem with the eye."

The eyebrow may have been opened by Sturm's chin in the third round. BoxingScene.com's Mark Vester reported that the first round saw a battle of jabs, with Pittman getting the better of the technical fight. During most of the action, the two fighters used the jab as their primary weapon to set up most of their punches.

Sturm's stiffer punches began to produce bad swelling on Pittman's face by the end of the second.

Vester reported that in the third, Sturm began to land solid combinations off the jab. Pittman appeared to be rattled by a few of Sturm's punches and tried to use his legs to move away from any counters.

Pittman tried coming back in the fourth by landing his own combinations to push Sturm back. Sturm had no respect for Pittman's power and kept moving forward with his own combos.

Pittman, and his face, began to take a serious beating in fifth.

Vester said Pittman was dropped after a hard body punch from Sturm.

Sturm began to pour on the punishment to the head and body in the sixth, dropping him for the second time and then finished him off in the seventh after the third knockdown forced the ref to stop the fight.

The 26-year-old Pittman started as distinct outsider despite accumulating an



WBA middleweight champion Felix Sturm, left, of Germany, defends his title against Australia's Jamie Pittman during a bout in Duesseldorf on April 5. Sturm defended his title successfully beating Pittman in seven rounds.

- AFP photo through AAP

impressive 16-0 professional record and winning numerous regional titles.

Among the Australian fighters to lose

world title bouts in Germany in recent years were Danny Green, Anthony Mundine and Shannan Taylor.

By GRAHAM HUNT



A SPLIT has developed between the organisers of last year's NSW

Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Lismore and the organisers of this year's Knockout at Kingscliff.

The Wollumbin Warriors won last year's Lismore Knockout and with it, the right to host this year's event.

The Warriors have announced the 2008 Knockout will be at Ned Byrne Field, Kingscliff, running over four days from 3 October.

The ground happens to be the home of the Cudgen Hornets and the fully-licensed Cudgen Leagues Club.

### Full steam ahead

Wollumbin Warriors president Selwyn Apanui said the club was pressing ahead with organising the 2008 Knockout without the involvement of the NSW Koori League. The Koori League is headed by Phillip Hall.

Mr Hall said the Wollumbin Warriors did not seem to understand that the knockout was 'owned' by the NSW Koori League, representing Indigenous rugby league in NSW.

Mr Hall said the Warriors had won the right to host the 2008 Knockout - but that was all. He said it was the NSW Koori League that set all the rules.

One of the rules was that the Knockout was to be a drug- and alcohol-free event.

Yet the Wollumbin Warriors were going ahead with plans to run the 2008 Knockout at a licensed leagues club.

Mr Hall said the NSW Koori League owned the knockout even though the Wollumbin Warriors won the right to host the 2008 event.

# Split over Knockout



PHILLIP HALL

"They (Warriors) don't own it. They just have the right to host it," he said.

"They have to abide by the rules that govern the Knockout."

Mr Hall said he had heard that the Wollumbin Warriors 'don't want the New South Wales Koori League involved'

in the 2008 Knockout.

"It's always been the NSW Koori League that's set the rules and conditions. There are a whole range of issues that have to be addressed and I don't know if the Wollumbin Warriors have addressed them," he said.

Mr Apanui responded by saying that the 2008 Knockout would remain drug and alcohol-free.

### Family event

He said no intoxicated person would be allowed inside the enclosure.

"The Knockout has been a family event and we will keep it that way," Mr Apanui said.

"What people do outside the enclosure is none of our business. But if they're intoxicated, they won't be allowed inside the grounds."

"The leagues club has a business to run but that will be separate to the Knockout."

Mr Apanui said the Warriors had had no contact with the NSW Koori League.

He said he had never met Mr Hall. He said the Wollumbin Warriors had the experience to run the Knockout.

NITV has announced that it will provide coverage of the Kingscliff event.

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## Rohanee Cox in China with Opals



TOWNSVILLE Fire NWBL champion Rohanee Cox, pictured, is in China with the Australian Opals women's basketball team to compete in the 'Good Luck Beijing 2008' women's basketball tournament.

Cox won an Indigenous Deadly Award during 2007.

Her selection follows a five-day training camp and two international 'friendlies'.

The Australian Defence Force Opals have been competing in a six-nation tournament against teams from the United States, Cuba, Korea, New Zealand and China. The tournament ends today.

Cox's stocks soared in February when she was named winner of the Maher Medal, awarded to the Australian international female player of the year.

Townsville coach Peter Buckle was full of praise for the 182cm (6ft) Cox.

"The award was just on top of a tremendous season," Buckle said.

"She is a great player in the WNBL and great player for the Fire and the award is on top of that."

Buckle said the Maher Medal was the most prestigious individual award to win in women's basketball.

It is voted on by the Opals players after each international game.

Cox follows in the footsteps of past winners such as Lauren Jackson and Michelle Timms.





# Proud Matildas



**SENSATIONAL**  
Indigenous  
teenager Kayah  
Simon and  
Indigenous  
goalkeeper Lydia

Williams have been named in the Australian women's Matildas soccer team that will try to topple world No 1 the United States in a two-match series later this month.

Australian women's soccer coach Tom Sermanni announced a 20-strong squad, including 15 members of the touring party that reached the quarter-finals of last year's Women's World Cup in China.

A number of younger players, including 16-year-old Indigenous striker Kayah Simon, have also been named and will be looking to impress in the two internationals against the US in North Carolina and Alabama on 27 April and 3 May.

"There are five changes from our World Cup squad for this tour so to some degree we are rebuilding the depth across the squad," said Sermanni.

"This is another opportunity for some of the fringe players of the last few years to cement their place in the team."

"Kayah is a promising talent who has come into recent camps and basically got herself selected with her displays."

"She has a great ability to unsettle defences and also possesses a natural football ability and game awareness."

Australia are yet to beat the current Olympic champions, but notched up two draws against the Americans in their last three meetings and are ranked internationally at an all-time high of 12.

As well as the two internationals, Australia also will play the Carolina Railhawks on 29 April on their American tour.

Simon, from Quakers Hill, in Sydney's west, made rapid progress through the ranks of the Australian Under-17 team early in 2007, to the Young Matildas (under-20) before making her only appearance for the senior team in an Olympic qualifier against Hong Kong last August.

She is the daughter of Pam (a Kamilaroi woman from around Armidale, NSW) and Gordon Simon (Biripi -



Indigenous goalkeeper Lydia Williams waits for her luggage with a toy panda as her team arrives for their quarter-final match against Brazil at the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup soccer tournament in Tianjin, China, on 21 September 2007.

- AP Photo through AAP

NSW mid-north coast).

For the past few days she has been in camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra preparing for a match for the Young Matildas against World Cup qualifiers New Zealand. The Young Matildas failed to qualify and the New Zealanders are using this match as a warm-up towards their next World Cup leg.

Before heading off to Canberra, Simon had been in camp at Bathurst with the NSW team.

Goalkeeper Lydia Williams is an Indigenous pioneer in women's soccer.

She once told the SBS program *Living Black* that she loved playing soccer.

"I just love the sport and everything that's involved with it, like the people and the coaches and the travelling."



Kayah Simon, second from right, with her two brothers and sister at an awards night for sportsperson of the year for Blacktown City Council in February 2008.

It's all good," she said.

Lydia's mum, Diana Williams, told SBS Williams had tried her hand at a number of sports. "She played tee-ball,

she played basketball and soccer as well and cricket, so I was sort of expecting that she'd keep on playing something when we came to Canberra."

Basketball and soccer were her main ones," Diana Williams said.

"And as she started getting selected for State teams, she had to make a decision on which one she really liked and it was soccer."

Williams said that when the family moved to Canberra, 'goals' was the only position left on the field. So I sort of got stuck with it."

"We're the last line of defence and we have to make the decisive saves. It's probably the hardest position on the field in the sense that you have to be switched on all of the time, but I like that about it."

The Matildas are preparing for the 2008 AFC Women's Asian Cup, to be held from 26 May-8 June 2008 at a venue yet to be announced.

## League Knockout hopeful of 40 teams



ORGANISERS of one of the 38th annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnivals are looking to have 40 teams in their event this year.

There are two Aboriginal knockout carnivals in NSW on the same long weekend in October and both claim to be the rightful hosts. They will be held this year at Kingscliff, near Tweed Heads, and at Newcastle.

The Wollumbin Warriors, from the Tweed, won last year's knockout carnival in Lismore, and with it the right to host this year's knockout. They have chosen the Cudgen League Club's

Ned Byrne Field at Kingscliff as their venue.

The rival knockout carnival last year was held at Kempsey and was won by a Newcastle team.

Consequently, this year's knockout will be held in Newcastle.

Wollumbin Warriors President Selwyn Apanui would not be drawn into commenting on the rival Newcastle knockout.

"We've got our carnival to organise and that's all I'm interested in," he told *The Koori Mail*.

The 2007 Lismore knockout attracted 26 men's teams and Apanui is confident that

number will be exceeded this year.

"Judging by the amount of interest, I'm pretty confident that we'll get 40 teams," he said.

This year's Kingscliff carnival is being billed as 'the people's knockout'.

Planning for the Kingscliff knockout will enter the next phase at a delegates' meeting at the Cudgen Leagues Club on Saturday 26 April.

Teams planning on entering the Kingscliff knockout can be represented at the delegates' meeting from 11am.

Contact details for the Kingscliff knockout: knockout2008@live.com.au or Selwyn Apanui 0431 571 973 or Sol Belleair on 0411 481 829.



# Surfer's hat-trick



ONE of Australia's few Indigenous surf events – The Salvation Army Employment Plus Indigenous Classic – has again been a roaring success.

The Classic was held at Newcastle's Merewether Beach on the first day of the annual Surfest carnival.

NSW Central Coast man Russell Maloney won the Indigenous Classic's open division by less than two points, edging out Wollongong's Kobi

Nau. It was the third year in a row the 30-year-old had won the event, which automatically gave him a place in Surfest's drawcard event – the four-star WQS Mark Richards Pro.

Runner-up was Kobi Nau, from Wollongong, with Otis Carey (Coffs Harbour) third and Stan Moylan (Newcastle) fourth.

In the Junior division, brothers Beau and Sean Wills, from Umina, took out first and third places respectively, while Tom and Nick Kenny, from Copacabana, wrapped up

second and fourth positions.

The Salvation Army Employment Plus (TSAEP) said it was proud to be the major sponsor of the Indigenous Classic for the third year running.

TSAEP teamed with the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) to plan and organise the Classic in an effort to build relationships with Indigenous youth.

"It was a fantastic day in and out of the water," said Kirilee Trist, of TSAEP.

"Our sponsorship provided a

great chance for some of our specialist Indigenous Employment Consultants to connect with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and make sure they're aware of the full range of employment services which are on offer to them.

"Aboriginal people, young and old, face unique issues when it comes to employment but we can supply a lot of help, support and – importantly – experience to get people into jobs," Trist said.



Indigenous Classic junior winner Beau Wills.



Les Ahoy (left) and Mark Potter (right) – in the orange T-shirts – from The Salvation Army Employment Plus, with winners of the Indigenous Classic in Newcastle.

## 11 Indigenous players in celebration game

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than once."

Dream team coach Mark Williams said it was exciting to have a number of Aboriginal players in his squad.

"With their history in the game and the involvement and the development of Aborigines in our code, to have a number in our group is just brilliant," Williams said.

This match will be the showcase game for the 150th year celebrations in 2008.

Final squads of 30 for both teams to be released on 4 May by the AFL, after the final match of round seven between Essendon and Port Adelaide at Telstra Dome.

Players from both teams will assemble in Melbourne on 6 May.

**Dream team squad (Indigenous**

**players' names in bold type):**

**Andrew McLeod (Adelaide – captain), Chance Bateman (Hawthorn), Simon Black (Brisbane), Nathan Bock (Adelaide), Craig Bolton (Sydney), Peter Burgoyne (Port Adelaide), Shaun Burgoyne (Port Adelaide), Brett Burton (Adelaide), Jamie Charman (Brisbane), Adam Cooney (Western Bulldogs), Joel Corey (Geelong), Chad Cornes (Port Adelaide), Kane Cornes (Port Adelaide), Dean Cox (West Coast), Alwyn Davey (Essendon), Leon Davis (Collingwood), Alan Didak (Collingwood), Tyson Edwards (Adelaide), Corey Enright (Geelong), Lance Franklin (Hawthorn), Darren Glass (West Coast), Simon Goodwin (Adelaide), Ryan Griffen (Western Bulldogs), Tom Harley (Geelong), Lenny Hayes (St Kilda), Adam Hunter (West Coast), Graham Johncock**

**(Adelaide), Tadhg Kennelly (Sydney), Daniel Kerr (West Coast), Brett Kirk (Sydney), Justin Koschitzke (St Kilda), Matthew Leuenberger (Brisbane Lions), Tarkyn Lockyer (Collingwood), Luke McPharlin (Fremantle), Cameron Mooney (Geelong), Matthew Pavlich (Fremantle), Matthew Richardson (Richmond), Nick Riewoldt (St Kilda), Ben Rutten (Adelaide), Mathew Stokes (Geelong).**

**Victorian squad:**

**Jonathan Brown (Brisbane – captain), Gary Ablett (Geelong), Jimmy Bartel (Geelong), Daniel Bradshaw (Brisbane), Campbell Brown (Hawthorn), Paul Chapman (Geelong), Travis Cloke (Collingwood), Nick Dal Santo (St Kilda), Brendan Fevola (Carlton), Dustin Fletcher (Essendon), Nathan Foley (Richmond), Josh Fraser (Collingwood), Adam Goodes**

**(Sydney), Jason Gram (St Kilda), Brent Harvey (North Melbourne), David Hille (Essendon), Luke Hodge (Hawthorn), Brad Johnson (Western Bulldogs), Kane Johnson (Richmond), Steve Johnson (Geelong), Chris Judd (Carlton), James Kelly (Geelong), Nigel Lappin (Brisbane), Cameron Ling (Geelong), Matthew Lloyd (Essendon), Darren Milburn (Geelong), Sam Mitchell (Hawthorn), Leigh Montagna (St Kilda), Ryan O'Keefe (Sydney), Luke Power (Brisbane), Matthew Scarlett (Geelong), Heath Shaw (Collingwood), Adam Simpson (North Melbourne), Brent Stanton (Essendon), Dane Swan (Collingwood), Dale Thomas (Collingwood), Jeff White (Melbourne), Daie Morris (Western Bulldogs), Robert Murphy (Western Bulldogs), David Wirrpanda (West Coast).**





He's only 16, but keen judges reckon boxer Luke Lenoy has the makings of a world champion

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## Big Artie named in rugby league's Team of the Century, but he turns his back on officialdom

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# 11 of our best

By PETER ARGENT



THE impact Aboriginal footballers are having in Australian rules football is clearly indicated by 11 selections in the initial squads for the Hall of Fame tribute match will be played at the MCG on Saturday 10 May, where the 'Big V' will meet the Dream Team.

The Victorian management have selected dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes and West Coast stalwart David Worrpunda in their squad under Geelong's 2007 premiership coach, Mark Thompson, while the Dream Team, which is a combination of players from the rest of Australia and abroad, has no less than nine Indigenous participants.

Dream Team coach Port Power's Mark Williams, a pupil of the great Kevin Sheedy, is a believer in a strong Aboriginal contingent for the Dream Team and at AFL level.

Adelaide star and dual Norm Smith Medallist Andrew McLeod is the Dream team's captain, and a number of the most in-form Aboriginal players, including Hawthorn's Chance Bateman, Collingwood's Leon Davis, goal-kicking sensation Lance 'Buddy' Franklin and Geelong mid-fielder/forward Mathew Stokes, are among his team-mates.

The State by State breakdown of the Dream team saw 15 South Australians, 12 West Australians, four New South Welshmen, four from the Northern Territory, two Queenslanders, one Tasmanian, one player from the ACT and one Irishman selected in the squad.

AFL icon Sheedy, who is assistant to Victorian coach Mark Thompson,

Dream Team captain Andrew McLeod, left, and Victorian captain Jonathan Brown. McLeod is one of 11 Indigenous players in the big match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 10 May.



expected an MCG sellout for what he suggested would be a historic occasion.

"It's one of the most exciting matches that I've been involved in well over 40 years in the game," Sheedy said.

"The grand final (is) the superstar game of the AFL competition, also along with a round called Anzac Day and the International Rules, and

I think this tribute match just about complements the four.

"To have the 50 best players, including the cream of the Aboriginal talent, available for selection at the one moment is quite a historical game and I'm really extremely proud to be involved in it."

Sheedy believes the concept, created as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of

Australian football, could be this code's answer to rugby league's State of Origin clashes, or soccer's internationals.

"This is a game that I've been personally wanting to see for about a decade," he explained.

"I'd love to see the 50 best competition players on an AFL ground for the first time in over 100 years.

"To be quite honest, it's taken too long to get there."

Sheedy has also called for it to become a permanent fixture on the AFL calendar.

"It's up to the players and obviously the commissioners... but just for a person who's been around the game for over four decades I hope to see it more

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